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TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 6:00pm

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the public body as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be at 40 Center Street, and it is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of the public. MGL, Ch. 30a, § 20(f) requires anyone that intends to record any portions of a public meeting, either by audio or video, or both, to notify the Chair at the beginning of the meeting.

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In-person attendance is permitted for the public at Town Hall at 40 Center Street

1. **Chairman's Welcome and Media Notification**

2. **Mission statement**
   Conservation by definition is the careful maintenance and upkeep of our natural resources to prevent them from disappearing. A natural resource being the physical supply of something that exists in nature, such as soil, water, air, plant and animal. Any perceived or plausible endangerments to these areas and sites shall fall before The Conservation Commission under the laws of Fairhaven and The State. We as a committee will strive to make mindful and educated decisions with the assistance of our appointed conservation agents.

3. **Quorum/Attendance**
4. **Continuances**
   a. **CON 023-552, SE 023-1521: 184 Balsam Street, Map 43B, 041 –** ***Continued from 10/26/2026***
   b. **CON 023-587, SE 023-1537: 162 Main Street, Map 12, Lot 8 –-***Continued from 10/26/2026***

5. **Approval of the October 5 and October 26 Meeting Minutes**

6. **Certificates of Compliance**
   a. **CON 023-602, SE 023-0986: 38 Nelson Street, Map 43 Lot 232 –** Full certificate all work has been completed and site visit conducted.
   b. **CON 023-603, SE 023-1507: 10 Oxford Street, Map 13 Lot 2 –** Full certificate request with changes: the masonry patio adjacent to the northwesterly corner of the house was replaced with a timber deck and crushed stone below. The proposed walkway along the westerly and southerly sides of the house was not constructed and the surface of said areas are crushed stone.

7. **Public Hearings pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131, s. 40) and/or the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands**

Amended Order of Conditions

a. **CON 023-404, SE 023-1445, 8 Starboard Drive, Map 42 Lot 9P-** Proposal to reduce approved scope of work, including reductions to house (1,158 sq. ft.) and deck (590 sq. ft.) footprints, septic system conversion to gravity flow, shed expansion to 10'x16', and propane tank relocation.

Requests for Determination of Applicability

a. **CON 023-600: 167 Balsam Street, Map 43B Lot 133** – Request to install approximately 176 linear feet of fencing (4' black chain-link and 54" black aluminum picket with 2 gates) to enclose the rear yard.
b. **CON 023-601: 25 Whisper Lane, Map 42A, Lot 202** - Proposing a percolation test on the property, approximately 80' from the nearest wetland line. The percolation hole will be filled immediately after the perc test.

Notices of Intent

a. **CON 023-604, SE 023-1543: 83 Nakata Avenue, Map 43, Lot 92-93** – Notice of Intent filed by Jeffrey & Diane Hosking: Proposing to reconstruct the storm-damaged stone jetties (a.k.a. groins) as required per "Standard Waterways License Condition No. 5" of Chapter 91 Waterways License No. 7856. The entire site falls within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zones VE (El. 18 and 19).

8. **Violations/Enforcement Orders/Cease and Desist Notices**
   a. **Mill Road, Map 39, Lot 036:** Notice of Violation sent out April 1, 2025 for multiple abandoned vehicles, construction equipment/machinery, and diesel/oil containers dispersed throughout the wetlands. June 4, 2026: Certified Notice to Appear; Ratified Enforcement Order June 15, 2026; Fee paid July 21, 2026.

   b. **364 Huttleston Avenue, Map 34A, Lot 022:** Clearing of vegetation within 100-foot Buffer Zone to the BVW. Update on Notice of Violation & site inspection. *June 4, 2026: Certified Notice to Appear*; Ratified Enforcement Order June 15, 2026.

9. **General Business**
   a. Discussion and potential action regarding the collection of unpaid non-criminal Conservation Violation fines and enforcement orders by establishing a municipal charges lien on property tax bills pursuant to **M.G.L. c. 40, § 58** (Municipal Charges Lien).

   b. Next Scheduled Public Hearing Date: December 14, 2026

10. **Any other business** that may properly come before the Commission not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

11. **Motion to adjourn**

Brandon J. Estrella, Chair
Fairhaven Conservation Commission
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