



TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN,
MASSACHUSETTS
**CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**



PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA
Monday, March 9, 2026 at 6:00 pm

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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Meeting ID: 869 5315 5076 Passcode: 633695

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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. Approval of the January 5, 2026 meeting minutes

5. Fort Phoenix Snow Pile Containment – Highway Superintendent, Josh Crabb to provide details on the town's methods to mitigate sediment & debris contamination

6. Discussion of town bylaw proposed amendments

- a. Harbor Master, Tim Cox to discuss adding language that enforces the installment of Green Heart (non-chemically treated) wood pilings for all new docks (Rules & Regulations under § 192-7).
- b. Commissioner, Wendy Drumm to discuss adding required Variance request for impervious driveways, building pads, walkways, play areas, patios, etc. within vulnerable Velocity Zones (additional language to Buffer Zone Regulation § 495-8: Variance Procedure).

7. Certificate of Compliance

- a. SE 023-1252: 4 Earle Street, Map 31A, Lot 453
- b. SE 023-1450: Scoticut Neck Road (Starboard Drive), Map 42, Lot 9C

8. **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:

Request for Amended Order of Conditions

- a. **CON 023-255, SE 023-1369: 10 Diamond Street, Map 29, Lots 46 & 72** – *Continued from January 5, 2026*

Amendment request filed by Jamie & Ruby Medeiros to pave the garage driveway with asphalt or concrete. The proposed work to take place in a buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) & Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), FEMA Flood Zone AE (El.14')

Requests for Determination of Applicability

- b. **CON 023-544: 32 Water Street, Map 7, Lot 1** – *Continued from January 5, 2026*

Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Old South Wharf Realty, LLC to obtain a waterways license for future uses at the facility & to authorize change in use for water dependent industrial & supporting uses on filled tidelands of the new Bedford Harbor, pursuant to Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Chapter 91 regulations. No work is proposed as part of this submission.

Notices of Intent

- c. **CON 023-522, SE 023-1508: 0 Huttleston Avenue, Map 34A, Lot 21** – *Continued from August 4, 2025, August 25, 2025, September 15, 2025 & January 5, 2026*

Notice of Intent filed by Teixeira's Construction to construct new single-family dwelling served by town water & sewer. Work to take place in the 50'-100' buffer to the Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

- d. **CON 023-535, SE 023-1520: 1 Crow Island, Map 44, Lot 1** – *Continued from January 5, 2026*

Notice of Intent filed by Kathryn Barnett for a proposed floating dock expansion as well as after-the-fact permitting of existing stone seawall, fixed dock with boat house and bulkhead within the Acushnet River for the purpose of obtaining a Chapter 91 license. Construction of a barn and associated grading within 100' buffer to a wetland resource area. Parcel located within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), FEMA Flood Zone AE (El.6') and work within buffer to Coastal Bank & Land Under the Ocean.

9. **General Business**

- a. Next Scheduled Public Hearing Date: March 16, 2026, 2026

10. **Staff Updates**

- a. **Correspondence:** *Buzzards Bay Coalition will facilitate annual monitoring of land held under Conservation Restriction in late March 2026 (including Nasketucket Fields, Weeden Road & Quahog Hill).*

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

12. **Motion to adjourn**

Brandon J. Estrella, Chair

Fairhaven Conservation Commission

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