



Community & Economic Development Division
Conservation/Zoning Board of Appeals

Municipal Office Building
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Bridgewater, MA 02324
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**Conservation Commission Minutes – February 27th, 2025
at 5:30 PM via Zoom**

Disclosure: Pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, this meeting of the Conservation Commission for the Town of Bridgewater will be hybrid and accessible to the public through remote participation to the greatest extent possible. There will be no public attendance permitted.

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To Attend Via Phone Dial: +1 305 224 1968

Meeting ID: 840 9748 8539

****Meeting minutes are a summary of meeting discussions. For full detail, please visit the
Bridgewater Conservation Commission Youtube page in the link provided below.****

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9sUW3YoZPBG-DhOVZY07MbwE0Odw-Axj>

Attendees:

Present: Wendy Smith, Chair, Marilyn MacDonald, Vice Chair, Eileen Prisco, Member, Harry Bailey, Member, Mark Peterson, Member, Katelyn Putt, Conservation Agent

Chair Smith reads the Governors Order and shares how the meetings proceed.

Public Hearings

Old Business

Notice of Intent – 1968 South Street – Map 125 Lot 17

Applicant/Representative: Mark McCloud/ J.K. Holmgren Engineering, LLC.

DEP file #: SE116-1560

Scott Faria from J.K. Holmgren Engineering is present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Faria presents the updated site plans depicting the revised wetlands line to satisfy the Commission's concerns discussed in previous meetings.

Conservation Agent Putt discusses the site visit. The entire wetlands line was walked and revised flags were marked with orange flags. All revised flags were moved up as shown on the revised site plan to satisfy commission concerns.



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Motion to close the hearing made by Member Bailey, Seconded by Member Prisco

Roll call:
Member Smith: YES
Member MacDonald: YES
Member Peterson: ABSTAIN
Member Prisco: YES
Member Bailey: YES

Motion to approve made by Member Prisco, Seconded by Member Bailey

Roll call:
Member Smith: YES
Member MacDonald: YES
Member Peterson: ABSTAIN
Member Prisco: YES
Member Bailey: YES

Notice of Intent – Forest Street – Map 99 Lot 24, 25, & 74

Applicant/Representative: David & Mary Webber/ MBL Land Development & Permitting, Corp.

DEP file #: SE116-1561

Brian Dunn from MBL Land Development and Permitting, Corp. is present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Dunn shares the site plan and discusses wetland delineation, wetland restoration area, septic system information, and proposed Form A plan and variance plan, and the previous application that was approved by the commission in 1993.

Conservation Agent Putt gives summary of site walk where the wetlands line was walked, and replication area was reviewed. Agent Putt reads comments provided by DEP when filing number was issued for the application.

Member Prisco comments about the increase in square footage of the single-family home from what was previously approved in 1993.

Vice-Chair MacDonald comments that previous approval is irrelevant to what is current, as wetlands do change. Vice-Chair MacDonald also discusses the 25 foot no touch town bylaw.

Member Bailey also expresses concern regarding the 25 foot no touch.

Member MacDonald states that the wetland line can only be approved by the Conservation Commission members and will need to conduct a site visit.

A site visit is agreed upon for Monday March 10th at 3:15pm. Rain date Wednesday March 12th



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Chair Smith inquires about the 25 foot no touch line and wetland line crossing. Mr. Dunn explains that it is because of the proposed buffers due to the replication area being added. Agent Putt asks to see plans that show buffer zones based off of current conditions.

Vice-Chair MacDonald brings up the idea to involve a third-party review. The Commission agrees to conduct a site visit before voting on third party action.

Member Bailey mentions the 50-foot setback requirement in the Bridgewater Wetlands bylaws.

Motion to continue to the March 13th meeting made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Bailey

Roll call:
Member Smith: YES
Member MacDonald: YES
Member Peterson: YES
Member Prisco: YES
Member Bailey: YES

New Business

None

Administrative Items

1453 Plymouth Street (BRS) – Discussion

Conservation Agent Putt reiterates what was discussed regarding this violation during the previous meeting, which involves filling of wetlands and stockpiling within the 100-foot buffer of a resource area. The property owner, Joe Arruda, is present to speak on this matter.

Vice-Chair MacDonald discloses that she does work with Mr. Arruda if their scale is down.

Mr. Arruda shares plans of the site.

Conservation Agent Putt shares aerials reviewed on NearMap and Bridgewater GIS that depict filling in of open water on site.

Mr. Arruda explains that the ponds are man-made for the facility. Mr. Arruda invites commission to conduct a site visit to view the ponds.

A site visit will be scheduled to confirm the ponds are man-made.



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Minutes

01.09.25

01.23.25

Motion to approve meeting minutes listed on agenda made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Prisco.

Roll call:
Member Smith: YES
Member MacDonald: YES
Member Peterson: ABSTAIN
Member Prisco: YES
Member Bailey: ABSTAIN

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Member MacDonald, seconded by Member Prisco.