



Community & Economic Development Division
Conservation/Zoning Board of Appeals

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**Conservation Commission Minutes – February 13th, 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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Virtual Zoom Meeting to Attend Via Video, Click on the Link Below:

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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, Eileen Prisco, 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 goes over commission's concerns discussed in the previous meeting regarding the wetland line. Mr. Faria shares the site plan and compares the wetland line delineated in 2020 versus the current delineated wetland line.

Conservation Agent Putt discusses moving the flags from the current line that are behind the line approved in 2020 forward to address the commission's concern. Conservation Agent Putt offers the Commission the suggestion of approving the application, contingent upon receiving an updated site plan and a follow up site visit to confirm the wetland flags were moved forward.



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Mr. McCloud, the owner, asks the Commission why they have a problem with the delineated line.

Chair Smith clarifies that the commission is not concerned about the riverfront, but the wetland line overlap in some areas. The commission wants some flags moved back.

Member Mark Peterson states that he cannot vote due to absence from previous meetings.

The Commission has discussion regarding whether or not they have a quorum to vote on this project.

Continued to February 27th Meeting

New Business

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 introduces the project of a proposed construction of a single-family home that will involve a one-to-one wetlands replication and presents the site plans.

Chair Smith asks for clarification on wetland flag line. Mr. Dunn states that the dark blue line is the flags, the hatched portion represents the wetlands alteration area, and the area with proposed vegetation is the replication area.

Mr. Dunn presents the previously approved plan in 1993, the proposed Form A plan, and proposed variance plan.

Chair Smith wants to conduct a site visit and will need more information regarding the replication area. Chair Smith wants clarification on wetland replication area, as it looks like they are replicating in an already wetland area. Mr. Dunn explains that the replication is in an upland area partially on Lot 25 and Lot 74.

Mr. Dunn explains to the commission that they want to start with conservation first before seeking other approvals so they can gauge where the commission stands on this project.

Chair Smith reads the Legal ad into the record.

Emily Flaherty 468 Forest Street - concerned about drainage and how it will affect her property.



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Mr. Dunn describes drainage for the proposed single-family home.

Chair Smith provides potential site visit dates for commission to go out to the site.

Motion to continue to February 27th meeting made by Member Prisco, Seconded by Member Peterson

Roll call: **Member Smith: YES**
 Member Peterson: YES
 Member Prisco: YES

Administrative Items

Certificate of Compliance- 36 Bramblewood Street – Map 66 Lot 86
Applicant/Representative: Michael Fox / Mary Fox
DEP file #: SE116- 1145

Conservation Agent Putt goes over the engineer letter provided by Silva Engineering that indicates the pool fencing and pool apron were built closer to the Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) than previously approved by the commission.

Rebecca Baptista from Silva Engineering is present to share plans and explain the deviations that occurred during construction. The pool apron was built about a foot closer than approved. Ms. Baptista suggests a sign to be posted to prevent any work in the 25 foot no touch.

Member Peterson expresses concern with just one sign. Ms. Baptista and commission agree to post three signs.

Motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance made by Member Prisco, Seconded by Member Peterson

Roll call: **Member Smith: YES**
 Member Peterson: YES
 Member Prisco: YES

Certificate of Compliance- 53 Morris Street – Map 22 Lot 15
Applicant/Representative: A-American Investments LLC
DEP file #: SE116- 1526

Ms. Baptista is present to present plans to address the garage that was removed without approval.

Nothing was built within the buffer, just removed. Erosion controls were in place.



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

Lakeshore – Cease & Desist/ Enforcement Order Update

Conservation Agent Putt states that the Enforcement Order was sent out certified mail. The applicant will come back with Vegetated Management Plan for commission review.

1157 Pleasant Street – Cease and Desist Update

Conservation Agent Putt went to the site on January 27, 2025 to confirm that stockpiled materials had been removed from the 100-foot buffer of the vernal pool on the fire station property. The stockpiles of materials were removed upon visit to the site.

1453 Plymouth Street (BRS) – Discussion

Conservation Agent Putt received a resident call regarding filling in of wetlands and encroachment onto town property. Agent Putt looked at aerials and identified two areas designated open water that have been filled in. The encroachment issue was addressed with the water department, as that is their property. However, the stockpiles on the Water Dept. property appear to be within 100 feet of a resource area, which conservation will address. An Enforcement Order regarding the filling in of wetlands and stockpiling within 100 feet of a resource area was sent to the owner via certified mail.

0 Bedford (Map 112 Lot 9) -Enforcement Order Update

Conservation Agent Putt went out to the site with MassDEP and the property owner to address the stockpiles of fill that had concentrations of lead, as well as the woodchips dumped onto the property. DEP indicated that they will resample the stockpiles of fill because the piles were mixed after original sampling occurred. For the trees that were cut down, a vegetated management plan will need to be submitted for commission review.

Abel Moura, the property owner, is present to discuss the matter. Mr. Moura will work with Agent Putt to work out next steps for resolving the enforcement order with DEP involvement.



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Open Meeting Law Complaint – Discussion

Conservation Agent Putt summarizes the Open Meeting Law Complaint that describes lack of summary in the June 13th, 2024 meeting minutes. Commission members do not think this is a violation. Minutes are a summary and full details to meetings can be accessed on Youtube.

0 Lakeshore Center – On-site Meeting with Mass DEP Feb 13, 2025 10am

Conservation Agent Putt and Member Peterson were present at the site visit representing the Conservation Commission. Brief discussion from the applicant, the representative for those appealing the project, and Conservation Agent Putt took place before the site walk with DEP.

Minutes

01.09.25 – continued to February 27th meeting.

01.23.25– continued to February 27th meeting.

Adjournment

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