



Community & Economic Development Division
Conservation/Zoning Board of Appeals

Municipal Office Building
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324
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**Conservation Commission Minutes – January 23rd, 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

Attendees:

Present: Wendy Smith, Chair, Marilyn MacDonald, Vice-Chair, Harry Bailey, Member, Eileen Prisco, 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 shares the site plan and goes over the delineated wetlands line depicted.

Member MacDonald describes observations made after site visit on Friday, January 17th. Member MacDonald still has reservations with some of the flags. Had issues with flag numbers during the site visit.

Member Bailey mentions that no work is allowed in the 200' riparian zone for future reference. Questioning flags A29, A30, and A31.

Mr. Faria suggests that A30 and A31 be moved upgradient to be in line with A29 and A32 to eliminate the issue with the flags in question.

A site plan will be set up to review the wetlands line again.



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Chair Smith suggests pulling back the flags that are inside the 200' riparian zone. Mr. Faria has no problem with moving those back.

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

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

New Business

None

Administrative Items

Certificate of Compliance- Jenkins Pond (High Street) – Map 10 Lot 40 & 41
Applicant/Representative: Blythe Robinson / SLR Consulting
DEP file #: SE116- 1485

Motion to issue made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Bailey

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

Certificate of Compliance- 554 Forest Street – Map 99 Lot 24 & 25
Applicant/Representative: Wayne Webber / MBL Land Development & Permitting, Corp.
DEP file #: SE116- 301

Motion to issue made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Bailey

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

Lakeshore – Cease and Desist

Agent Putt summarizes the plan on how to address the violation. The Enforcement Order has been drafted and will be sent out via certified mail.

The Commission will give the applicant to the end of February to submit a Vegetated Management Plan.



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1157 Pleasant Street – Cease and Desist Discussion

Agent Putt conducted a site visit at the neighboring fire station property on January 15th. While on site, land disturbance and storage of heavy machinery, along with stockpiles of fill stored at 1157 Pleasant Street was observed. The land disturbance and storage of machinery and stockpiles observed lie within the 100' buffer zone of the certified vernal pool located on the new fire station property. A Cease and Desist was sent to the property owner via certified mail. The owner came in to the office and agreed to keep the machinery out of the 100' buffer and will move the stockpiles out of the 100' buffer. Will follow up with a site visit once stockpiles are moved.

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

Agent Putt heard back from DEP Strikeforce. They are in the process of reaching out to the property owner and will tell us how to proceed based on the outcome of the phone call.

Member Bailey checks the site often, as he works close by.

0 State Prison Road – Rainbow's End Update

Agent Putt received an email from DEP on January 26th, 2025 stating that the work has been completed. The only outstanding work is the re-seeding of the field where the trucking mats were placed. The soccer association has their own seed they will provide. Re-seeding will also occur in the area of excavation.

Open Meeting Law Complaint - Discussion

Agent Putt summarizes the complaint received regarding minutes. The complaint mentions inaccurate minutes that had not been revised, as well as minutes ceasing to be posted after July 27, 2024. Agent Putt asks the Commission how they would like to proceed with the complaint.

The posting of minutes was due to staffing issues. Meetings are recorded, so meeting information is accessible to the public via Youtube.

Motion to not respond to the Open Meeting Law Complaint made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Bailey

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



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Minutes

01.09.25 – continued to February 13th meeting.

Adjournment

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