



Community & Economic Development Division
Conservation/Zoning Board of Appeals

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**Conservation Commission Minutes – July 24th, 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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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: Marilyn MacDonald, Vice Chair, Eileen Prisco, Member, Harry Bailey, Member, Katelyn Putt, Conservation Agent

A. Call to Order

Vice Chair MacDonald reads the Governors Order and shares how the meetings proceed.

B. Public Hearings

1. Old Business

Notice of Intent – 1010 Elm Street – Map 30 Lot 20

Applicant/Representative: Ciaran Naughton, C Naughton Group/ Edward Jacobs, PMP Consulting
DEP File #: SE116-1562

Ed Jacobs, Samantha Cripps, and Pat Carrera, PMP Consulting, are present on behalf of the application.

Agent Putt gives a summary of the status of the project, indicating that the original NOI filing is on hold due to the violations discovered during the NOI file review. The property was developed into a construction yard without Commission approval. It was discovered wetlands were filled in as part of the unpermitted work.



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The Commission decided to take enforcement action. Wetland and buffer zone restoration, as well as a temporary stormwater solution, must be completed before returning to the NOI filing.

Mr. Jacobs presents the proposed restoration plan for the wetlands resource area filled in, as well as the 25-foot buffer zone.

Mark Manganello, LEC, had comments on size of plants, number of plants, and suggested comments that state if the development is not approved or constructed by May 2026, the remaining portions of the buffer zone need to be restored. The plan was revised according to Mr. Manganello's comments. The piece that is missing is a temporary SWPPP that would be implemented before and during the restoration work.

Greg Tansey, Bridgewater Town Engineer, reviewed the interim erosion control plan and submitted a brief comment letter. Mr. Tansey did not think the plan was sufficient. His main concern with the plan was that it does not provide enough filtration of stormwater given the size and surface condition of the site.

Mr. Jacobs will take Mr. Tansey's comments to create a hybrid SWPPP to offer sufficient sedimentation control and filtration.

Mr. Manganello comments that the plan should also include a stockpile location for material that will be excavated and have a description on the plan of how the material will be excavated and removed from the area. Mr. Manganello offers to review revised plan with Mr. Tansey prior to the next scheduled hearing.

Vice-Chair would like to see soil tested to ensure the soil used to fill the wetlands and buffer zones are not contaminated.

Agent Putt will follow up with a notice to the property owner to stay out of the buffer zone.

Motion to continue to the August 14th meeting made by Member Bailey, Seconded by Member Prisco
Roll call:

Member MacDonald: YES

Member Bailey: YES

Member Prisco: YES

List of Documents:

- Notice of Intent Application – 2/13/2025
- Site Plan: Site Development Proposed Commercial Storage Building – revised 3/19/2025
- Stormwater Drainage Report- Revised 3/18/2025
- Town Engineer 1st Technical Review – Stormwater Report – 3/05/2025
- PMP Response to 1st Technical Review- 3/18/2025
- PMP Request for Continuance to May 8, 2025, meeting – 3/18/2025



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- LEC Peer Review Report No.1 – 5/06/2025
- Enforcement Order- 5/19/2025
- Request for Continuance – 6/9/2025
- Request for Continuance – 7/10/2025
- Town Engineer 3rd Technical Review – Stormwater Report – 6/26/2025
- Temporary Sedimentation Control Sketch Plan- 6/23/2025
- Draft SWPPP Plan- 7/07/2025
- ECR - Wetland & Buffer Zone Restoration Narrative- 6/18/2025

2. New Business

Request for Determination of Applicability – 0 Summer Street – Map 90 Lot 0
Applicant/Representative: Town of Bridgewater/ Gregory Tansey
DEP File #:

Vice-Chair MacDonald reads in the legal ad for the record.

Mr. Tansey is present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Tansey presents the proposed plan for two gravel parking lots on the east side of Summer Street.

Agent Putt met DPW on site to review the proposed parking lot areas as well as the future proposed trail. This RDA filing only focuses on the parking lots; the trail portion of the project will need to come through conservation as an NOI. The parking lot areas are well out of the riverfront area (Taunton River) and not within the BVW buffer zones.

Vice-Chair MacDonald asks if the project is out of the Commission's jurisdiction. Agent Putt confirms that it is out of the Commission's jurisdiction.

Michael O'Connor, 1124 Summer Street, asks if a traffic study was done and if an environmental study on impact to wildlife has been done.

Greg Tansey speaks on the traffic study question; it is not a wetlands issue and not a high traffic area.

Michael O'Connor, 1124 Summer Street, states that there is a waterway by pole 120 that goes down into the wetlands. Field to the right fills up with water seasonally.

Agent Putt did not see a waterway in that area during the site visit.

Chair MacDonald asks Mr. O'Connor for more information regarding the stream.



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Michael O'Connor, 1124 Summer Street, states that the stream is 20 ft from Parking Lot A.

Dick O'Brien, Consultant for the Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater, agrees that there is a stream on site, but it is far greater than 20 ft away. The first parking lot is in a fairly dry open area. Mr. O'Brien has been to the property during different seasons, never inundated with water.

Susan Bennett, 1196 Summer Street, walks dog down by those fields and explains that they get wet. Chair MacDonald asks if she is referring to area by pole 120, Ms. Bennet confirms yes.

Scott Bevis, 1359 Summer Street, is concerned about how close the parking lot is to his property. Many people park in that area and is concerned about activities that go on there. Why is the parking lot in the location it is in now?

Mr. Tansey says the DPW did a site walk and felt it was most appropriate area for the lot. The parking lot areas were staked out, nothing problematic from a water standpoint.

Vice-Chair MacDonald would like to go out to the site to address abutter comments on the stream.

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

Roll call:

Member MacDonald: YES

Member Bailey: YES

Member Prisco: YES

List of Documents:

- Request for Determination of Applicability Application- 6/18/2025
- Site Plan: Parking Lot Locations Plan- 4/22/2025

C. Conservation Commission Business

1. Administrative Items

Request for Certificate of Compliance – 70 Riverview Drive – Map 85 Lot 21

Applicant/Representative: David Wanat/ Collins Civil Engineering Group

DEP File #: 1563

Agent Putt conducted site visit on July 9th and had no concerns with the finished work. Collins Engineering submitted a letter signed and stamped by the engineer stating that the work was done in substantial compliance with the Order of Conditions. Agent Putt recommended the issuance of COC.



Motion to issue COC made by Member Bailey, Seconded by Member Prisco

Roll call:

Member MacDonald: YES

Member Bailey: YES

Member Prisco: YES

List of Documents:

- Request for Certificate of Compliance & Signed Engineer Letter- 6/27/2025
- Site Plan: As-Built Subsurface Sewage Disposal System Upgrade- 6/9/2025

16 Wood Street Violation – Discussion

Agent Putt has not heard from the property owner regarding a filing for the unpermitted work that occurred on the property. Agent Putt asks Commission if they would be agreeable to send another notice of violation letter notifying the owners that they need to submit a filing with the Commission. If no response is received, then enforcement action will follow.

Commission members agree to that plan.

Lakeshore – Vegetated Management Plan (VMP) – Update

Agent Putt was in contact with the MA Division of Wildlife. The VMP will need to undergo a MESA review. I reached out to Matt Johnson at Claremont to get a status update on the MESA filing. Mr. Johnson said that Ken Thompson, the Botanist, is working with the Division of Wildlife to confirm if the wetland seed mix was appropriate for the VMP. The VMP will be back on the agenda when the MESA review is complete.

D. Minutes

4.24.25

5.08.25

5.22.25

Motion to approve minutes as listed on the agenda made by Member Bailey, Seconded by Member Prisco

Roll call:

Member MacDonald: YES

Member Bailey: YES

Member Prisco: YES



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E. Adjournment

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

Roll call:

Member MacDonald: YES

Member Bailey: YES

Member Prisco: YES