



Community & Economic Development Division
Conservation/Zoning Board of Appeals

Municipal Office Building
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324
508-697-0907

**Conservation Commission Minutes – October 9th, 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: Marilyn MacDonald, Chair, Laurie Keane, Vice Chair, Eileen Prisco, Member, Harry Bailey, Member, Debbie Johnson, Member, Katelyn Putt, Conservation Agent

A. Call to Order

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

B. Public Hearings

1. Old Business

None

2. New Business

Notice of Intent – 46 Flaggstone Place – Map 76 Lot 104-046

Applicant/Representative: Russell Simmons/ Silva Engineering Associates

DEP File #: SE116-

Legal Ad could not be published in time. The legal ad will be published for the next hearing on October 23rd.



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List of Documents:

- Notice of Intent application - 9/19/2025
- Site Plan: Plan To Accompany Notice of Intent – 9/17/2025

C. Conservation Commission Business

1. Administrative Items

Certificate of Compliance – 904 Auburn Street– Map 80 Lot 17

Applicant/Representative: Peter Lehtola/ Silva Engineering Associates

DEP File #: SE116-300

Agent Putt informs the Commission that a complete application was submitted, including a letter signed and stamped by the engineer stating that the work was done in substantial compliance with the Order of Conditions. Once concern Agent Putt had was a shed observed within the 100-foot buffer zone that was not permitted. The applicant had the shed moved outside the buffer zone. Agent Putt recommends an issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.

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

Roll call:

Member MacDonald: YES

Member Bailey: YES

Member Prisco: YES

Member Johnson: YES

Member Keane: YES

List of Documents:

- Request for Certificate of Compliance application & letter from engineer dated 09/30/2025
- Site Plan: On Site Sewage Disposal System dated 01/03/1992

16 Wood Street Violation – Discussion

Agent Putt recaps the violation of unpermitted grading within riverfront area on the property. Commission discussed and agreed upon the property owner to file an RDA instead of an NOI if they wanted to. Agent Putt asked the property owners to appear at this meeting to discuss with the Commission. The property owners did not appear.

Chair MacDonald states that the Commission had given the owners more than enough time to come before us and work with us.

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Member Prisco recommends initiating a fine due to their unresponsiveness.

Agent Putt will check bylaw language and engage Town Council if necessary to ensure we implement fines correctly. DEP manual states that a commission can't illicit fines unless specified in bylaws.

Member Keane reads aloud language in bylaw that specifies how fines are handled.

Chair entertains motion to issue fines to the property owners for the violation occurring at 16 Wood Street.

Motion to issue fines made by Member Prisco, Seconded by Member Keane

Roll call:

Member MacDonald: YES

Member Bailey: YES

Member Prisco: YES

Member Johnson: YES

Member Keane: YES

List of Documents:

- Cease-and- Desist letter sent on 4/23/2025
- Notice of Violation letter sent on 8/20/2025

Lakeshore – Vegetated Management Plan (VMP) – Discussion

Agent Putt explains that there was a minor revision to the VMP to discuss, as well as the MESA review which has been received by the office. Agent Putt summarizes the MESA review, which states that the project will not adversely affect the actual resource area habitat of state listed rare wildlife and meets the performance standards. MESA listed six conditions that must be met. Agent Putt had Ken Thompson add these conditions to the VMP.

Ken Thompson, Botanist, is present on behalf of the application. Mr. Thompson states that they went through an extensive review over the species list with the state. Mr. Thompson sent a list of species to the state botanist, who recommended the removal of one plant from the provided list.

Commission members and Agent Putt are satisfied with the project updates.

Motion to approve VMP with MESA required conditions made by Member Bailey, Seconded by Member Johnson

Roll call:

Member MacDonald: YES



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Member Bailey: YES
Member Prisco: YES
Member Johnson: YES
Member Keane: YES

List of Documents:

- Claremont Vegetated Management Plan- 4/22/2025, updated 10/08/2025
- Site Plan: Conceptual Landscape Plan- 4/23/2025, updated 09/08/2025
- Lake Nippenicket Native Plant List- 4/24/2025
- Resident Comment Letter- 5/06/2025
- MESA Response Letter – 10/02/2025

D. Minutes

8.14.25

8.28.25

9.11.25

Motion to approve meeting minutes as presented on the agenda, with minor typo revision to 9/11/25 mins made by Member Keane, Seconded by Member Prisco

Roll call:

Member MacDonald: YES
Member Bailey: YES
Member Prisco: YES
Member Johnson: YES
Member Keane: YES

E. Adjournment

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

Roll call:

Member MacDonald: YES
Member Bailey: YES
Member Prisco: YES
Member Johnson: YES
Member Keane: YES