

CITY OF HAVERHILL CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DATE: THURSDAY APRIL 17TH, 2025

"I hereby call this meeting of the Haverhill Conservation Commission to order under MGL Chapter 131 Section 40 under the City of Haverhill municipal ordinance Chapter 253 on this 17th day of April 2025. Role will be called for every vote this evening; will the clerk please call the role for attendance."

Present: Oliver Aguilo (OA), Lisa DeMeo (LD), Tom Wylie Ed. D. (TW), and Harmony Wilson (HW)

Absent: Evan Barman (EB), Fred Clark (FC), and Jen Rubera (JR)

Also Present: Robert E. Moore, Jr., Environmental Health Technician (RM)

"At this time the Commission wishes to inform you that should an item of business be acted upon in this meeting and you wish to be notified in writing that an appeal has been filed, you must give your name and address to the Conservation Dept. staff immediately following the action of that item of business so that you may follow the appeal process. You may submit your name and address via email to conservation@haverhillmass.gov. Please identify your items of interest in the subject line. Thank you for your cooperation in implementing this policy. Please note that this meeting is being audio and video recorded, participants may join this meeting remotely using the passcode 759304. Note: if technological problems interrupt the virtual meeting, the meeting will continue in person. As always, the Conservation Dept. staff is available to answer any questions pertaining to all the Commission's actions."

CONTINUANCES & WITHDRAWALS

2.3. #33-1581 85 Water Street Redevelopment, LLC for 0 & 85 Water St (Parcel ID: 200-4-1 & 3,

207-2-1A) Construction of a 113-unit multifamily residential building

Summary: HW read comments/recommendations from RM.

<u>Action</u>: TW made a motion to move this item to the May 29th meeting. Seconded by OA. Clerk called role. Motion passed 4-0-3. Approved.

2.4. #33-ANRAD Hecate Energy Ward Hill Energy Center, LLC for 1160 Boston Rd (Parcel ID:

771-779-66 and 770-779-63)

Summary: HW read comments/recommendations from RM.

<u>Action</u>: LD made a motion to continue this item to the following meeting. Seconded by OA. Clerk called role. Motion passed 4-0-3. Approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY
 - **1.1. Zachary Restuccia for 85 Rosemont Street** (Parcel ID: 636-2-25) Construction of a single-family home Plans & Documents
 - RDA Application Materials, received 4.3.25

Summary: Zachary Restuccia from 85 Rosemont presented. TW asked where he wants to build and ZR

explained. TW asked what is on the proposed lot - couple decent sized trees and it slopes down. RM recommended a Preliminary Plan Review (PPR) which they did, and then the next recommendation was an RDA. HW and LD said there are red flags with this property due to the wetlands, size, road conflicts, water main issues, etc. ZR asked if there is going to be enough replication area to offset the 25' no build zone. There was no set answer to this. LD went further into questions that need to be answered. HW read RM's comments. RM clarified that it is unlikely the city would purchase it, but maybe an abutter would have interest in it. HW read recommendations from RM. RM said he may want to talk to the zoning inspector for further guidance.

Action: LD moved that they follow RM's recommendations. Seconded by OA. Clerk called role. Motion passed 4-0-3. Approved.

2. NOTICE OF INTENT

- **2.1.** #33-1540 City of Haverhill for Groveland Rd (Parcel ID: 776-788-24, 26, 27, & 1AA) Final capping of the Northern Mound of the municipal landfill and Lot 26 Ash Area Plans & Documents
 - Notice of Intent Application, 11.4.2022, Epsilon
 - NHESP Determination Letter, 11.23.2022
 - MassDEP Comment Letter, 12.2.2022
 - MEPA Comment Letter, 9.29.2024
 - Langdon Response to Comments, 9.27.2024
 - MEPA Certificate on 4th Notice of Project Change, 10.11.24, with agency comments
 - NOI Supplement Packet, 1.30.2025, Epsilon
 - Response to Comments Package, 3.26.25, Langdon
 - MESA Determination Letter, 3.31.25
 - Final Response to Comments Letter, 4.16.25

<u>Summary</u>: Bruce Haskell from Langdon Environmental presented. They filed with the Groveland Conservation Commission, and they would like to see the conservation mgmt. permit before issuing an order. They have until May 8th to issue a conservation mgmt. permit. TW asked if the vents will be installed on the northern mound - yes. TW asked about the volume of gasses leaving the vents. BH said they are measured every quarter. TW asked about lighting off Yama Road – BH said there is no intention for lighting. TW asked for clarity on a certain area of the project – BH explained. HW read comments from RM.

<u>Action</u>: TW made a motion to continue this to the May 8th meeting. Seconded by LD. Clerk called role. Motion passed 4-0-3. Approved.

2.2. #33-1580 Singh Realty Group, LLC for 1400 Hilldale Avenue (Parcel ID: 585-431-22A) Construction of industrial outdoor storage yard

<u>Summary</u>: Andy Pojasek from Dana Perkins gave a project update. TW wants to make sure fuel trucks are not allowed to park by making this a condition. AP said that is no problem and no hazardous materials will be stored there. RM asked AP if all the comments from CEI and DEP are addressable and he said yes. HW read comments/recommendations from RM.

Action: LD moved this item to May 8th. Seconded by OA. Clerk called role. Motion passed 4-0-3. Approved.

3. REQUEST TO AMEND A FINAL ORDER OF CONDITIONS

None Scheduled

OTHER BUSINESS (NON-HEARING ITEMS)

4. EXTENSIONS AND CERTIFICATES

4.1. Certificate #33-336: Dennis & Susan Suslavich for Liberty Street

Summary: HW read comments/recommendations from RM. Noone was in attendance.

<u>Action</u>: LD made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance invalidating this Order. Seconded by OA. Clerk called role. Motion passed 4-0-3. Approved.

4.2. Certificate #33-323: City of Haverhill for Liberty Street

Summary: HW read comments/recommendations from RM. Noone was present.

<u>Action</u>: TW made a motion to issue a Complete Certificate of Compliance for this project. Seconded by OA. Clerk called role. Motion passed 4-0-3. Approved.

5. Enforcement

5.1. Enforcement Order: Guy DiStefano for 31 King Street

<u>Summary</u>: Guy DiStefano was present from 31 King Street; he gave a project update. HW read the comments/recommendations from RM. GD said he reached out RAM Engineering and the gentleman wanted to speak to the commission, RM clarified he needs a wetland delineation and to have him email RM to schedule.

<u>Action</u>: TW moved that per their discussion, they ask for an update on efforts for a restoration plan on May 8th and hopefully identify the wetlands consultant and other bulleted points and issuance of a new enforcement order. Seconded by EO. Clerk called role. Motion passed 4-0-3. Approved.

5.2. Enforcement Order: Q&G Development, LLC for 0 & 37 Edgehill Road

Summary: HW read comments/recommendations from RM. RM gave a summary of what occurred on site. David Girard from 37 Edgehill Road gave a summary of the project and how it has affected his property. He explained that he worked with an attorney to come up with an acceptable agreement as to how to repair the property damage. RM said they should see the first monetary report on Monday and they issued a verbal cease and desist. TW asked if they need to get a permit to restore the work that was damaged on the abutter's property. RM said no – it can be handled through enforcement. DG said the cease and desist went through but they violated it. RM said that he contacted the tree warden to make sure there is no impact to the roadway from a DPW perspective. DG doesn't agree with the lack of communication, the amount of damage that has been done, the amount of effort and money he has put into this. LD asked if he has an enforcement order in hand can the police act on that. DG said he does not think so. The police only deal with criminal offenses – such as harassment. HW asked who would enforce this. RM said it would be them and then it would be a call to the City Solicitor for legal action. TW asked how the enforcement order is delivered, RM said mail, email, etc.

<u>Action</u>: LS moved that they issue an enforcement order against Q&G development following all of RM's comments read into the record tonight. Seconded by OA. Clerk called role. Motion passed 4-0-3. Approved.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

6.1. Conservation Partners Update

<u>Summary</u>: RM gave a status update on the progress of various efforts they have been working on. The Let's Hike Haverhill event went well, they were able to complete the Open Space and Rec. draft, McKayla has been launching the Trail Stewards Program, and they have a team doing a deep dive into protected land in Haverhill – Pat Levine is a huge help in this. HC has also been super helpful with social media platforms. They are hoping the Trail Stewards Program goes well and they can duplicate that on the park side and have park stewards.

7. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Summary: HW read comments from RM.

<u>Action</u>: TW approved the March 27th meeting minutes. Seconded by LD. Clerk called role: EB-yes, FC-yes, LD-yes, TW-yes, HW-yes. Motion passed 4-0-3. Approved.

8. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.