



# CITY OF HAVERHILL CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



**MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 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 Fred Clark (FC)

Partially Present: Jen Rubera (JR)

Absent: Evan Barman (EB) and Harmony Wilson (HW)

Also Absent: 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](mailto: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

**2.2#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:** FC read comments/recommendations from RM.

**Action:** LD moved to continue this item to the June 26<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Seconded by OA. Clerk called role: OA-yes, LD-yes, TW-yes, and FC-yes. Motion passed 4-0-3. Approved.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### 1. REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY

**1.1. JR Builders, Inc. for Broadway ROW Installation of a new water main**

#### **Plans and Documents**

- Request for Determination of Applicability, dated 5.16.2025
- Water Main Design Plans, dated 5.16.2025

**Summary:** FC read comments/recommendations from RM.

**Action:** LD moved to continue this item to June 26<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Seconded by OA. Clerk called role: OA-yes, LD-yes, TW-yes, and FC-yes. Motion passed 4-0-3. Approved.

## 2. NOTICE OF INTENT

### 2.1. #33-1580 Singh Realty Group, LLC for 1400 Hilldale Avenue (Parcel ID: 585-431-22A) Construction of industrial outdoor storage yard

#### Plans and Documents

- Notice of Intent Application Materials, Dana F. Perkins, dated 2.20.2025
- Site Plans, D.F.P., dated 2.20.2025, revised 5.12.2025
- Stormwater Management Permit, D.F.P., dated 2.20.2025, revised 5.12.2025
- Peer review Comments, CEI, dated 3.12.2025
- DEP Comments, dated 3.17.2025
- Photometric Lighting Plans, D.F.P., dated 5.14.2025
- Response to Peer Review Comment Letter, D.F.P., 5.12.2025
- Wetlands Replication Plan & Narrative, Seekamp, 4.29.2025
- Peer Review Comments, CEI, dated 5.27.2025

**Summary:** Andrew Pojasek from Dana F. Perkins Inc. gave a project update. TW asked how wide the bridge is – AP said about 35'. TW asked if it will be two lanes – AP said yes. AP discussed the wetland replication areas/size. AP confirmed the tanker trucks will be empty with no fuel. FC read comments/recommendations from RM.

**Action:** LD made a motion to issue an OOC approving this project to include all comments read into the record from RM. Seconded by OA. Clerk called role: OA-yes, LD-yes, JR-abstain, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed 4-1-2. Approved.

### 2.3. #33-1583 City of Haverhill for Hale Street (Parcel ID: 601-453-1) Construction of a storm drain outfall between Hale Street and the Little River

#### Plans and Documents

- Notice of Intent Application Materials, Carron, 5.5.25
- Project Narrative, Carron, April 2025, rev 5.21.25
- Site Plan, Wright-Pierce, dated April 2025
- Checklist for Stormwater Report, W-P, 5.5.25
- Revised Plan Sheet C-16, W-P, received 5.21.25
- Revised Narrative & Table of Contents, revised 5.21.2025
- Waterways Jurisdictional Determination, dated 5.23.2025

**Summary:** Matt Corbin (Engineer from Wright Pierce Engineering) located at 27 Leah Circle in Methuen, MA was present, as well as Paul Jessel (Collections Supervisor) from 48 Old Yankee Road and Chuck Heron (Environmental Scientist) from 247 Branch Hill Road Westminster, MA. MC gave a project overview. LD asked if it is upstream from the damn and CH said yes. TW asked how far upstream from the damn are they – maybe a quarter mile. TW asked when this will happen – goal is the fall/spring. FC read comments/recommendations from RM. TW asked about an increase in flow – MC said at the 10-year storm it could be up to 7 to 8 MGD. PJ asked if they have to put hoods in because it is very hard to clean the catch basins with them. FC said it is a recommended condition. MC said they can add an addendum because it is still out to bid. There is a pre-construction meeting next week where all of these questions will be answered.

**Action:** LD moved to issue an OOC to include all comments read into the record from RM. Seconded by OA. Clerk called role: OA-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

**2.4. #33-1585 Boston Gas Company for Lake Street ROW Installation of new gas main  
Plans & Documents**

- Notice of Intent Application Materials, BSC Group, received 5.15.2025

**Summary:** Sam Kefferstan (from BSC Group) from 311 River Street in Cambridge, MA gave a project overview. LD asked SF to review what the horizontal directional rule is? SF explained. SF also explained how there is an attached contingency plan that contains all the details on how they would respond if there was a release of the fluid. SK said they usually go 5' below grade – OA asked why they are going 12' below? SK said that was determined by the crew. SK said he can get back to them on why. LD asked what the material of the culvert is and SK didn't know. LD said they are probably going that low because of the culvert. FC asked what the diameter of the hole is? SK said it is a 6" main. SK said the material can be put off to the side and then they can use it for backfill. LD asked how many service connections – SK said 2. OA asked if they hit the water table when they are doing the preparation. He said they have bmp's in place for dewatering if necessary. OA asked how long the pipe is – 3k'. Anora from BSC Group located at 63 Woodhawk Drive in Milford, NH said the trench is usually 3' x 3' wide. The depth was determined from ground pressure radar. LD asked them to get back to the Commission because she thought the radar could only go 5-7'. TW asked about start date – summer of 2025. FC read comments/recommendations from RM and he also added that the Commission would like to know how far the depth of the radar can go prior to giving an OOC.

**Action:** LD made a motion to issue an OOC with the items that are outstanding to include all comments read into the record from RM. Seconded by OA. Clerk called role: OA-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

**3. REQUEST TO AMEND A FINAL ORDER OF CONDITIONS**

None Scheduled

**OTHER BUSINESS (NON-HEARING ITEMS)**

**4. EXTENSIONS AND CERTIFICATES**

None Scheduled

**5. ENFORCEMENT**

**5.1. Enforcement Order:** 230 Forest Street, Karen Puglielli – Issued May 7<sup>th</sup> for the “excavation of soil and the installation of an underdrain within a bordering vegetated wetland.”

**Summary:** FC read comments from RM. Keith Brown (the handyman), Theo (a friend), Kathy and Karen (residents at property) were present. The homeowner stated that she had no idea that there were wetlands there and she wished she was informed of this prior. She doesn't think it is fair that she has to pay for a wetland scientist to come out. Keith Brown explained the work that he performed and he said he was restoring back to how it used to be. Keith said he only has one missed call and he was willing to meet RM at 9 am. The conclusion was that Kathy and Karen were going to get a list of wetland scientists and try to contact them to schedule a delineation, and then they can further discuss. FC read recommendations from RM.

**Action:** LD moved that they move this enforcement order to the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, McKayla will get the list of wetland scientists to Karen and Kathy. Seconded by JR. Clerk called role: OA-abstain, LD-yes, JR-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed 4-1-2. Approved.

**5.2. Enforcement Order:** 31 King Street, Guy DiStefano

Summary: FC read comments/recommendations from RM. TW asked MA if there is an update, MA said he has not been able to get a wetland consultant and he said they are all too busy. JR asked how much additional time is needed. TW and FC said they are not sure.

Action: TW made a motion to re-notify the owner that they are requested at the next scheduled meeting - June 26<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by LD. Clerk called role: OA-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

## **6. Miscellaneous**

None Scheduled

## **7. Acceptance Of Minutes**

Summary: FC read comments/recommendations from RM.

Action: LD moved that they approve the minutes for the May 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Seconded by TW. Clerk called role: OA-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

## **8. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.