



CITY OF HAVERHILL CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DATE: THURSDAY MAY 8th, 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 8th day of May 2025. Role will be called for every vote this evening; will the clerk please call the role for attendance.”

Present: Evan Barman (EB), Lisa DeMeo (LD), Harmony Wilson (HW), Tom Wylie Ed. D. (TW), and Fred Clark (FC)

Absent: Oliver Aguilo (OA) 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

2.2 #33-1580 Singh Realty Group, LLC for 1400 Hilldale Avenue (Parcel ID: 585-431-22A)

Construction of industrial outdoor storage yard

Summary: HW read comments/recommendations from RM.

Action: EB made a motion to move the May 29th. Seconded by LD. Clerk called role: EB-yes, LD-yes, HW-yes, TW-yes, and FC-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY

1.1 Bruno De Morais for 957 Broadway (Parcel ID: 574-1-8) Construction of a residential ADU

Plans & Documents

- Request for Determination of Applicability, 4.14.2025
- Site Plan with Wetlands, 4.25.25

Summary: Bruno De Morais gave a project overview. HW read comments from RM. HW read comments/recommendations from RM.

Action: LD made a motion to issue a Negative Determination – Option #3 to include all comments read into the record by RM. Seconded by EB. Clerk called role: EB-yes, LD-yes, HW-yes, TW-yes, and FC yes Motion passed 5-0-2. 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
- NHESP Conservation and Management Permit, 5.6.25

Summary: Bruce Haskell from Langdon Environmental gave a project update. The received the Conservation Management Permit from Natural Heritage. Construction should start this fall and there is a 2-year window. TW asked if they have permission from the Groveland Commission – BH said they have a meeting with them next Wednesday. TW asked if there was an inspection of the shoreline? BH said they are far enough way that they didn't have to do that. TW asked about timeline of the playing fields and BH said estimated for the Fall of 2027. HW read comments/recommendations from RM.

Action: TW made a motion to issue an OOC to include all notes read into the record. Seconded by FC. Clerk called role: EB-yes, LD-yes, HW-yes, TW-yes, and FC-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

2.3. #33-NOI Susan McMahon for 111 Linwood Street (Parcel ID: 411-139-8) Maintenance of a man-made pond to improve fish habitat

Plans & Documents

- Notice of Intent Application, 4.22.25
- Pond Maintenance Methodology & Schedule, 5.7.25

Summary: Patrick Seekamp from Seekamp Environmental Consulting from 125 Kington, NH presented. PS gave a project overview. PS explained how they will be using a gauge to let them know when more water is needed per RM's recommendation. PS explained how they would block off the outflow pipes during/after excavation. LD asked if they reach the clay before the 6' mark, will they stop or keep going? PS said they will keep going. PS said they will most likely do 3 or 4 pockets and they will not be taking over 800 ft.² of dredged material. The city used to source the pond but then they changed the way the water flows. A resident from 104 Bristol Road was talking about the flow of water for the pond. EB recommended putting crushed stone down so they would know when they are hitting that layer. RM said they shouldn't need to do this for another 15-20 years because there are no sediments going in. PS explained that they are still waiting on a file number from DEP. They submitted three letters in support from abutters: Joseph Graham of 121 Lynnwood, Deborah Eggers from 98 Lynnwood and Mike Gibney from 124 Lynnwood. A resident of Haverhill asked if they will be testing turbidity, PS said that they will most likely block off the outflow for 2-3 days to let it settle. HW read comments/recommendations from RM.

Action: FC made a motion to approve this project with an OOC to include all conditions read into the record tonight. Seconded by EB. Clerk called role: EB-yes, LD-yes, HW-yes, TW-yes, and FC-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

2.4. #33-1582 Frances Poirier for 226 Kenoza Street (Parcel ID: 467-185-27) Construction of a residential ADU

Plans & Documents

- Notice of Intent Application, 4.22.25
- Septic System Design Plan, 11.15.24, Revised 1.25.25, Scanlan Engineering

Summary: Jim Scanlan from Scanlan Engineering LLC located at 2 Carlida Road in Groveland, MA presented. JS gave a project overview. There was discussion regarding the driveway material, septic, and the location of downspouts. FC asked what the regraded area is? It will stay as a meadow.

Action: FC moved to issue an OOC approving the project to include all notes/recommendations read into the record. Seconded by LD. Clerk called role: EB-yes, LD-yes, HW-yes, TW-yes, and 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

4.1. Certificate: #33-869 Cohen Law Offices for 396 Brandy Brow Road

Summary: HW read comments/recommendations from RM. RM explained why this is only a partial COC due to the moving parts with this OOC.

Action: FC moved that they issue a partial COC sighting only 396 Brandy Brow Road, to include all comments read into the record. Seconded by EB. Clerk called role: EB-yes, LD-yes, HW-yes, TW-yes, and FC-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

5. ENFORCEMENT

None Scheduled

6. MISCELLANEOUS

None Scheduled

7. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Action: TW made a motion to accept the April 17th meeting minutes. Seconded by LD. Clerk called role: EB-yes, LD-yes, HW-yes, TW-yes, and FC-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

8. ADJOURN

8:15 pm meeting adjourned.