



CITY OF HAVERHILL CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, June 26th, 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 26th day of June 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), Jen Rubera (JR), and Harmony Wilson (HW)

Absent: Oliver Aguilo (OA), Fred Clark (FC), and Tom Wylie Ed. D. (TW)

Also Present: Robert E. Moore Jr., Environmental Health Technician (RM), McKayla Arsenault, Head Clerk (MA)

“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.”

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY

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

Plans & Documents

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

Summary: TJ Melvin was present from Millennium Engineering and he gave a project update. EB asked how deep the line will go. TM said about 5' for the majority of it. EB asked if they anticipate hitting any groundwater that will need to be discharged? TM doesn't think so, he can add that detail. HW read comments/recommendations from RM.

Action: EB made a motion to issue a Negative Determination option 3 to include all notes read into the record from RM. Seconded by LD. Clerk called role: EB-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, and HW-yes. Motion passed 4-0-3. Approved.

2. NOTICE OF INTENT

2.1. #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

Plans & Documents

- Notice of Intent package received 3.13.25, LEC

- Site Plan set, 03.07.25, revised 5.2.25, 6.9.25, MCG
- Stormwater Management Report, 03.07.25, MCG
- Con Com Presentations, 3.27.25 and 6.26.25, from LEC
- Peer Review Comments, 4.14.25, CEI
- Comment Response Letter, 5.2.25, MCG
- Technical Report, revised 5.2.25, MCG
- Peer Review Comments #2, 5.16.25, CEI
- Comment response Letter #2, 5.28.25, MCG
- Peer Review Comments #3, 6.05.25, CEI

Summary: Ann Marton from LEC Environmental was present, with Dan Powers (Civil Engineer from Warren Cameron) and Eric Wolf (applicant). AM gave a project overview. The owner of the property would maintain the park. The check valve has been added and has been reviewed. AM explained the gate that would come down/operation. LD asked RM if they have a requirement on the amount of open space the doors have? RM said no. RM explained the FEMA requirement and AM said they are okay with a special condition to make sure they are up to code. LD asked who would determine the elevation of the valve? That would be discussed in the construction phase. LD accepts that they conduct an administrative review of the elevations and the plan when it is finalized. HW read comments/recommendations from RM.

Action: EB moved that they issue an OOC to include all of RM's comments as well as that the elevations/flood plan is reviewed once finalized. Seconded by LD. Clerk called role: EB-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, and HW-yes. Motion passed 4-0-3. Approved.

2.2. #33-1586 Five C Construction, LLC for 0 Broadway (Parcel ID: 539-439-7E) Construction of a single-family dwelling

Plans & Documents

- Notice of Intent package received 6.12.25, Andover Consultants, Inc.
- Site Plan, dated 6.12.25, AC

Summary: Dennis Griecci from Andover Consultants gave a project overview. DG explained what they are requesting. HW asked if there is a proposed garage and how big is the house? No proposed garage, house is 26' x 36'. HW read comments/recommendations from RM. HW said she thinks they should require that a conservation restriction be recorded at the Registry of Deeds. Joe Fisichelli from 5C Construction residing at 488 North End Blvd Salisbury, MA spoke. JF would like to use post and rail fencing on the property for demarcation. HW asked to do the lot line area with wood posts. There was discussion back and forth about #6 and what the Commission wants to do. JF asked if they can just put that there will be no further disturbance within the buffer area or within the limit of work area, unless they come to the commission for approval in the Deed. This was approved upon.

Action: JR made a motion to issue an OOC in which #6 will be included in the purchase as sale agreements and on the Deed. Seconded by LD. Clerk called role: EB-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, and HW-yes. 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:** #33-271 Michael Gerstein for 116 Crosby St

Summary: HW read comments/recommendations from RM.

Action: EB moved to issue a complete certification to include all comments read into the record from RM. Seconded by LD. Clerk called role: EB-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, and HW-yes. Motion passed 4-0-3. Approved.

5. **ENFORCEMENT**

5.1. **Enforcement Order:** 31 King Street

Summary: Di Stefano from 31 King Street gave a project overview. He still needs to get a wetlands consultant out there – he has not had luck. HW read comments/recommendations from RM.

Action: LD moved that they continue this item for 3 weeks to give him time to get a biologist. Seconded by EB. Clerk called role: EB-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, and HW-yes. Motion passed 4-0-3. Approved.

5.2. **Enforcement Order:** 16 Danrich Court

Summary: RM provided an update on this project. RM said the applicant requested approval to put up post and signage along the right-hand side every 50' instead of post and rail fencing due to the price. HW asked about the loam – RM said he was fine with it. RM also said they should add posting and signage on the left-hand side as well.

Action: EB moved to remove the post and rail fence requirement but install post and signage along both side every 50' within 2 months. Seconded by LD. Clerk called role: EB-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, and HW-yes. Motion passed 4-0-3. Approved.

5.3. **Enforcement Order:** 227 Salem St.

Summary: Jodi Villafane of 227 Salem Street was present. There was discussion regarding the seed mix and the required plantings. The commission decided that they should not use the seed mixture that was proposed, and they will plant 6 more native shrubs. They will also mark the 25' buffer zone with rocks.

Action: EB made a motion to plant another 6 native shrubs within the next six weeks, and put the demarcation down with some large boulders long the 25 foot no disturbance zone. Seconded by LD. Clerk called role: EB-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, and HW-yes. Motion passed 4-0-3. Approved.

5.4. **Enforcement Order:** 1308 Broadway

Summary: Michael Baglio from 2 East Street Roxbury, MA was present. RM is going to meet with Maureen to look at the flags. They need to agree with a delineation and then they can figure out how to demarcate it.

Action: LD made a motion to move this item 3 weeks out. Seconded by EB. Clerk called role: EB-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, and HW-yes. Motion passed 4-0-3. Approved.

NOTE: Mike Seekamp went out to 230 Forest Street. Mike provided the commission with a letter recommending that they fill in the trench and put signage between the edge of the fence saying “protected resource area” and let mother nature grow in. Commission is in agreement.

5.5. **Enforcement Order:** 97 Eudora St

Summary: MaKayla Arsenault provided a project update. Plants are there but many of them are not native and they were not dug in deep, so they asked them to dig them deeper. They don't know if they pulled that back brick/debris out.

Action: LD moved that they add 12 native plants on the list/ recommendation #1 from RM. They have 6 weeks to complete this work. EB seconded it. Clerk called role: EB-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, and HW-yes. Motion passed 4-0-3. Approved.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

None Scheduled

7. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Summary: HW read comments/recommendations from RM.

Action: LD accepted the 5/29 meeting minutes. Seconded by EB. Clerk called role: EB-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, and HW-yes. Motion passed 4-0-3. Approved.

8. ADJOURN

9:01 meeting adjourned. Moved by LD.

