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Conservation Commission

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Agenda

**In Person Meeting, Tuesday, December 19, 2023
Beginning at 7:00pm in the Selectmen's Meeting Room**

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law

Open meeting and announce time opened.

Announce that the Conservation meeting is being recorded by Area58 and can be viewed on YouTube.

Hearings:

- **7:00pm: 265 Monponsett Street (M64, L10): ANRAD – Hearing:** Approval of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVM). Wetland Delineation.

Discussions and Actions to be Taken:

- 314 Plymouth Street and 340 Plymouth Street:
 - Drainage Pipe & Abandoned Ditches issue, Alger property (*340 Plymouth Street*).
- Sand and Gravel Mining in Southeastern Mass:
 - Item/topic requested by Member Martin-Plant.
- “A” Street:
 - Muriatic Acid use and its effect on the Wetlands.
- Fee Schedule Revision/Update.
 - Include certified mail fees in the fee schedule.
- Conservation Commission Goals:
 - Educating the Public and explain to the community that the job of the Conservation Commission is to ensure that any potential development is as much in harmony with the natural environment as possible; and that our purpose is to protect the land, air, water, and biodiversity of the ecosystem.
- Conservation Commission Policies: Discussion to consider policies for the following: Chair Evans & Member Martin-Plant requested a discussion on the following:
 - Whenever wetlands are disturbed, it is required to be replaced by a 2-1 replication.
 - Whenever new construction is within the 100' buffer zone, a post and rail fence is required to be placed at the 50' “no touch” buffer zone.
 - Require an NOI for any projects outside of routine maintenance within 50 feet of wetlands.



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- New developments limit impermeable parking lots and driveways, and instead lean towards pervious surfaces, such as gravel, as much as reasonably possible.
 - To absorb water on-site rather than increase storm water runoff. Even when catch basins are installed the rainwater that washes over impervious surfaces collects pollutants which are then transported off-site. I'd like to see more water absorbed and filtered by the natural process of soil and sand on-site through pervious surfaces, vegetated buffers, and rain gardens.
 - To reduce thermal radiation of pavement. Too much pavement can lead to urban heat island effect and contribute to climate change, as well as environmental and health risks.
 - The 2:1 planting ratio that Chair Evans suggested will certainly help in these areas as well.

Admin. Report:

- 2025 Conservation Budget including a 10% budget cut.

Meeting Minutes to be Approved and Signed:

- November 21, 2023, Meeting Minutes
- December 05, 2023, Meeting Minutes
- December 05, 2023, Executive Meeting Minutes

Adjournment:

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Next Meeting: January 09, 2024