



# TOWN OF HALIFAX COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## Conservation Commission

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## Agenda

### In Person Meeting, Tuesday, December 05, 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\*\**

#### **7:00pm: Executive Session:**

*\*\*\*Executive Session. Discussing strategy with respect to litigation in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating or legal discussions of the Town.*

- The Commission will enter into Executive Session to:
  - Discuss the reputation, character, physical condition, or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

*Scheduled Hearings to begin directly following the Executive Session.*

#### **Hearings:**

- **7:00pm: 0 Monponsett Street (M52, L428): NOI – Hearing: Pat Carrara, PMP Consulting.**
  - Construction of a Single-Family Dwelling and Associated Septic System.
- **7:05pm: 509 Monponsett Street (M31, L): RDA – Hearing: Joan Rogers, Owner.**
  - Perform natural pruning intended to maintain the trees characteristic growth pattern to (a) remove dead limbs and (b) branch removal of limbs growing toward the house and overhanging the house & deck.
- **7:10pm: 513 Thompson Street (M70, L7): NOI – Hearing: Pat Carrara, PMP Consulting.**
  - To demolish an existing barn & shed and construct a 30'x40' garage within 100' of a bordering vegetative wetland.
- **7:15pm: 111 River Street – ANRAD – Continued Hearing: Rebecca Baptista, Silva Engineering.**
  - Approval of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVM).
    - Ecosystems Solutions Review Revisions.
- **7:20pm: 48 Elm Street (M48, L6-1): RDA – Hearing - Tree Removal – Thomas Sedell, Owner.**
  - Tree is leaning over the pond; owner is worried it could potentially fall on someone going by on the pond.



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### **Discussions and Actions to be Taken:**

- Pine Street Bridge: Steve Hayward, Highway Surveyor. Wetland Monitoring.
- 314 Plymouth Street and 340 Plymouth Street:
  - Drainage Pipe & Abandoned Ditches issue, Alger property (*340 Plymouth Street*).
- 596 Monponsett Street: Clerical Corrected Order of Conditions Extension
- Monponsett Pond Hanson, MA: DEP# SE-175-0733 and SE-175-0580.
- Vote to change the Conservation Commission meeting day/dates. (*New 2024 Meeting 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.
  - That 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.



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### **Bills to be Approved and Signed:**

- **Express Newspaper:**
  - 0 Monponsett Street: Notice of Public Hearing Legal Ad# 14954 - \$45.00
  - 509 Monponsett Street: Notice of Public Hearing – Legal Ad# 14973 - \$45.00
  - 513 Thompson Street: Notice of Public Hearing - Legal Ad# 14978 - \$45.00
- **Plymouth County Registry of Deeds:**
  - 596 Monponsett Street: Corrected Order of Conditions Extension Recording - \$107.00.
  - Monponsett Ponds (Western Basin): DEP# SE-175-0733 – Treatment/Herbicide/Algaecide Certificate of Compliance Recording - \$107.00
  - Monponsett Ponds (Western Basin): DEP# SE-175-0580 – Habitat Management Plan Phosphorous Inactivation Certificate of Compliance Recording - \$107.00
- **Ecosystems Solutions:**
  - 111 River Street: ANRAD Delineation Peer Review – Invoice# W23-1846-1 - \$9,020.00

### **Signatures:**

- 596 Monponsett Street: 12/05/23 Corrected Order of Conditions Extension.

### **Meeting Minutes to be Approved and Signed:**

- November 21, 2023, Meeting Minutes

### **Other Business: \*\*Any other unscheduled business following posting of this Agenda.**

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### **Adjournment:**

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**Next Meeting:** December 19, 2023