

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

This meeting will be conducted under S. 2475, *An act relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency*, signed June 16, 2021, which was extended by legislation enacted on July 16, 2022, and was extended by legislation enacted on March 24, 2023. The public can view this meeting on ACTV Channel 12, the ACTV website or their Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/AmesburyCommunityTelevision

Acting Chair Fred Zackon called the March 3, 2025, Virtual Conservation Commission meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020, Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20, and the Governor's March 15, 2020, Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Conservation Commission on August 1, 2022, is being conducted via remote participation.

No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort is being made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order.

A reminder that persons who would like to like to watch this meeting can do so on ACTV Channel 6, the ACTV website or the City of Amesbury Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/amesburyma

To submit a public comment, you may do so on the Facebook Live feed by beginning your comment with PUBLIC COMMENT. It will be read aloud at the appropriate time. Viewers may also email conservation@amesburyma.gov to submit a public comment.

Members of the public may dial into Microsoft Teams at: +1 323-457-5649,,285983519#

Access Code: 285 983 519#

Acting Chair Fred Zackon notes that tonight's Conservation Commission meeting is being recorded by Amesbury Public Access Television; this legal step has been taken but does not act as the official record. The written meeting minutes by the Recording Secretary is the official record.

Attendance: Jaime McCarthy, Fred Zackon, Bob Manseau, Maya Gakidis and Mike Fallon

Also in attendance: Recording Secretary Lynn Viselli, John Lopez, and Amanda Armington, Conservation Agent

Transcription by: Lynn Viselli

Acting Chair Zackon takes attendance for the record:

Fred Zackon	YES
Jaime McCarthy	YES
Mike Fallon	YES
Bob Manseau	YES
Maya Gakidis	YES

Administrative:

Election of a Chairman.

B. Manseau nominated Fred Zackon as Chair and Jamie McCarthy remain as Vice Chair.

F. Zackon accepted the nomination.

A motion was made by B. Manseau to appoint Fred Zackon as Chair of the Conservation Commission. The motion was seconded by J. McCarthy and unanimously approved by Rollcall vote:

Acting Chair Zackon called the Rollcall Vote:

Fred Zackon	YES
Mike Fallon	YES
Jaime McCarthy	YES
Bob Manseau	YES
Maya Gakidis	YES

Continued Business:

NOI 002-1337 31 Newton Road

The Applicant's representative has requested a continuance and at the request of the Town Planner, to a Special Meeting in two weeks. Discussion followed regarding the new Commissioners reviewing the file prior to the Special Meeting and the procedure to allow them to vote at the Special Meeting.

A motion was made by B. Manseau to continue NOI 002-1337 31 Newton Road to March 17, 2025. The motion was seconded by M. Fallon and unanimously approved by Rollcall vote:

Chair Zackon called the Rollcall Vote:

Fred Zackon	YES
Mike Fallon	YES
Jaime McCarthy	ABSTAIN
Bob Manseau	YES
Maya Gakidis	YES

NEW BUSINESS:

RCOC 002-1299 12-14 South Hunt Road

Request for a Certificate of Compliance. Agent Armington reviewed the project, and the applicant has requested a continuance to April 7, 2025.

Enforcement Order 002-1299 12 and 14 South Hunt Road.

A motion was made by B. Manseau to continue RCOC 002-1299 12-14 South Hunt Road and Enforcement Order 002-1299 12-14 South Hunt Road to April 7, 2025. The motion was seconded by J. McCarthy and unanimously approved by Rollcall vote:

Chair Zackon called the Rollcall Vote:

Fred Zackon	YES
Mike Fallon	YES
Jaime McCarthy	YES
Bob Manseau	YES
Maya Gakidis	YES

NOI 002 81 Pleasant Valley Road

The project is for the installation of a seasonal dock in the Merrimack River. No DEP number has been issued, and Natural Heritage comments have not been received.

Mike Seekamp briefly reviewed the project for the Commission.

J. McCarthy added that not all resource areas are identified on the plan submitted and this is a Limited Project and performance standards need to be addressed.

A motion was made by B. Manseau to continue NOI 81 Pleasant Valley Road to April 7, 2025. The motion was seconded by J. McCarthy and unanimously approved by Rollcall vote:

Chair Zackon called the Rollcall Vote:

Fred Zackon	YES
Mike Fallon	YES
Jaime McCarthy	YES
Bob Manseau	YES
Maya Gakidis	YES

RCOC 002-1330 13 Merrill Road

Request for a Certificate of Compliance for an OOC issued for the construction of a driveway and associated grading. A portion of the project consisted of a wetland replication area of 2010 square feet.

The property owners added that the replication area and monitoring are complete. They are in the process of obtaining the As-Built plan. The property is under agreement to be sold.

Agent Armington asked the Commission to review the photos taken at the site visit and review the last monitoring report.

A motion was made by B. Manseau to continue RCOC 002-1330 13 Merrill Road to April 7, 2025. The motion was seconded by M. Gakidis and unanimously approved by Rollcall vote:

Chair Zackon called the Rollcall Vote:

Fred Zackon	YES
Mike Fallon	YES
Jaime McCarthy	YES
Bob Manseau	YES
Maya Gakidis	YES

Administrative:

Minutes – Approve Minutes for February 3, 2025, meeting. – Tabled.

WPA Funds – MACC Conference

Vote to approve use of WPA funds to pay for MACC Conference.

A motion was made to approve the use of WPA Funds to pay for MACC Conference was made by B. Manseau. The motion was seconded by J. McCarthy and unanimously approved by Rollcall vote:

Chair Zackon called the Rollcall Vote:

Fred Zackon	YES
Mike Fallon	YES
Jaime McCarthy	YES
Bob Manseau	YES
Maya Gakidis	YES

Emergency Certification Bartletts Reach

Request for an Emergency Certification to remove trees located at different buildings that are a threat to persons and property. The condition of the trees has been certified by an arborist. Agent Lopez reviewed the timeline and actions taken regarding the Emergency Certification.

A motion was made to ratify the Emergency Certification for Bartletts Reach by B. Manseau. The motion was seconded by M. Gakidis and approved by Rollcall vote:

Chair Zackon called the Rollcall Vote:

Fred Zackon	YES
Mike Fallon	YES
Jaime McCarthy	YES
Bob Manseau	YES
Maya Gakidis	YES

128 Kimball Road – Update

Agent Armington informed the Commission that the appraisal and the conceptual plan are completed.

BSC Group Invoices

A motion was made by B. Manseau to approve the payment of invoices from BSC Group. The motion was seconded by J. McCarthy and unanimously approved by Rollcall vote:

Chair Zackon called the Rollcall Vote:

Fred Zackon	YES
Mike Fallon	YES
Jaime McCarthy	YES
Bob Manseau	YES
Maya Gakidis	YES

The meeting was adjourned by motion of J. McCarthy, seconded by M. Gakidis and unanimously approved by Rollcall vote:

Chair Zackon called the Rollcall Vote:

Fred Zackon	YES
Mike Fallon	YES
Jaime McCarthy	YES
Bob Manseau	YES
Maya Gakidis	YES

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

The next scheduled meeting is April 7, 2025.

Submitted by: _____
Lynn Viselli, Recording Secretary

Per the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, the list of documents that were either distributed to the Amesbury Conservation Commission before the meeting in the packet or at the meeting are as follows:

- 1. Agenda**
- 2. Agenda Guide.**