

Conservation Commission
Minutes of January 22, 2026, 7:00 PM
140 Main St. – Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor (Memorial Hall)

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Members Present: Ed Clancy – Chair, Liz Austin, John Skarin, Bill Dunbar, also present, Priscilla Ryder-Conservation Officer.

Absent: David Williams, Rob McCabe, Allan White

The hearing was recorded on Microsoft TEAMS

Minutes: Minutes of January 8, 2026, were reviewed and on a motion by Mr. Skarin second by chair were unanimously approved 4-0.

Public hearings:

Notice of Intent

Fort Meadow Dam – 706 Hosmer St. – Marlborough DPW – Tom DiPersio – Continued to January 22, 2026.

Applicant proposes dam maintenance activities to comply with the requirements of the Massachusetts Office of Dam Safety.

At the applicants request this hearing was continued to February 5, 2026.

Request for Determination of Applicability – Continued to January 22, 2026

Simarano Dr. and Cedar Hill (Map 116 Lots 11 & 13) – Post Road Realty Inc.

Applicant requests a jurisdictional determination in review of whether (2) vegetated wetlands are non-state and local jurisdictional isolated Vegetated Wetlands or jurisdictional Bordering Vegetated Wetlands under Mass. Wetland Protection Act.

At the applicants request this item was continued to February 5, 2026.

Discussion/Correspondence/Other Business

Fort Meadow Working Group: Bill Dunbar and Rob McCabe have volunteered to be on the Ft. Meadow working group. The working group will address the issues raised at the joint meeting of the 3 commissions held last year. A list of topics from the joint meeting were reviewed. Additional topics the Commission talked about: (1) Salt concentration in lake. (2) Whether a new fish survey should be done. (3) How to track changes to the lake over time. Chairman Clancy thanked Mr. Dunbar and Mr. McCabe for volunteering.

Open Space Plan: The Open Space Plan will be a discussion item at the next City Council meeting. The Open Space Plan will likely go to committee. Ms. Ryder will speak at the meeting if need be.

Next Conservation Commission meetings: February 5, 2026 & February 19, 2026

Adjournment

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Skarin second by Chair and on a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Ryder
Conservation/ Sustainability Officer

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