



DETAILED CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022
Time: 7:00pm
Place: This meeting will be held as a virtual meeting via Zoom.

The Conservation Commission will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting; no in-person meeting will take place at City Hall.

Zoom access information for the meeting will be posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting at:
<https://www.newtonma.gov/government/planning/boards-commissions/conservation-commission>

Please contact jsteel@newtonma.gov or 617-796-1134 with any questions.

NOTE: In addition to the documents presented in the Commission’s packet (available on the Commission’s website), full application plans and narratives are available on [the Commission’s website](#).
NOTE: Times listed are estimates. Items may be taken out of order at the Chair’s discretion. Discussion may be limited by the Chair.

DECISIONS

- I. WETLANDS DECISIONS – none at this time
- II. CONSERVATION AREA DECISIONS
 - 1. (7:00-7:20) Review and approval of Eagle Scout Boulton Yanhs’ Flowed Meadow Boardwalk Project
 - Owner: Conservation Commission
 - Request: approve completed Eagle Scout project – construction of boardwalks
 - 2. (7:20-7:30) Commemorative plaque for Ira Wallach
 - Owner: Conservation Commission
 - Request: Install plaque on granite post rather than wood
- III. ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS
 - 3. (7:30-7:35) Minutes of 1/27/22 to be approved
- IV. ISSUES AROUND TOWN DECISIONS
 - 4. (7:35-7:50) Upper Falls Riverwalk Connector Stairs to Upper Falls Greenway
 - Owner: Parks, Recreation & Culture and Conservation Restriction
 - Request: Provide feedback on project and consensus on next steps
 - 5. (7:50-8:10) Stream name signs
 - Owner: DPW
 - Request: Provide feedback on project and consensus on next steps
 - 6. (8:10-8:30) Native species lists for applicants and residents
 - Request: Provide feedback on project and consensus on next steps

UPDATES

- V. WETLANDS UPDATES
 - 7. (8:30-8:45) The Conservation Office – an overview
 - 8. (8:45-9:10) “Newton’s Buried streams” PowerPoint Presentation
 - 9. (9:10-9:15) “no dumping” sign at South Meadow Brook (Oak Street)
- VI. CONSERVATION AREA UPDATES/DISCUSSION
 - 10. (9:15-9:35) Land Management – spring 2022 and looking ahead to FY2023
- VII. ISSUES AROUND TOWN UPDATES
- VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

- MACC’s virtual annual conference is coming (March 1-12, 2022). Commissioners should have received an email. Go to this link for details: https://www.maccweb.org/page/EDVirtualAEC-Conf_2022. \$25 per workshop or \$150 for a bundle of workshops. Fundamentals Units are offered and priced separately. Scott Jackson will give the Keynote address on Sat. March 5 at 9:30am: “Looking Ahead: How Conservation will Need to Change to Cope with Climate Change.” Please let Ellen know if you would like to register, so that payment by the City can be arranged.

**OTHER TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR 48 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING
ADJOURN**



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Ruthanne Fuller

**Director
Planning &
Development**
Barney Heath

**Chief
Environmental
Planner**
Jennifer Steel

**Assistant
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