

# 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](mailto: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

- (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
- (7:20-7:30) Commemorative plaque for Ira Wallach**
  - Owner:** Conservation Commission
  - Request:** Install plaque on granite post rather than wood

### III. ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS

- (7:30-7:35) Minutes of 1/27/22 to be approved**

### IV. ISSUES AROUND TOWN DECISIONS

- (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
- (7:50-8:10) Stream name signs**
  - Owner:** DPW
  - Request:** Provide feedback on project and consensus on next steps
- (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

- (8:30-8:45) The Conservation Office – an overview**
- (8:45-9:10) "Newton's Buried streams" PowerPoint Presentation**
- (9:10-9:15) "no dumping" sign at South Meadow Brook (Oak Street)**

### VI. CONSERVATION AREA UPDATES/DISCUSSION

- (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](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  
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Barney Heath

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