

**SOUTH HADLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2026**

Present: April Doroski, Chair; Terry Rosenfeld, Vice-Chair; Tom Dennis, Member; Jill Pietrantonio, Member; Kay Klausewitz, Member; Daniel Hamel, Member; Rebekah Cornell, Conservation Administrator; and Colleen Canning, Planning/Conservation Coordinator.

Chair Doroski called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM and reviewed virtual meeting protocols.

No attendees were present at the meeting according to the Zoom Attendance report (attached).

Agenda Item #1 --- Open Public Forum

No comments were shared during the open public forum.

Agenda Item #2--- Minutes

Draft minutes of the December 17 meeting were sent to the Commission prior to the meeting.

Motion: Vice-Chair Rosenfeld moved to approve the December 17 meeting minutes. Commissioner Hamel seconded the motion. Four (4) out of six (6) Commissioners voted in favor of the motion through roll call vote. Members Pietrantonio and Klausewitz abstained from the vote.

Agenda Item #3 --- Public Hearing (continued) to consider a Notice of Intent filed by SAI SHYAM, LLC proposing the construction of seven (7) multifamily buildings. The project comprises fourteen (14) total residential units with associated site improvements, including but not limited to, parking, stormwater management, installation of utilities, site grading, curbing, and lighting. The project is located at 506 Granby Rd within buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and intermittent streams. Map 32, Parcel 52. (to be continued to 1/21)

Administrator Cornell explained that the applicant requested a continuation of the public hearing to the Commission's next meeting date. This would allow time for the applicant to submit revised materials and provide a comprehensive response to peer-review.

Motion: Commissioner Rosenfeld moved to issue the public hearing to January 21 at 6:00 PM. Commissioner Klausewitz seconded the motion. Six (6) out of six (6) Commissioners voted in favor of the motion through roll call vote.

Agenda Item #4 --- Discuss and Consider Request for Certificate of Compliance 26 Cove Island Rd (288- 0479)

Administrator Cornell explained that a Request for Certificate of Compliance (RCOC) had been received to release Order of Conditions (DEP File # 288-0479) from 26 Cove Island Road for remodeling improvements to the site's existing dwelling. During construction, changes to the site

plan were implemented without prior approval from the Commission. Many of the changes appeared to be minor, but they should have been discussed and documented with the Commission during a meeting. No action was recommended at this time. Administrator Cornell placed the item on the agenda to allow member discussion prior to advising action from the applicant.

Vice-Chair Rosenfeld considered if the unpermitted changes resulted in negative impacts. Commissioner Dennis observed that the driveway appeared different and questioned if it resulted in increased impervious surface, and Commissioner Pietrantonio questioned if an additional structure had been built as aerial images appeared to show such.

Chair Doroski considered appropriate mitigation for the altered and/or expanded scope of work. She also identified that Holyoke Gas and Electric owned the property, and would likely need to approve of the changes. She indicated support for reduced mowing and/or increased plantings on site to serve as mitigation. However, she noted that new plantings would require survival over two growing seasons would likely prevent the Commission's ability to act on the RCOC until the survival threshold was met.

Administrator Cornell thanked members for their careful review of the request, and would discuss the comments with the applicant prior to Commission action.

Agenda Item #5 --- Discuss and Consider Conservation Land Management Plan and FY26 Budget Update

Administrator Cornell provided the *Conservation Land Management Plan* to members prior to the meeting for their review and consideration. The Commission maintained the practice of reviewing the plan annually to provide feedback on management priorities given limited funding allocation. Members discussed priority projects and ongoing maintenance efforts, as well as strategies to increase available funds and support efficiency.

Agenda Item #6 --- Administrator's Report

Administrator Cornell detailed the following items:

- *Upcoming Meetings* - The Commission's next meeting would be held on January 21 and would include continuation of a public hearing for residential development at 506 Granby Road.
- *MACC Conference* – The *Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions* (MACC) would host their annual conference in February. All members interested were encouraged to attend.
- *Agricultural Bylaw* –An advisory committee had been established to review recommended amendments to agricultural uses under the zoning bylaw. This work did not involve regulation of farm-related chemical use, such as pesticides and herbicide.

Agenda Item #5 --- Other New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

Adjournment

Motion: Vice-Chair Rosenfeld moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion. Six (6) out of six (6) Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion through roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Colleen Canning, Planning/Conservation Coordinator

Appendix

Document	Document Location
Zoom Attendance List	Attached
NOI – 506 Granby Rd (288- 0500)	Conservation Files
RCOC - 26 Cove Island Rd (288- 0479)	Conservation Files
Conservation Land Management Plan	Conservation Files

Attendee Report

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Yes	Jill	1/7/2026 17:59	1/7/2026 19:14	75
Yes	Terry	1/7/2026 17:41	1/7/2026 19:14	93
Yes	Colleen	1/7/2026 17:48	1/7/2026 19:14	86
Yes	April	1/7/2026 17:58	1/7/2026 19:14	76
Yes	Tom	1/7/2026 17:58	1/7/2026 19:14	76
Yes	Daniel	1/7/2026 18:00	1/7/2026 19:14	75
Yes	Kay	1/7/2026 17:55	1/7/2026 19:14	79
Yes	Zennyah	1/7/2026 18:03	1/7/2026 18:36	34

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