



Town of Chester Conservation Commission Agenda

Monday, June 9th, 2025

4:00 P.M.- 7:00 P.M. (1600-1900)

Location/Contact

Town of Chester: COA Room at the Town Hall

15 Middlefield Road, Box # 16

Chester, MA 01011-9733

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*Meetings will be held in-person and via Zoom every Second Monday of the Month.

Appointments are encouraged, but not necessary. All are welcome to attend.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86116470325?pwd=knOjE379zUo3tXAtOAYAHFNmiLdD7E.1>

Meeting ID: 86116470325

Passcode: 551313

Please contact the Conservation Committee/Town Administrator for any questions/concerns.

We appreciate your patience and flexibility.

Agenda

1. Call to Order

- Roll Call
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- Conflict of Interest Disclosures

2. Call to Vote

2a. RDA submitted for a 5-year Vegetation Management Plan from CSX.

2b. Call to Ratify: WPA Form 9, Emergency Order, 05/27/2025 for DPW that required emergency road work-stabilization, erosion/sediment controls from eroding banks along Johnson Hill Road along Otis Wait Brook.

2c. Call to Ratify: Enforcement Order, 0 Baystate Drive, for conducting unpermitted work within a buffer zone and NHESP area.

2d. Administrative Discussion: Creation of an outline for public participation and meeting decorum expectations.

3. Revolving Business

1. A new lock has been placed for the COA room which will be shared with the Conservation Commission until further notice. Filing Cabinets are available for ConCom use.

We appreciate the COA Director, the BOS, and other Town Officials that helped ConCom make this happen.

2. Discuss existing conservation areas/areas of concern.

2a. Awaiting CMELD's response from the Chair's emailed inquiry to a Vegetation Management Plan, which includes cutting of trees, application(s) of any chemical/herbicide treatments, ect, and Emergency Communications Plan to Property/Landowners and Town Officials when actions thereof are within ConCom jurisdiction IAW MGL 131 SS 40 and Massachusetts Watershed Protection Act (313 CMR 11.00). Currently, ConCom has Eversource's 5-year Vegetation Management Plan, 2024-2028, submitted and approved in 2024.

3. Septic(s)/Well(s), Inter-Collaboration(s) Notated

4. Stormwater Mgt (MS4) Permitting and Program Development- In progress for feasibility, DPW/ConCom.

5. Begin to review feasibility and development of a Local Tree Ordinance- In Progress

6. Review 310 CMR 10.00, MGL 131 SS 40:

6a. Discussion of structure/governance/communication of committee, retention and recruitment efforts, ongoing/future education.

7. Status update on grant applications, if applicable.

4. New/Upcoming Business

Introduction of new/ongoing conservation initiatives:

1. Farmland of Local Importance Designation-Soils

2. Community Outreach/Education

5. Special Presentations/News

- Hazard Mitigation Plan- awaiting MEMA.

-WM DeP Circuit Rider News – Railroad Guidance from DeP.

6. Public Comment Period

- Open floor for public members to speak, 3-5 minutes per speaker allotted for time, space. For further follow up or questions/concerns, please contact the Conservation Commission via email.

7. Adjournment

- Schedule for the next meeting

- Meeting closure

Please note that the agenda items are subject to change. For any inquiries or further information, please contact the Town of Chester Conservation Commission and/or Town Administration Office.

We look forward to your comments and participation.

Approved Agenda/Meeting Minutes for the Town of Chester Conservation Commission on
(date/time)_____.

Chair: _____ (print)/_____ (signature)/_____.

Vice Chair: _____ (print)/_____ (signature)/_____.

Member: _____ (print)/_____ (signature)/_____.