



# Conservation Commission Agenda

Monday, July 14th, 2025

4:00 P.M.- 5:45 P.M. (1600-1745)

## Location/Contact

Town of Chester: COA Room at the Town Hall

15 Middlefield Road, Box # 16

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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/82806872929?pwd=Y5GE0rHdL3g8lWY4GRM0RoePy5qnBn.1>

Meeting ID: 82806872929

Passcode: 004666

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 by Bryan Balicki, Septic Repair on 11 School Street, next to a Resource Area.

2b. NOI submitted by Tighe & Bond; DeP # 131-0074; Abbott Hill Brook Culvert Replacement Project, Town Project.

2b. Continued from June 2025: RDA submitted for a 5-year Vegetation Management Plan from CSX.

2b. Continued from June 2025: 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. Continued from June 2025: Call to Ratify: Enforcement Order, 0 Baystate Drive, for conducting unpermitted work within a buffer zone and NHESP area.

2d. Update on appeal for 66 Crane Avenue.

2e. Any other business to be discussed.

### 3. Revolving Business

3a. 326 Middlefield Road- awaiting NOI submission for new septic installation next to a RA.

3b. Stormwater Mgt (MS4) Permitting and Program Development- In progress for feasibility, DPW/ConCom. Development of regulations, permitting requirements, ect. are in review.

3c. Begin to review feasibility and development of a Local Tree Ordinance- In Progress

3d. Discuss existing conservation areas/areas of concern.

3e. Review 310 CMR 10.00, MGL 131 SS 40:

3e.1.a. Discussion of structure/governance/communication of committee, retention and recruitment efforts, ongoing/future education.

### 4. New/Upcoming Business

4a. Farmland of Local Importance Designation

4a.1.a. We need a list of currently working homesteaders, farmers, etc. and/or anyone who would like to participate in a potential farmer's market here in Town. Find soils that are indicated on the LFOI on Town maps.

4b. Community Outreach/Education- ongoing through social media and open office hours.

4b.1.a In need of way to provide education/awareness to local Farmers/Agriculture within MGL 131 cc 40 jurisdiction.

### 5. Special Presentations/News

5a. Hazard Mitigation Plan- awaiting MEMA.

5b. 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. All public meeting(s) decorum will be followed and respected. The Chair and Commissioners have the right to stop the meeting or ask such individuals to leave or be removed for any justifiable and reasonable cause. All public meetings/hearings, information/documents, etc. shall be obtained ONLY through certified mail written requests to the Conservation Commission within 10 business days of the dated meeting/hearing. Any such person(s), businesses, etc. aggrieved shall also submit any complaints via certified mail in writing to the Conservation Commission.

## 7. Adjournment

-Below is the remaining Fiscal Year schedule for the next and upcoming meeting(s), from 1600-1900, (4 PM – 7 PM) in the COA Room at the Chester Town Hall:

- August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

- 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)/\_\_\_\_\_.