

Town of Nahant

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Meeting Attendance: Thomas Famulari, Henry Hall, Mark Jarrell, Mark Patek, and Kristin Kent (Conservation Agent) via Zoom

Meeting called to order by Mark Jarrell at 7:04 PM

1. Request for Determination of Applicability, 179 Willow Street

Ryan Mahoney

Request to repair concrete slab between retaining walls and enlarge steps/landing within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and the 100 foot buffer zone to Coastal Bank.

The property owner was present to discuss his plans for the property. Patek indicated that the neighbor, Barbara Beatty, is in support of the retaining wall repairs. The Commission informed the property owner that exterior work requires Conservation review given the proximity to the ocean.

Motion to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability, with the condition that no concrete washout occur on the beach, was made by Patek. Motion seconded by Famulari and it passed unanimously.

Motion to lift the Enforcement Order made by Patek, seconded by Famulari. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Request for Amended Order of Conditions, 49 Little Nahant Road (047-0618)

Nicholas Grund & Sachiyo Minegishi

Request to amend the existing Order of Conditions to allow the house to be re-built on the existing house foundation footprint, within the 100 foot buffer zone to Coastal Bank.

Work began on the project, and the structural engineer determined the existing foundation wouldn't be sufficient to support the work. House foundation will be re-built in the same footprint. Stormwater management will be provided in the backyard.

Patek moved to issue an Amended Order of Conditions with the condition that erosion controls be installed prior to commencement of work, project debris shall be managed to prevent blow over into the ocean and no concrete washout shall occur on the beach. Famulari seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Request for Certificate of Compliance, 51 Fox Hill Road (047-0615)

Chris Kallenback

Request to close out permit for construction of an addition, deck and bulkhead within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.

Project is complete, and the conditions of the permit were satisfied, including submission of an as-built.

Famulari made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance, seconded by Patek. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Potential Enforcement Action, 4 & 5 Nahant Road – Causeway (047-0605)

The Commission and members of the community have expressed concerns regarding the project laydown area at the beginning of the Causeway. The Town Administrator has been in communication with MassDOT regarding the project and has received little information. Famulari raised concerns about the area and how it complies with MassDOT policy directives.

The Commission agreed to hold off on formal enforcement action until Kent can connect with MassDOT/DCR to determine the status.

Other Business:

Approval of Meeting minutes

Patek made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 21, 2026, seconded by Famulari. Motion passed unanimously.

Kelsey Shultz – Mass Bays Interim Regional Coordinator provided an eelgrass planting update. The burial and broadcast planting methods were utilized. Monitoring will occur in the spring. They are interested in undertaking an acre of restoration and will be filing with the Commission. Monitoring results will be shared with the Commission.

Motion to adjourn made by Hall at 7:52 PM, seconded by Famulari. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting minutes submitted by Kristin Kent, Conservation Agent

Minutes approved by the Conservation Commission on March 24, 2026