

Minutes of the November 25, 2025 Meeting:

Attendees:

Conservation Commission: Mike Frederick, Chair; Jim Kenney; Branden Mascolo. Darryl Darby absent.
Fred Sears, Registered Sanitarian with Hill Engineers, Architects, Planners Inc., Dalton MA

Call to Order at 4:05pm.

Public Input for items not on agenda: None, no one from the public was present.

Review of Minutes July 22 Meeting: Minutes from the July 22 Meeting finalized with a 3-0 vote, were signed and will be provided to the Town Clerk for posting.

Request for Certificates of Compliance for properties at 7 and 9 Spruce Drive made by Eric Taylor File # 260-009 and # 260-021 respectively: Commissioners engaged in a site visit to both properties on November 14. The purpose of these interactions is to confirm compliance with the issued Orders of Conditions and to now issue a Certificate of Compliance to be filed at the Registry of Deeds to remove any blemish on the deed. Commissioners voted 3-0 that a Certificate of Compliance can be issued. Documents were provided to Mr. Sears for filing with the Registry of Deeds.

Budget request for fiscal 2027: The Town Administrator has requested that each Commission provide a budget request for the coming year. Commissioners agreed that a request for \$500 should be made by a 3-0 vote.

20 South Road Extension- Project Status: Mr. Frederick reported that he had been in contact with Mike Wall, the project engineer, who indicated that he had provided a projected cost but has not received a response from Mr. Vachon.

Any other old/new business:

- J. Kenney explained that he'd completed the last of eight MACC training units and will be issued a Fundamentals Certificate.
- The idea of a Conservation Commission library shelf as raised and gained support from the Commissioners. Various publications are available from the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) as well as from the state dot.gov website. It was agreed that J. Kenney would contact the MACC and ask which materials were appropriate for small towns and possibly solicit donations of those materials.
- Mr. Frederick reported that excavator work was beginning at the Schiller property on Lafayette Dr.
- Mr. Frederick indicated that the DCR requires the Peru Conservation Commission (PCC) to agree with the automatic extension of the Ashmere Lake Annual Drawdown Order of Conditions, File 260-015. The original Order of Conditions were issued by the Peru Conservation Commission in 2009. This Order of Conditions have been automatically extended and are in effect until December 10, 2025. The 2024 Leeds Act requires the Peru Conservation Commission's concurrence with the extension to December 10, 2027. To make the DCR's extension acceptable and fileable by the DCR with the Registry of Deeds, the motion was made: For the automatic extension of the Ashmere Lake drawdown, the Peru Conservation Commission (PCC) confirms their agreement with this extension, which would run through 12/10/2027. Commissioners voted 3-0 in favor of the motion.

Adjournment at 5:13pm

This meeting is held in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act. (M.G.L. c. 131 Section 40, and Wetlands Protection Regulations (310 CMR 10.00).

Approved and submitted:

Mike Frederick/Chairman: Edward M. Frederick

Darryl Darby: Darryl Darby

James Kenney: James Kenney

Branden Mascolo: Branden Mascolo

Date: 8/18/26

