

Conservation Commission Minutes
Thursday, March 19, 2026
Town Office 55 Main Rd

Present: David Nims, Matt Slowinski, Bill Dornbusch, Larry Richmond, Lee Denison & Mia Francesconi present. Ben Beas, absent.

Others Present: Alice Wozniak, Clerical Assistant; Mark Thibodeau, North River Maintenance Manager.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM.

Hearing: **The Request for Determination by North River LLC was opened.**

Lee Denison will recuse himself on this hearing due to his son, Scott possibly getting materials from the demolition.

North River LLC applied to demolish the red building as well as the blue warehouse at 237 Main Rd but is within 100' of the North River. Discussion involved how the buildings will be taken down, the condition of the existing silt fence and the need to replace that as well as adding straw wattles for extra protection of the river. The hearing was closed.

Vote: **Mia Francesconi moved to find Negative Determination, reason #2 (adding a condition for installing new siltation barrier following approximately 200' of the existing fence and adding straw wattles for extra protection). Matt Slowinski seconded. Lee Denison recused himself. Passed by majority.**

Minutes: **Bill Dornbusch moved to approve the Minutes of March 11, 2025, as written. Larry Richmond seconded. Mia abstained due to absence. Passed by majority.**

New Business: 1.) Alice sent out the Harassment Policy to the board and had the members sign their Acknowledgment of receipt. She will email Ben to have him sign.

2.) MA Craft Cultivation [108 West Leyden Rd.] is doing a Site Plan Review to expand their cultivation space. The Con Com reviewed the plans submitted and have no concerns with the proposed expansion.

3.) The Con Com discussed the "Bailey" trailer located near the power lines on Prolovich Rd. [Map 414, Lot 27] Newer members were brought up to speed on the trailer that was illegally put in over 20 years ago and is likely stuck now. It was suggested that the board conduct site visits independently, take pictures and we will add them to our next agenda. Bill asked Alice to dig out any old records on it, including if there was any Enforcement letter issued, etc.

Adjourn: **Lee Denison moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM. Matt Slowinski seconded. Voted unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Wozniak, Clerical Assistant