



**TOWN OF  
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**STONEHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
October 27 2025 6 PM  
Hybrid/Hearing Room Town Hall**

**Please join us in person at the Hearing Room 35 Central Street Town Hall or by logging in at**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88638134225?pwd=xyGbvLABOngaosGC7eU6kHA0MCbWD6.1>  
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Domenick Cimina, Richard Jackson, Jeremy Zasowski, Jeanne Craigie, Annalisa Bhatia, Jessica Gerke, Megan Day, Lauren Dempsey, Brett Gonsalves, Rich Kirby, Cassidy Chroust

Motion to open meeting by Jeanne Craigie seconded by Jessica Gerke roll call yes 8/0 Domenick Cimina, Richard Jackson, Jeremy Zasowski, Jeanne Craigie, Annalisa Bhatia, Jessica Gerke, Megan Day, Lauren Dempsey

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Department of Conservation and Recreation**

Woodland Road/Pond St  
*Cassidy Chroust*  
RDA for fence repair

Cass Chroust fence repair by Woodland Rd, safety concern for DCR. Resource plan of Woodland Rd by Spot Pond in Middlesex Fells Reservation. Pathway behind guardrail there is a pipe rail fence embedded in stone wall. Fence repair has become loose in stone wall. Remove post, install footing in wall and reinstall post 1.5 feet depth concrete footing. Will remove stones, frame and pour concrete then sleeve in posts. Strong slope on side, will not be working on ground but standing on top of slope. 300 feet in length, 100 fence posts total. Drainage manholes and outlets flagged, materials will be stored up on sidewalk or block off part of road. Above grade not engaging ground.

Jeanne Craigie asks if road is blocked will State police be involved? Cassidy Chroust answers its their road, put barriers in place, appropriate signage may not have state police full time.

Richard Jackson asks timeframe, Cassidy Chroust says handwork, review with Mass historical commission approval, timeline is hard to pinpoint. May take a week to complete. Richard Jackson asks if it'll be in spring? Cassidy Chroust answers hoping for the fall, weather dependent, may be in the spring. Sidewalk plows they are not able to widen, space maxed out.

Jessica Gerke fencing may be exempt when it allows wildlife.

Domenick Cimina asks about work below the wall, work will be three feet off wall, walking behind to get access mentions Cassidy Chroust. Some minor trimming may be necessary of invasives. Stockpiles would have siltation socks in place.



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Motion to close public hearing and issue negative determination of applicability per Jessica Gerke seconded by Annalisa Bhatia roll call yes 7/0 Domenick Cimina, Richard Jackson, Jeremy Zasowski, Jeanne Craigie, Annalisa Bhatia, Jessica Gerke, Megan Day

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

**Veterans Lane 297-0407**

*Rich Kirby and Brett Gonsalves*

Report on conditions. Certificate of compliance requested.

LEC submitted memorandum today from collapse of slope with intermittent stream in 2022, clean area up with limited access because of steep slopes. Remove and cast on side remainder of material. Inspected in 2023, 2024 and 2025 with Commission and Brett Gonsalves. Aggregate has stabilized, channel has formed its own course, banks are vegetated. There are saplings and trees that have died, may have been dead at event but provides good habitat. Allowed additional sunlight for ground cover population of plants. Shared slides of pictures of Veteran's Lane. Fragmites 10x15 patch should be removed by hand and roots pulled out to extent practical. Made the best of a bad situation.

Jessica Gerke asks about common reed, Brett Gonsalves asks about best manor of removing. Hand removal would be good states Rich Kirby, subsequent cutting would be good, avoid use of herbicides if possible.

Motion to issue a certificate of compliance by Jeanne Craigie seconded by Jessica Gerke Roll call yes 7/0 Domenick Cimina, Richard Jackson, Jeremy Zasowski, Jeanne Craigie, Annalisa Bhatia, Jessica Gerke, Megan Day

**DISCUSSION**

**Weiss Farm**

September Environmental monitor report. Rich Kirby update.

Site visit Friday October 24, 2025 to Weiss Farm. Shares screen with photographic report.

Franklin Street is clean. Leaves provide layer of filtration. Concrete washout noted. Seed has germinated in most areas. Arthur Bennett's had some flooding along fence after rain.

Jessica Gerke asks about concrete drop if same or new area. Rich Kirby responds new. Jessica Gerke asks if others were cleaned up? Rich Kirby says subcontractors are probably responsible, there should be visible concrete washout stations. Sean Sebastian, David Cowell and Caitlin White are on text chain with Rich Kirby as of Friday 10/24/25.

Richard Jackson asks if it washes out to Meeting House Brook, entire site is upgradient per Rich Kirby. In accordance with contract concrete must be contained. Richard Jackson asks if there is more concrete coming? Rich Kirby will find out. Richard Jackson asks if they need a fine? Rich Kirby said he will follow up and send a photograph. Domenick Cimina asks about washout of seeded area if it was from parking lot? Rich Kirby said it looks like they are preparing curbing, could be parking lot. There is not curbing by recharging station yet. Could be Cape Cod berm, Rich Kirby isn't sure what curbing is proposed.

**Whip Hill**

Signage update

Jessica Gerke met with Northeast Metrotech curriculum director and needs a document with scope of work and they will give us an estimate of materials for kiosk cost. Design features glass front cabinet or community notices posted. Map, historical info, park rules or separate pieces of kiosk can be proposed by student designer. Doors to protect signs? Jeremy Zasowski says that may imply changes often, Jeanne Craigie thinks plexiglass with 4 screws. Is it openable to protect against graffiti or corkboard asks Jessica Gerke? Jeanne Craigie thinks kiosk is the greeting and rules, maybe by house could be community info. Permanent signs suggests Jeremy Zasowski but meant to be there. Events and trail maps could be closer to the house. Annalisa Bhatia asks if there is difference in cost? Jeremy



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Zasowski states if constantly changing, Megan Day manages police box and it doesn't change often. Design it to have options. Proposal statement of work, Friends of Fells DCR Greenwood Park kiosk plan can be reviewed.

**Repair quotes update**

Domenick Cimina met with Contractor 10/23/25 and contractor said he will get to Whip Hill within the next 2 weeks. Tom O'Neil Construction to repair dormer.

Last Friday illegal dumping at Whip Hill of concrete. DPW went today to pickup and 4-5 more piles. Richard Jackson asked about putting a camera at Whip Hill. Lower parking lot dumping 15 feet into grass. 7 different areas had dumping. There is wifi at Whip Hill. DPW did cleanup. All from same project is suspicious. Dumped between Saturday noontime and today.

Jeanne Craigie mentions gate closing. Megan Day thinks we need to make sure gate is closed nightly. Without evening security may need to ask police, may need to report dumping. Point person if AJ Jamogchain is not available, may need plan for point person for gate. Jeremy Zasowski should we look into camera system? Records and possibly goes to police station. Check after incident. Are there cameras recording at school and town hall? Domenick Cimina states self contained unit at house may be more affordable. Ask Brett Gonsalves or police for assistance.

Santa at Whip Hill December 20/21 date requests 2-5pm. Motion to allow Santa at Whip Hill by Jessica Gerke seconded by Jeremy Zasowski roll call yes 8/0 Domenick Cimina, Richard Jackson, Jeremy Zasowski, Jeanne Craigie, Annalisa Bhatia, Jessica Gerke, Megan Day, Lauren Dempsey

**Matters not anticipated**

95 Maple St looking for certificate of compliance. Apartment condo instead of medical building, Sweetwater Brook runs there. Parking lot in place for medical building is the same. Rain garden created in front, prior to construction of 95 Maple was trucking area that was demolished. Left hand side parallel to Sweetwater brook want to be sure there is no adverse impact. Brett Gonsalves will report back to Commission what he sees. Domenick Cimina area by garage doors, and area at new culvert by 92 Montvale where water drains. Top entrance may be washing into brook states Domenick Cimina. Silt sock washed into culvert may need to be cleaned. Brett Gonsalves will summarize observations. Jessica Gerke asked about outfall, Town meeting voted on drain easement on property, relocated easement and adopted drainage not outfall. Jeanne Craigie asks for photographs in report.

Richard Jackson 11 Aspen Lane tear down, silt socks installed late. Brett Gonsalves was notified. Pictures have been sent of silt socks installed. Plan followed fence, 25 foot goes inside fence, did not require them to remove fence.

**Approve Meeting Minutes from October 1, 2025**

Motion to approve minutes by Jessica Gerke seconded by Jeanne Craigie roll call yes 6/0 Richard Jackson, Jeremy Zasowski, Jeanne Craigie, Annalisa Bhatia, Jessica Gerke, Megan Day

**Next Meeting November 17, 2025 Close Open Meeting**

Move into Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body pursuant to Mass. Gen. L. c. 30A sec. 21(a)(6) to wit: Lease of Portion of Whip Hill Manor. Motion to close public hearing and not return to open session going into executive session made by Jeanne Craigie and seconded by Jessica Gerke roll call yes 8/0 Domenick Cimina, Richard Jackson, Jeremy Zasowski, Jeanne Craigie, Annalisa Bhatia, Jessica Gerke, Megan Day, Lauren Dempsey