

TOWN OF OTIS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

4/21/2026 MEETING MINUTES

Location: Otis Town Hall, One North Main Road, Otis & Via Zoom

Conservation Commission Members present: Bruce Wall, Jeff Laramy, Domenic Battista, Chris Chaffee, Admin Assistant - Candy Chaffee

Conservation Commission Members absent: Dave Sarnacki

Opening items/Introduction of Commission members and staff. Domenic opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and noted that the meeting is being recorded. Dave introduced the members of the commission, and asked everyone to turn off/down their cell phones for the duration of the meeting. The Next meeting will be Tuesday, Tuesday, May 19th, 2026 @ 6:00 PM. The deadline for applications for the May 19th, 2026 meeting is on Wednesday, May 6th, 2026 by 3:00PM. The next office hours, for the May 19th, 2026 meeting, is on Wednesday May 6th, 2026 by 3:00PM.

Minutes: Domenic made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 17th, 2026 meeting; BW 2nd the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the March 17th, 2026 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing – RDA – Submitted by Amer Raza on behalf of Francisca Heming, Route 8, regarding the resurfacing and related work from mile marker 8.0 to 12.0 on Route 8, all within the BZ, RFA & BLSF of the riverfront. With all the being said, Domenic made a motion to grant a -3 determination with special condition that the contractor will inform us prior to the job as to where they will wash the vehicles. CC 2nd the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to issue a -3 determination with the special conditions listed above.

Public Hearing – RDA – Follow up from last month – (Follow-up from February) - Submitted by Maxine Nogard, 105 Reservoir Rd., Map 17 Lot 21, regarding the removal of fallen and leaning trees that are endangering the home, all within the BZ of the Farmington River. With all the being said, Domenic made a motion to grant a -3 determination with special condition that there will be no further cutting unless the trees are leaning and broke. JL 2nd the motion and the

Commission voted unanimously to issue a -3 determination with the special conditions listed above.

Public Hearing – RDA – Submitted by James Pignataro, 126 East Shore Rd., Map 16A Lot 39, regarding the removal of a decaying tree endangering the home, all within the BZ of the Big Pond. With all the being said, Domenic made a motion to grant a -3 determination with special condition the trees will be cut flush. BW 2nd the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to issue a -3 determination with the special conditions listed above.

Public Hearing – RDA – Submitted by Iron Wood Tree Care on behalf of Wayde McMillan, 633 Pine Rd., Map 17D Lot 20, regarding the removal of a hazardous beach tree, all within the BZ of Otis Reservoir. Domenic made a motion to grant a -3 determination with special condition that a silt fence will be installed, the trees will be grinded & homeowner will file a planting plan prior to the start of the job. CC 2nd the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to issue a -3 determination with the special conditions listed above.

Public Hearing – RDA – (Follow-up from February) - Submitted by Peter Pappas, 0 Brookman Dr., Map 18C Lot 57, regarding the removal of a sandbox, all within the BZ of Otis Reservoir. Mr. Pappas was not present at the meeting so Domenic made a motion grant a continuance until next month. CC 2nd the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to grant a continuance.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE:

COC – Submitted by Matthew Puntin, SK Design Group, 98 Kibbe Point Rd., Map 17D Lot 66 regarding the request for COC for work completed under **DEP# 254-217**. Domenic made a to grant the COC. BW 2nd the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to grant the COC.

COC – Submitted by Robert Bailey, 17 Elm St., Map 16B Lot 21 regarding the request for COC for work completed under **DEP# 254-0425**. Domenic made a to grant the COC. CC 2nd the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to grant the COC.

COC – Submitted by Berkshire Geo-Technologies, Lot 14 - Pease Road (273 Pease Road), Map 16B Lot 21 regarding the request for COC for work completed under **DEP# 254-0441**. BW 2nd the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to grant the COC.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing – NOI – WE 254-0494 - Submitted by Matthew Puntin, SK Design Group on behalf of David Amanti, 98 Kibbe Point Rd., Map 17D Lot 66, regarding the demolition of

existing house and construction of a new house, all within the BZ of Otis Reservoir. Domenic made a motion to grant the NOI with the special conditions that a silt fence and waddles are to be installed prior to the start of the job. CC 2nd the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to grant the NOI with the special conditions listed above.

Public Hearing – NOI – WE 254-0495 - Submitted by Robert Bailey, 17 Elm St., Map 16B Lot 21, regarding the reposition of existing dock & install of addition to dock & boat lift, all within the BZ of Otis Reservoir. Domenic made a motion to grant the NOI with the special conditions as sited in the plans, also work cannot start until a chapter 91 is approved. CC 2nd the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to grant the NOI with the special conditions listed above.

Public Hearing – NOI - WE 254-0493 – Submitted by Todd Brouillette, 280 Kibbe Rd., Map 17C Lot 65, regarding the repair & rebuild of existing stone wall & install of a 15' x 25' paver patio, all within the BZ of Otis Reservoir. Domenic made a motion to grant the NOI. JL 2nd the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to grant the NOI.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion in regards to a request made by Jennifer Rivers Cole to continue as an alternate. After discussion upon the commission in regards to Jennifer Rivers Cole not being present at any of the conservation meetings for over a year, Dominic made a motion to remove Jennifer Rivers Cole as an alternate on the Otis Conservation Commission. BW 2nd the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to remove Jennifer Rivers Cole as an alternate.

ANY OTHER TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR

A motion was made to discuss with the board how to move forward with the OCC for 0 Stebbins Road.

Domenic made a motion to adjourn at 7:10.