

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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Conservation Commission Agenda EMERGENCY MEETING Friday August 5, 2022, at 6:00 PM

VIA Zoom ONLY

PUBLIC ACCESS ZOOM MEETING LINK: Join Zoom Meeting

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All are invited to Attend – Materials and documents are available in electronic format upon request.

- 1 PRELIMINARIES: votes may be taken.
 - 1.1 Call the meeting to order and roll call.
 - 1.2 Announce the Meeting is being tape recorded.

2 **WORKSESSION:** votes may be taken.

2.1 Emergency Project Certification -Brookline St schoolchildren pedestrian bridge – Pursuant to MGL 131 s. 40, and local bylaw 138-3, The Conservation Commission has received a request for an emergency project. – Emergency Projects are subject to 24 hour approval

MGL c. 131, § 40, -

The notice of intention required in the first paragraph of this section shall not apply to emergency projects necessary for the protection of the health or safety of the commonwealth which are to be performed or which are ordered to be performed by an agency of the

commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof. An emergency project shall mean any project certified to be an emergency by the conservation commission of the city or town in which the project would be undertaken, or if none, by the mayor of said city or the selectmen of said town. If the conservation commission, mayor, or selectmen, as the case may be, fail to act favorably within twenty-four hours of receipt of a request for certification of an emergency project, said project may be so certified by the commissioner or his designee. In no case shall any removal, filling, dredging, or alteration authorized by such certification extend beyond the time necessary to abate the emergency. The permitting and emergency provisions in this paragraph shall not apply to severe weather emergencies as declared by the commissioner of environmental protection following a destructive weather event requiring widespread recovery efforts, debris cleanup or roadway or utility repair. A severe weather emergency declaration shall allow for emergency related work to occur as necessary for the protection of the health or safety of the residents of the commonwealth. A severe weather emergency declaration by the commissioner shall describe the types of work allowed without filing a notice of intent, any general mitigating measures to condition the work that may be required in performing such work, any notification or reporting requirements, the geographic area of the declaration's effect and the period of time the declaration shall be in effect which, in no event, shall be longer than 3 months unless extended by the commissioner. A severe weather emergency declared by the commissioner shall be sent electronically to all conservation commissions in the geographic area of the severe weather emergency and shall be made widely available to the general public through appropriate channels for emergency communications. A declaration of a severe weather emergency by the commissioner shall not impact the department's ability to enforce any general or special law or rule or regulation that is not altered by the commissioner's declaration.

3 ADJOURNMENT: votes may be taken.