

**REGULAR MEETING  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
1 JUNKINS AVENUE  
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**4:00 P.M.**

**October 14, 2026**

**ACTION SHEET**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Samantha Collins; Vice Chair Barbara McMillan (via Zoom);  
Members: Lynn Vaccaro, Jessica Blasko, Alice Carey. Alternates: Oliver Chag

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Stewart Sheppard, Brian Gibb; Alternates: Talia Sperduto

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kate Homet; Environmental Planner, Stephanie Seacord; Minute Taker

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**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. September 9, 2026

*The Commission voted (5-0) with one member abstaining to approve the September meeting minutes with the following corrections:*

- 1. Change out the Open Space Plan under the CIP items to the PULA Study.*
- 2. Correct the Swap Shop item as Chair Collins' idea, not Member Vaccaro's idea.*

**II. STATE WETLAND BUREAU APPLICATIONS (NEW BUSINESS)**

1. Dredge and Fill – Major Impact  
4 Robin Lane  
Paul & Suzanne Doisneau, Owners  
Assessor's Map 207 Lot 10

*The Commission voted (6-0) to recommend denial of this application to NHDES based on the following issues:*

- 1. The Commission finds this structure likely extends across more than 25% of the waterway width at mean low water.*
- 2. The Commission finds that this structure would impede the passage of non-motorized watercraft.*
- 3. This structure would access the entire tidal cycle, where only the majority of the tidal cycle is necessary for recreational use.*

- 4. This structure is not the least impactful alternative. Applicant stated that they had not explored alternatives such as shifting the orientation of the structure and reducing overall length to still have same or similar depth access.*
- 5. This application does not ensure that the float will be stored off-site during the off-season. The Commission would like a note that specifically restricts any storage of the structure on sensitive salt marsh during the off-season.*
- 6. The application notes communication with the Harbormaster about navigability of the channel. No documentation of this communication is provided.*
- 7. Applicant stated that no eelgrass was found in the immediate vicinity of the proposed structure. The latest data from the Piscataqua Regions Estuaries Partnership (PREP) notes adjacent eelgrass beds. Applicant should utilize the most updated eelgrass research to identify and map locations of these sensitive species in relation to the proposed dock.*

### **III. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Capital Improvement Plan – Update

*Staff discussed the latest update on the Commission's CIP requests.*

2. Article 10 – Work Session

*Staff reminded Commissioners about the work session the following night with the Planning Board and the Commission reviewed the Planning Board edits in advance of that meeting.*

### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.*