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The Commission shall conduct a public hearing on any applications or request for determination, with written notice given at the expense of the applicant, five working days prior to the hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality.

The Commission shall commence the public hearing within 21 days from receipt of a completed application or request for determination. The Commission shall issue its permit or determination in writing within 31 days of the close of the public hearing thereon. The Commission in an appropriate case and its discretion, may combine its hearing under this by-law with any hearing required to be conducted under the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L., Chapter 131, Section 40, or as amended from time to time.

15-5 As amended under Article 24, ATM 1991. As amended under article 34, ATM May 10, 2017. 82

The Commission shall have authority to continue the hearing to a date certain announced at the hearing, for reasons stated at the hearing, which may include receipt of additional information offered by the applicant or others, information and plans required of the applicant, deemed necessary by the Commission in its discretion, or comments and recommendations of boards and officials listed in