

Town of Conway

Conservation Commission

Minutes

Date: April 27, 2021

Time: 7:30pm

Facilitator: Bruton Strange

Location: Conducted remotely

In Attendance

Members: Bob Nowak, Grace Larson

Administrative Assistant: Lara De Lucca

Others in Attendance: Roger Clapp

Meeting Called to order by Bruton Strange at 7:37 pm

Minutes from 4/13/2001:

- Motion to approve by Bruton, seconded by Grace, approved 3-0-0

Financial Matters –

- Recorder invoice approved at least meeting, billing sent to Pan Am per Bruton.

BOH/Building Permits/Site Reviews

- 1879 Shelburne Falls Rd – Building shed –
No action required by Con Com, forwarded to building inspector.
- 535 Old Cricket Hill Rd – inspected erosion controls
Result of site visit, everything fine. No further action required.

Forest Cutting Plans

- 418 Roaring Brook Rd – Q. Antes
Per Grace, concern with crossing a lot of streams, forestry didn't object to it. No problem with it.

Mail/Announcements

- RDA – 69 Main St – septic installation/foundation removal

Original house was a 2 bedroom built in 1988, but RDA says planned new septic installation is for a duplex. Possibly enlarging original footprint with new construction, which would count as new building. Requested building plans.

Possible NOI. River and natural heritage concerns. Bruton will contact owner.
Site visit: May 9 at noon, Public Hearing: May 11

- Inquiry – 0 Old Buckland Rd, Conway – Evan Schein – use of water on property
Question is can he use the water under Right to Farm? Would also have to clear wood at river front. Is it exempted because it is agriculture? Grace will ask Mark.

Misc. Matters

- B. Strange – change of responsibilities

Grace left meeting for this discussion.

Bruton has asked Grace to be the acting chair and she has agreed. Bob N. agrees she is qualified to take on the duties and supports this change. Bruton will ask Bob A., and if he also agrees, Grace will be acting chair starting in May.

Public Hearings and Meetings

- NOI – R. Clapp – Dry Hydrant Installation, gravel pull out area for fire trucks – continuation.

Hearing opened 7:42

Roger's concerns/questions about Order of Conditions:

- Is it okay that the start of the trench will be underwater, therefore equipment will need to go across the resources during construction? All agree to take out "no equipment may enter resource" line from O of C.
- What will be used for protector and where it will be put? Per Grace, edge of pond will be a border, and there should be protector around the pullout. As soon as construction done, must put in protector. And trench back-filled and seeded with grass.
- Need to flag limit of project? Grace- probably not. Bruton – that's reasonable.

Roger will be in contact when he knows when work will start, which will depend on weather and water level. He can quickly mark out where they'll dig before starting, and have discussion at that time.

Grace - motion to approve O of C with one change made. Seconded by Bob N.
Approved 3-0-0.

Roger will file Certificate of Completion once done.

Grace motion to approve NOI, to send out to DEP and Roger. Bruton seconded.
Approved 3-0-0.

Hearing closed 7:53

Motion to adjourn by Bruton S., seconded by Bob N., approved 2-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next Regular Meeting May 11, 2021, 7:30pm

- Virtual Teleconference. To call: 413-369-1541, PIN: 1541#