

Town of Conway

Conservation Commission

Minutes

Date: May 11, 2021

Time: 7:30pm

Facilitator: Grace Larson

Location: Conducted remotely

In Attendance

Members: Bob Armstrong, Bob Nowak, Bruton Strange

Administrative Assistant: Lara De Lucca

Others in Attendance: Russ Evans

Meeting Called to order by Grace Larson at 7:30 pm

Minutes from 4/27/2021:

- Motion to approve by Grace, seconded by Bob N., approved 3-0-0

Financial Matters –

- Received: Recorder invoice - \$60.00, (\$255 open balance)
Motion to approve \$60.00 invoice by Grace, seconded by Bob A., approved 3-0-0.
Bruton has the Recorder invoice for \$255 which has been previously approved and will send it to accounting.
- Checks Received: \$60 (Pan Am Railways)
\$60 check matches invoice.
Motion to approve \$60.00 check by Grace, seconded by Bob A., approved 3-0-0.

BOH/Building Permits/Site Reviews

- 3299 Shelburne Falls Rd, Building shed – info not complete
No site visit yet. Need diagram showing where shed will be in relation to other structures and road. So far there seems to be no water resources involved, but need that additional info before ConCom can sign off.

- 82 Elmer Rd – Just came in, putting on a screened porch
Building permit is in the works. No water resources involved. Grace signed off on it today.

Forest Cutting Plans

- None

Mail/Announcements

- Vertex Tower Assoc 1384 S. Deerfield Rd – expecting paperwork
Hope to get on to June agenda.
- Eversource – S. Shirkshire Rd/Bear River – expecting paperwork
Eversource sent NOI. Grace will distribute.
Had RDA on the other side, probably more work on that line.
Possible site visit on May 23, Grace will follow up.

Misc. Matters

- NexAmp solar project
Should we be in contact with Planning Board about another site visit? Joe Strzegowski (PB) has asked for a couple more visits, and it would be good for ConCom to go with them. There has been some concern about trash in the woods and visibility of panels for abutters. NexAmp is putting up shrubs and slats in the fence to hide panels. Bob A. will follow up with Beth about joining a site visit.
- In-person meetings starting again with June 8 meeting.

Public Hearings and Meetings

- 7:40 RDA – Russ Evans – 69 Main St – install new septic tank, remove old foundation and replace on original footprint

Hearing opened 7:40

Has permit to upgrade septic and build on existing foundation. But RDA says removing and replacing, not building on existing. Does 1058 exemption apply – building within footprint of structure destroyed by fire? But would exemption apply to septic if he is enlarging septic? Does expanding septic require further permitting? Per Russ, BOH regs

say he has to expand/upgrade septic. Russ will check back in with state, and meet again after he gets clarification.

Bruton moves for a 2 week extension, to continue at next meeting, Bob N. seconds.

Approved 3-0-0. Hearing will continue at 7:40 on 5/25/21.

Hearing closed 7:47

Motion to adjourn by Grace, seconded by Bob N, approved 2-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Next Regular Meeting May 25, 2021, 7:30 pm

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