

Town of Conway

Conservation Commission

Minutes

Date: July 27, 2021

Time: 7:00pm

Facilitator: Grace Larson

Location: Town Hall, 5 Academy Hill Rd

In Attendance

Members: Bob Armstrong, Bob Nowak

Administrative Assistant: Lara De Lucca

Others in Attendance:

Dean Scudder, 124 Mathews Rd

Andrew Sovjani (via phone), 2060 Main Poland Rd

Brien Tal-Baker, designer for 2060 Main Poland Rd

Sebastian Meyer (via phone), 2142 Shelburne Falls Rd

Jake Orzechowski (via phone), JPH Building

Meeting Called to order by Grace Larson at 7:00 pm

Minutes from 7/13/2021:

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

Financial Matters –

- Checks Received: Sovjani: \$70.00

Motion to accept check by Grace, seconded by Bob A., approved 3-0-0.

BOH/Building Permits/Site Reviews

- **26 Cemetery Hill Rd – Garage foundation – 7/13 – no plans indicated**

Nothing new, no plans

Forest Cutting Plans

- **84 Leukhardt Rd, George Murphy – tree cutting/invasion plant removal**

Bay State Forestry, plans to continue with cutting and start invasive plant removal. Going out to Allison, will wait for her response. The South River is nearby.

Mail/Announcements

- None

Misc. Matters

- **Solar Farm – DEP Complaint, site visit**

Site visit yesterday with Mark S. Mark noted they missed an intermittent stream at the base of the driveway and there is no protective covering there. The residue from washout is going through the culvert, and into the wetland. The complaint was from an abutter and brought up several issues, some which go to Planning Board and some ConCom. Awaiting response from Mark's director.

Habitat for Humanity – 638 S. Deerfield Rd – awaiting RDA for house construction

We're waiting to hear from them. They also have questions about whether the septic was cleared by the Board of Health 5-6 years ago. The headstream for Mill River goes across property. Issues may not have been explained when they acquired it. The original RDA was for clear cutting only and is closed.

- **NOI – UCC – 44 Whately Rd – plans received, need site visit**

Rebuilding of church. Site is under a current NOI. Bruton waiting to get clearer information from church designer before site visit. Right on riverfront.

- **DEP Determination – 69 Main St Revised Septic plans okayed. NOI required.**

Approved revised plan, but NOI will be required, or purchaser of property will have to go through it. New foundation is okay if it stays within the original footprint, but NOI required for septic system upgrade.

- **Phone number and password for calling in to the meetings**

Going forward, Grace will add these to the bottom of the agenda.

Public Hearings and Meetings

- **7:10 RDA – Scudder, 124 Mathews Rd, septic tank installation (continuation)**

Hearing opened: 7:11

Did site visit. Plan uses least impactful area for septic tank and leach field. Will use silt fence as noted on plan. Exemption applies due to size of lot.

Grace moves to approve with a negative 3 (work described is within the buffer zone but will not alter an area of protection). Seconded by Bob N. approved 3-0-0.

Hearing closed: 7:20

- **7:30 RDA – Sovjani – 2060 Main Poland Rd – new work garage construction**

Hearing opened: 7:31

Standard foundation on bedrock ledge – gravel, then concrete. Will remove some soil to get down to ledge. Construction will be on land that is already disturbed – garden and driveway. About 200 feet from intermittent stream, will use silt fence at bottom of drive during construction.

Plumbing will be for one sink. No need to size up septic or touch tank. No bathroom. Electric is coming off of the house.

Grace moves to approved with a negative 1 (the area described is not an area subject to protection or the buffer zone). Seconded by Bob A. Passed 3-0-0.

Hearing closed: 7:43

- **7:40 JPH Building – 2142 Shelburne Falls Rd – review of amendment to OOC for partial removal of erosion fencing**

Hearing opened: 7:48

All in agreement, no discussion needed. Grace moves to approve the amendment to the OOC with the photographs attached. Bob N. seconds. Approved 3-0-0.

Hearing closed: 7:52

Motion to adjourn by Bob A, seconded by Bob N, approved 3-0-0. Meeting adjourned 7:54.

Next Regular Meeting August 10, 2021, 7:00 Town Hall, 5 Academy Hill Rd