

Conway Conservation Commission

Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Location: Town Hall All-Purpose Room, 5 Academy Hill Rd

Facilitator: Grace Larson

Members Present: Bob Armstrong, Bob Nowak, Bruton Strange

Administrative Assistant: Lara De Lucca

Other Attendees:

Michael Campbell

Russ Evans

Matthew Gaspar

Walter Goodridge

Lianna Hart

Jeff Knox

Michael Lavigne

Danielle Lochhead

Jack Lochhead

Tom MacCarthy

Jim Moore

Rhonda Pease

William Pease

Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m. by Grace Larson

1. Review and approve minutes of previous meeting, August 24, 2021

Motion to approve minutes as submitted by Bruton, seconded by Bob N, approved 3-0-0.

2. Financial Matters

a. Checks Received: \$70.00 (McCarthy), \$67.00 (Gaspar)

Motion to accept checks by Grace, seconded by Bruton, approved 3-0-0

b. Invoices Received: Recorder \$70.00

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

3. BOH/Building Permits/Site Reviews

a. 26 Cemetery Hill Rd – Garage foundation – no action on property

Waiting on drawing, no work has been done, waiting for them to follow through.

b. 516 Main Poland Rd – Installation of above ground pool – zoning denied
ZBA denied request for a permit, Grace asked for layout of where it will be. New plan requires underground laying of electrical work. Pool itself not approved. Zoning issues which are outside of ConCom’s purview.

c. 1029 Shelburne Falls Rd – new car port – signed off
Was part of original plan, house already signed off on.

4. Forest Cutting Plans

a. 184 Leukhardt Rd – invasive plant removal – approved by Forestry/Fisheries/Wildlife
ConCom doesn’t have to do anything with it

5. Miscellaneous Matters

a. Dry Hydrant – 630 Main Poland Rd – site visit for erosion stakes placement
Site still wet, probably won’t be able to do anything until October, if that.

b. Eversource – Transmission Line Rebuild – On Calendar w/ConCom 10/12/21, 7:30 pm
Haven’t seen anything so far

c. UCC – WPA Form 7 Extension Permit for Order of Conditions – needs sign off
Bruton moves to extend old Order of Conditions that is about to expire, for an additional 3 years, to 9/14/2024. Seconded by Bob A. Vote 4-0-0, passed.

d. New RDA Received – 257 Graves Rd – Tree Removal – site visit needed
Stream right in the middle. Close to bank.

e. 5th ConCom member needed.
Will go in next Conway Currents.

6. Public Hearings and Meetings

7:10 NOI – Russ Evans – 69 Main St – Installation of septic system

Hearing opened: 7:07

Plans for new septic system, prepared in consultation with and approval of DEP. Includes erosion mitigation measures – silt fence and wattles.

New septic system is for 4 bedrooms. Construction will be done in 48 hours. Elevation won’t change – no mound above it.

Grace moves to close hearing and create the Order of Conditions, Bruton seconds. Approved 3-0-0.

Will return at next meeting to conclude.

Hearing closed: 7:32

7:30 RDA – Matt Gaspar – 55 Ashfield Rd – Tear down/rebuild shed

Hearing opened: 7:33

- double silt barrier for deep ravine
- barrel for rainwater off roof, with overflow pipe going away to street
- limitation of site location – can't move it
- contact ConCom for site visit when silt fence is in

Grace moves to approve with a Negative 5 (meets 10.02(2)(b) 2.e. exemption as pre-existing structure already disturbed). Bruton seconds. Approved 4-0-0.

Hearing closed: 7:55

7:40 RDA – John Lochhead – 130 Reeds Bridge Rd – Removal of invasive species – continuation

Hearing opened: 7:58

ConCom received spraying plans. John submitted responses from abutters indicating they are aware of plans. Qualifies for exemption for land in agricultural use.

Grace moves approval with Negative 5 (meets the exemption for land in agricultural use). Bruton seconds. Approved 4-0-0.

Hearing closed: 8:05

8:00 RDA – Tom/Susan McCarthy – 25 Mathews Rd – New garage construction

Hearing opened: 8:10

Extend garage into preexisting lawn. Plan shows will stay outside 100 feet, as requested at site visit.

Bruton moves approval with a Negative 1 (area not subject to protection under WPA). Grace seconds. Approved 4-0-0.

Hearing closed: 8:12

Motion to adjourn by Grace, seconded by Bob A, approved 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:26.

Next regular meeting: September 28