

Conservation Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting: March 28, 2023, 6 p.m.
General Purpose Room at Town Hall

Present for the Commission: Grace Larson, Bruton Strange, Chair; Mary Kay Costello, Tony Somers

Others Present: Véronique Blanchard, Town Administrator; Ron Sweet, Highway Superintendent; Ken Ouimette, Chief of Police; Peter Jeswald, Louise Beckett, Assistant to the Commission

Grace convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from January 24, 2023; February 14, 2023, February 28, 2023 and March 14, 2023 meetings cancelled

On a motion from Mary Kay to approve the minutes as listed above, Grace seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Financial Matters:

- Invoices: \$75.00 Reimbursement for MACC Fundamental Class taken Brittany Nickerson
On a motion from Grace to approve reimbursement, Bruton seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.
- As Received: none

Housing/Building Permits/site Visit

- 71 Hoosac Rd, turn barn into dwelling – this has been signed off. Bruton request on turnoff housing permit
- 326 Hart Rd, installation of ground mounted photovoltaic tracker system – signed off
- 1101 So. Deerfield Rd – rebuild fallen bridge – signed off (prior RDA approved)

Forest Cutting Plans: none

Mail/Announcements: none

Miscellaneous Matters

- Election of officers: tabled
- Discussion of ConCom and Nexamp involvement
We are working to get this figured out. A site visit will be arranged.

Hearings

6:10 p.m. – NOI- Continued -15 Ashfield Rd – addition to current firehouse building

Fuel tank closer to septic. Ron: existing to new building. Tight tank: where floor drains. New septic. Old tank abandoned and gas separator because of floor drains. Need to protect the well. Buildings and sheds are all going away. Hay/straw bales for silt control. Around drains . Sock otherwise. Filter fabric. Town Administrator to send drawing to the Conservation Commission. Next meeting will be order of conditions - Scheduled for April 11.

Bruton announced that he would be stepping down as Chair of the Commission when his term expires on June 30. A brief discussion of responsibilities of the Commission took place, with making sure agendas get posted; that bills get paid; following up on permits and forest plans emphasized.

At 6:40 p.m. Grace: moved to close the meeting; Bruton seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Next Meeting scheduled for April 11, 2023, 6 p.m.

All Interested Parties are encouraged to attend. Meeting will be held in person at Town Hall, General Purpose Room, 5 Academy Hill Rd. Masks optional.