

Conservation Commission Minutes
April 25, 2023, 6 p.m.
Town Hall, General Purpose Room

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

Others Present: Ron Sweet, Highway Supervisor, Peter Jeswald, Highway Facilities Committee; Louise Beckett, Assistant to the Conservation Commission

At 6:00 p.m Grace called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes from March 28, 2023

Note: February 14, February 28, March 14 and April 1 meetings were cancelled.

On a motion from Grace to approve the minutes of March 28, 2023, Brittany seconded, all said aye, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Financial Matters:

- **Invoices**
None
- **As Received**
None

Housing/Building Permits/site Visit

- **Building Permit- New House on old 16 Hoosac Road property – gas piping for boiler/stove**
This property has been seen before - they're only putting in piping for a gas stove.

Forest Cutting Plans

None

Mail/Announcements

- RDA - Jesse Williams has sent one in for a new driveway on Thompson Road. A site visit should be made. Before 11 a.m. on the weekend is best for most of the Commission. An ad needs to be put in the *Recorder* for this coming Wednesday. Tony will take on t his project.
- There has been another request from a different owner on Thompson Road.
- Next meeting there will be a discussion with James Matus and the assessors about his Whately Road lot - whether it's buildable.

- Janet Chayes has expressed interest in making a presentation to the commission about the Pollinator Project in Conway. We will ask her to speak at the May 9th meeting.

Miscellaneous Matters

- **Nexamp Update**

Bruton has not heard back from Jamie Stanton at FRCOG, who is the project manager. If no response is made in good time, the Commission can ask the DEP to intervene.

- **Election of officers**

Bruton nominated Grace to be Chair for the short term, and Tony as Chair once Grace wishes to step down. Brittany seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Hearing

- **6:10 p.m. – NOI, 15 Ashfield Road - continued – addition to current firehouse building**

There was substantial discussion about Erosion Control Nos. 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 regarding storage of materials during the project, wetlands restrictions, possible need for winter protection of the soil that will be seeded, the length of time between the completion of the building and when the rest of the lot needs to be stabilized. The NOI was amended to the satisfaction of the Commission and the town representatives at the meeting.

On a motion from Grace to approve the Order of Conditions with changes listed above, Bruton seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor. The Order of Conditions was then signed.

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2023 6 p.m. at Town Hall, General Purpose Room

At 7:06 p.m. on a motion from Grace to adjourn, Bruton seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.