

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Conway Town Hall

Present for the Conservation Commission: Grace Larson, Brittany Nickerson; Louise Beckett

Grace called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

On a motion from Grace to approve the minutes of June 27, 2023, Brittany seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Housing/Building Permits/Site Visits

- *Building Permit – 585 So. Shirkshire Road – signed off*

Building Permit on So. Shirkshire was rejected because of an apartment, which is not permitted.

- *Building Permit – 1700 Roaring Brook Rd – signed off*

The house was built in 2004 and a wetlands request was submitted. You can build in a buffer zone if you take precautions. The owner is replacing the existing deck.

- *Site Visit – 929 So. Deerfield Rd – Bridge Repair*

Mary McClintock needs to repair the driveway passage from Route 116 across the Mill River to her house. Repairs have been made in the past, but due to the storm today, an emergency order to repair needs to be issued. There is a 4' culvert, that is currently covered with stone/rubble and at some point part of the edge has eroded. The contractor she has hired is consulting with an engineer, with the thought that they will remove some of the present work, build a portion up somewhat to straighten it out, and put a reinforced concrete pad over the culvert and buildup. On a motion from Grace to approve an emergency order for 929 South Deerfield Road, Brittany seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Natural Roots - 888 Shelburne Falls Road – Emergency Certificate

On a motion from Grace to approve an emergency certificate for Natural Roots due to the flooding of the farm today with possible contamination from the river, Brittany seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Washout on Route 116 DOT 34.9 to 35.9 mile markers - WPA Emergency Certification Form

Grace has already signed the form and sent it in. On a motion from Grace for the Commission to approve the Emergency Certification, Brittany seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

- *Site Visit – 638 So. Deerfield Road - Certificate of Compliance - PVHFFH*

No further erosion has been noted on the edge of the driveway despite the storm of 07/10. The deed is expected to be transferred by the end of this month. With the signing of the Certificate

of Compliance, the Commission's role is completed. On a motion from Grace to approve and sign the Certificate of Compliance, Brittany seconded, all said aye, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Grace took some photos of the Nexamp site today because of the heavy rain. The images show water flowing from the swales into the stone basin, and on the outside of the basin, catching at what is left of the broken silt fence, leaving a gaping hole to flow into the stream, alongside of the hay bale that the force of water removed. Jaymie from Nexamp said they will be there today to remedy the situation. No date yet for the requested repairs discussed previously.

Regarding Fields Hill: we can't do anything at this point until we are able to contact the owner.

Forest Cutting Plans

None

Mail /Announcements

None

Miscellaneous Matters

None

Hearings

- *6:10 p.m. – NOI – Delabarre Rd Erosion and Repair – Continued* - there are no signatures yet from Russ French and Bucky Storm.

At 6:45 p.m. on a motion from Grace to adjourn: Louise seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 5 Academy Hill Road.