

**Conway Conservation Commission Minutes
December 12, 2023; 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 5 Academy Hill Road**

At 6:04 p.m. Grace convened the meeting.

On a motion from Grace to approve the minutes of November 14, 2023, Tony seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor. There was no meeting on November 28, 2023.

Financial

None

Building Permits/Site Visits

- 584 Bardwells Ferry Road – Fallen Trees in South River - Inquiry - Tony and Grace went out, but there is nothing the Commission can do. Forwarded Natural Heritage site to homeowner.
- 204 Bardwells Ferry Road – Parking area off Bardwells Ferry Road – Inquiry - parking off of the road: it's an easement. Needs to be graded so he can move out of the right of way/habitat.
- 453 Fields Hill Road – Bathroom/bedroom renovation/outside shower – Building Permit signed off - no issues.
- 259 Thompson Road – New house construction – Building Permit - signed off – RDA approved.

Forest Cutting Plans

None

Notices

- Advance notice of MACC Dues for July 2023-June 2024 – increase from \$207 to \$215
- Received notice from the Town Administrator of a meeting of committees/commissions on Thursday, January 18 at 5 p.m. with the Select Board at the Grammar School - what's going on with the Commission. Grace will send in a description if no-one can attend.

Updates

None

Hearings

- 6:10 p.m. – Enforcement Order – E. Stuart - Continued

Grace asked how Edward was doing with moving the structure. Edward asked if he could put it off until spring. He said he understands that it must be moved. Asked what the delay reason was, Edward said he has been swamped with work. Agricultural exemption? It's not currently agricultural, so he would have to go through the regular permitting process. Postpone continuation until the end of April? Can issue an amended enforcement order specifying terms. Mr. Stuart was advised to contact Ward Smith to help file an NOI to build a structure or house, since he is allowed to build on the property, but will need an order of conditions from the ConCom. On a motion from Grace to extend the enforcement order to April 30 and amend it to make it clear that the structure must be removed from the river, Tony seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor. As far as putting in gravel, grading, etc. it would depend if it's in a resource area/wetland. If Edward wishes to submit an RDA for any purpose, he will find the form on the website <https://www.mass.gov/lists/wetlands-permitting-forms>

Continued to April 30th.

Other Unannounced Business

- Potential RDA – new well – 1528 Ashfield Road
There is wetness on the property, but we don't know where the septic is. Well must be 100' from the leach fields. Board of Health makes this determination.
- Con Com Training for times when chairperson is absent

Next Meeting: January 9, 2024, 6 p.m., Town Hall, General Purpose Room.

At 7:00 on a motion from Grace to adjourn, Tony seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.