Conway Conservation Commission Agenda April 23, 2024, 6:00 p.m. Town Hall, Assessors Office, 5 Academy Hill Road

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

Others Present: Philip Bowden, Main Poland Road

At 6:05 p.m. Grace convened the meeting

Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2024

On a motion from Grace to approve the minutes of April 9, 2024, Brittany seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Financial: Received postal money order re: E. Stuart – legal ad - \$94.41

On a motion from Grace to accept the money order for the legal ad in the amount of \$94.41 for Edward Stuart, Tony seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Building Permits/Site Visits

67 North Poland Road

The slope is deteriorating rapidly. The plans for the bridge replacement don't address the problem.

2394 Main Poland Road

Grace expressed concern that ConComm's role is being misrepresented. The areas we are involved in are those that involve water. The issue of high water tables is not within our jurisdiction.

• 0 Hoosac Road – DEP Complaint

DEP brought this complaint that someone was cutting down timber and destroying the property. Not under the purview of the ConComm.

Forest Cutting Plans

None

Updates

• Wendy Stayman, Reeds Bridge Culvert

Highway Superintendent Ron Sweet hasn't been there as yet, but Wendy is now asking that the town correct the riprap, which is crumbling away. Originally she had only asked to have the culvert cleaned out, and a swale created.

• Water Quality Certification – N. Poland Brook

Hearings

• 6:10 p.m. - NOI – Ed Stuart – Old Fields Hill Road, Lot 416-012

Mr. Stuart did not attend. Grace opened the meeting and tabled it to be continued at the next meeting on May 14.

Other Business

• Discussion – Nexamp water issues

Latest news is that the abutters complaints now center around the deforested top of the hill from which they feel water is running down and causing erosion and washouts. This is something they need to work out with Nexamp.

Discussion – Updated Draft for DEP regulations

Not discussed as committee members would have to be much better versed in DEP regulations to make informed comments.

• Site Visit – 4/28 9 a.m. – Old Fields Hill Road, lot 416-012

Mr. Stuart confirmed that he would be there at 9 a.m. on Sunday, April 28. Three members of the ConComm will be available.

Resident Philip Bowden came to discuss problems with the Main Poland dirt road. The pond on Main Poland Road by the Clapp property is wetland. He felt the section of road should be closed. There are a number of streams in the area, and there is no development in the area he is speaking of. Permitting would more likely come from Natural Heritage. If Philip sends his pictures Grace can forward them to our circuit rider Mark Stinson.

Adjourn

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

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Conservation is scheduled for May 14, 2024 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall, General Purpose Room, 5 Academy Hill Road. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.