

**Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**August 27, 2024, 6 p.m.**  
**Town Hall, 5 Academy Hill Road, General Purpose Room**

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

**Others Present:** None.

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

Approval of Minutes from August 13, 2024

On a motion from Grace to approve the minutes of August 13, 2024, Tony seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Financial Matters

None.

Forest Cutting Plans

None.

Mail/Announcements

None.

Housing/Building Permits/site Visit

- Grace signed off on a building permit for a solar array on 3064 Shelburne Falls Road.
- Grace met with Mark Stinson from DEP and Ryan Clary from FRCOG to discuss Emerson Hollow Road culverts – main discussion was about the size/capacity of the two replacements.
- In preparation for today's hearing to grant a Certificate of Compliance to Conway Solar/NEXAMP, Grace did a site visit and took photographs of the swales and the stone basin at the bottom of the driveway which she sent to all today in an email.

Miscellaneous Updates

- Reeds Bridge RD Bridge Erosion issues – town is conducting a delineation to determine what is their responsibility.

## Hearings

6:20 Grace opened hearing for Nexamp:

Certificate of Compliance for Conway Solar, Nexamp site – Grace made a motion that we approve this, Tony seconded, all said aye, and the vote is unanimous in favor.

- 6:27 Grace opened hearing for Invasive removal/spraying:
  - On a motion from Grace to approve DOA for treatment of Japanese knotweed, oriental bittersweet and other invasive plants by licensed herbicide applicators for 268 Shelburne Falls Road (under negative determination 3). Tony seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor. Work cannot be completed until Natural Heritage approves the work, a MESA has been filed.
  - On a motion from Grace to approve DOA for treatment of Japanese knotweed, oriental bittersweet and other invasive plants by licensed herbicide applicators for 236 Shelburne Falls RD (under negative determination 3). Tony seconded and the vote is unanimous in favor. Work cannot be completed until Natural Heritage approves the work, a MESA has been filed.
  - Hearings for 67 Elm St; 167 Elm St; 52 Main St; 70 Main St; 174 Shelburne Falls Rd continued until next meeting on September 10, 2024.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 6 p.m. at Town Hall

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