

**Conway Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**September 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Town Hall, General Purpose Room, 5 Academy Hill Road**

**Present for the Conservation Commission:** Grace Larson, Chair; Louise Beckett, Mary Kay Costello

**Others Present:** Janet Chayes, Open Space Committee; Jeanne Thomas

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

On a motion from Grace to approve the Minutes of August 27, 2024, Mary Kay seconded, all said aye, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

**Financial**

We received an invoice from the *Greenfield Recorder* for \$188.82, for legal ads, including an RDA from Janet Chayes for the invasive plants (103.85) and RDA for Edward Stuart (\$84.97). On a motion from Grace to approve payment, Mary Kay seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

**Building Permits/Site Visits/Inquiries**

- Inquiry: 474 Boyden Road – Repair of driveway culvert – no issues  
Change of culvert: old culvert damaged, requiring replacement.

**Forest Cutting Plans**

None

**Notifications**

Update on FOH parking in South River Meadow

The Town Administrator put in a request to Natural Heritage as the FOH board has approved parking in the South River Meadow for the duration of the festival this year. The lawn is to be cut soon, but this needs to happen before/after turtle season . There are also sensitive species in the meadow. We haven't heard from Natural Heritage as yet but they will make a determination.

Emerson Hollow - one culvert has been replaced. Mark Stinson says the one under the road should be the same size as the one they replaced. This has to go further up the chain of authority if any changes are to be made.

**Hearings**

- 6:10 Certificate of Compliance – Eversource - Duplicate  
The Conservation Commission had signed off on Eversource's certificate of completion so there is nothing more to be done. However, they lost their copy and are asking for a replacement.

The members of the Conservation Committee signed the duplicate and Grace will send it to Eversource.

- 6:20 (7 RDA's) Invasive Plant Removal (Continued)
  - 167 Elm Street
  - 52 Main Street
  - 174 Shelburne Falls Road

52 Main: Still waiting for Natural Heritage regarding the removal of knotweed: On a motion from Grace to approve the RDA for removal of trees from the property with a Negative 2 determination, Mary Kay seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor. Work cannot be done before determination from Natural Heritage is received.

167 Elm Street: On a motion from Grace to approve RDA for invasive plant removal with a Negative 2 jurisdiction under the act Mary Kay seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor. Work cannot be done before determination from Natural Heritage is received.

174 Shelburne Falls Road: Determination: On a motion from Grace to approve RDA for invasive plant removal with a Negative 2, Mary Kay seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor. Work cannot be done before determination from Natural Heritage is received.

### **Other Unannounced Business**

Town Administrator Veronique has sent information regarding the CPA - there is a required seat for a liaison from the Conservation Commission. Mary Kay expressed interest so Grace will put her name forward to the CPA.

Welcome Jeanne Thomas – Potential New Con Com Member

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 24, 2024. 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, General Purpose Room, 5 Academy Hill Road.