

**Conway Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**September 24, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Town Hall, General Purpose Room, 5 Academy Hill Road**

**Present for the Conservation Commission:** Grace Larson, Chair; Louise Beckett, Tony Somers

**Others Present:** Jeanne Thomas; Sara and Dan Wells; Sandra Hay/Roger Goshea

6:05 p.m. Grace convened the meeting

On a motion from Grace to approve the Minutes of September 10, 2024, Tony seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

**Financial**

Check Received for \$91.26 for Legal Ad – S. Hay/R. Goshea

On a motion from Grace to approve the check for processing, Tony seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

**Building Permits/Site Visits/Inquiries**

Site Visit – 52 Main Street – Tree Maintenance

**Forest Cutting Plans**

None

**Notifications**

*Update on FOH parking in South River Meadow*

Natural Heritage's delineation will be used so there may not be many cars parked due to the limited amount of the property that can be used.

*Update: 101 River Street – E. Cert – needs ratification*

R. & H. Weeks of Plainfield is doing the work. They are stabilizing the septic tank and will install riprap to stabilize the bank.. On a motion from Grace to ratify the E.Cert, Tony seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

**Hearings**

*6:10 RDA – 52 Main Street, Tree Maintenance*

Members of the commission took a look and there were no objections. Negative determination of 2. The project does not require a notice of intent nor a filing with Natural Heritage.

## **Other Unannounced Business**

Grace asked Jeanne Thomas if she is interested in joining the commission, and if so, she should notify Grace in writing, who will then notify the Selectboard, and if she is appointed, she will be sworn in by the Town Clerk.

*Extension of E. Cert – Emerson Hollow Road Culvert pending*

Denied by DeP on Monday.

*255 Shelburne Falls Road - question about the feasibility of adding a structure.*

The Wells' have property on Shelburne Falls Road and are looking to annex two of the properties away from the original property. Majority of the land is in the wetlands. They want to understand what they need to do to be in compliance if they build a small structure for their family's use. Grace advised them that to go ahead they need to do a perk test if one hasn't been done within 3 years. Assuming no problems with wetlands. May have a perennial stream in the area where there is groundwater so the state will find it important to know where the structure is to be located, and how far away from the stream. Tony advised that when siting they should avoid wetlands, resource areas and buffers. Might also be bordering or coming on to primary habitat. Grace said they probably will need to file an NOI which needs to spell out the delineation and where and will need to go through a MESA check. This involves fees for the Town and for the MESA review. Tony added that they should check building setbacks. If the properties are declared agricultural and are changed to residential this could present problems. They expect to add a driveway, and so need to insure it's wide enough for emergency vehicles. Probably need a curb cut (but this is not within the commission's purview). If DEP approves a variance, they will want to see due diligence affecting the design.

Adjourn: At 6:53 on a motion from Grace to adjourn, Tony seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.