

Conway Conservation Commission Minutes
October 22, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall, General Purpose Room, 5 Academy Hill Road

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

Others Present: Ed Stuart and son

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

On a motion from Grace to approve the Minutes of September 24, 2024, Tony seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

On a motion from Grace to approve the Minutes of October 8, 2024, Louise seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

WELCOME TO JEANNE THOMAS, CON COM'S NEW COMMISSIONER!

Financial

None

Building Permits/Site Visits/Inquiries

None

Forest Cutting Plans

None

Notifications

- Announcement of the new Conservation Agent for several western towns. The position is being funded by a grant from a state Efficiency and Regionalization grant.

Hearings

- 6:10 p.m. – RDA – E. Stuart – Road Access and water resources, Continued

Ed Stuart's case was reopened for a summarization and plan to move ahead. Ed has gotten written permission from most of his abutters. The ConCom has no jurisdiction except where water issues or habitat are concerned. Ed said he doesn't expect to do any road clearing. The land was used as a sawmill many years ago, and slopes downhill from before his property and where he plans to install gravel is mostly rock. It might be difficult to control erosion in that area. Grace suggested that the erosion would be more on the west side. Need to use wattles as a barrier to stabilize the area. Also on the east side. Or maybe just hay bales because of the potential for a washout. A washout would be problematic and could cost Ed a lot. Ed says that washouts go straight down toward the road. Tony recommended that Ed consider small angular stone that eventually will lock and make migration of the stone less probable. On a motion from Grace to continue this hearing to our next meeting, Nov 12, Tony seconded, all said aye and the

vote was unanimous in favor.

Other Unannounced Business

- Discuss cancellation of November 26th Con Com Meeting and beginning of moving to one meeting a month from November 2024 through March 2025.

We will meet once a month starting in November through March. The meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month.

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall, General Purpose Room, 5 Academy Hill Road.