

Conway Conservation Commission Minutes
Meeting Date, April 8, 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall, General Purpose Room, 5 Academy Hill Road

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

Absent: Jeanne Thomas

Others Present: Michelle Sanger, Conway Swimming Pool

At 6:02 p.m. Tony convened the meeting.

On a motion from Tony to approve the minutes of March 11, 2025, Mary Kay seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Financial

None

Building Permits/Site Visits/Inquiries

- Inquiries - None
- Tony signed off on one on Windy Ridge. No issues.

- Site Visits - None

- Permits - None

- 92 West Parsons Drive - may have an intermittent stream. If a resource area Mark Stinson should be consulted. Continued to next meeting.

Forest Cutting Plans

For 45 Bent Nail Drive - to be continued

Notifications

- Conway-Shelburne - Bridge Preservation, C-20-017 - S-11-022 (OH6), Bardwells Ferry Road over Deerfield River; MassDOT Project Number: 613480

Modifications to footers are to be made, but the project is within the original footprint. Tony to ask Mark Stinson for comments.

- 2025 Yearly Operational Plan and Vegetation Management Plan; Berkshire & Eastern Railroad

Hearings

None

Other Unannounced Business

- Conway Swimming Pool - Michelle Sanger, newly elected president of the Pool Committee, thanked the commission for allowing her to attend the meeting. Worried about the geese and asked if the pool could be drained through April in an attempt to keep the geese away. Mary Kay commented that though the pool has been drained through April in other years, the geese still return. The pool committee has to hire Mass Wildlife at a huge cost to take care of the geese and goose droppings. If the pool were drained in November, frost could cause other damage. The dam is made of concrete/cement so could be damaged. Sediment builds up near the dam, so it does need to be drained on occasion to control the sediment. The volunteers do all that is currently being done, but if/when the volunteers quit, who would care for the pool? If it were to become a public pool, folks from outside of Conway would be able to use it. Many residents oppose this. So what's the solution in regard to regulation? Tony said that DEP is the authority on this jurisdictional regulatory resource. Last time an emergency certification was issued, but Tony says there is a specific date when the water needs to be restored.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 13th, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall, 5 Academy Hill Road, General Purpose Room

At 6:40 p.m. on a motion from Tony to adjourn, Louise seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.