

Conway Conservation Commission Agenda

Tuesday, May 13, 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall, General Purpose Room, 5 Academy Hill Road

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Approval of Minutes of April 8, 2025

Financial

- Invoices for Reimbursement - None
- Invoice from *Greenfield Recorder* - None
- Fee payments received - None

Building Permits/Site Visits/Inquiries

- Inquiries
- Site Visits
- Permits - 92 West Parsons Drive - may have an intermittent stream. If a resource area Mark Stinson should be consulted.

Forest Cutting Plans

- 45 Bent Nail Drive
- 209 So. Shirkshire Road

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.)

EC-25-006 BERX Freight Main Emergency Certification-WPA – DEP notification of issuance of an emergency certification for authorization of work to address BERX Freight Main slope failure at milepost 395.80.

Other Unannounced Business

Putala Pine Hill Road Proposed Single Family Dwelling – Tony reviewed submitted building permit plans. Preliminary determination is that limits of disturbance are outside of Con Com jurisdiction. Asked for larger context plan to verify.

Discussion of Commissioner's stipend.

Public Records Request from Tighe & Bond for Parcels ID: 413-073-000, 0 Johnny Bean Road,

174.8 acres owned by WD Cows, Inc., and 416-054-000, 0 Town Farm Road, 258 acres owned by WD Cows, Inc. No records found for parcels in question.

Pumpkin Hallow Church: On April 17, Tony Somers attended site walk with Jeanne Thomas, Sandy Hay, and Roger Goshea, to assess erosion at the church and plans to build up the southern lawn area. Building up of lawn and reseeding did not seem to be an issue and erosion controls are still in place. Erosion near the driveway, in concert with back cutting of storm sewer trench is undercutting stormwater infrastructure. Recommended they work with their contractor to resolve issue and come back to the commission with viable remedies.

Beaver Dam Removal: On April 17, Tony Somers, Jeanne Thomas, Ron Sweet and Veronique Blanchard met on Maple Street by Magg property to review beaver dam obstructions the were causing water to back up into the culvert under Maple Street. Discussed that the dam removed downstream of the culvert would resolve potential flooding of Maple Street, however, there were concerns around how machinery could get to the dam through adjacent saturated wetlands. Highway department to look into least impactful options to access and breach the dam.

Conway Town Field: On April 17, Tony Somers, Jeanne Thomas, Ron Sweet and Veronique Blanchard met behind the tennis courts to discuss stormwater infrastructure failure resulting in the inundation of the tennis courts and surrounding lawn area during rain events. Group to look info options to unearth what is believed to be a detention basin beneath the parking area retaining wall in order to relieve stormwater blockages and restore flow to vegetated stormwater convenance.

Hearings

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held in person at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall, General Purpose Room, 5 Academy Hill Road.