

Conway Conservation Commission Minutes
August 12, 2025, 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: Aaron Biasin, White Engineering; Sue/Jeff McFarland, Victor/Sharyn Trombly

At 6:26 p.m. Tony convened the meeting.

On a motion from Tony to approve the Minutes of 07/22, 2025, Mary Kay seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Financial

- Invoices for Reimbursement - None

- Invoice from *Greenfield Recorder*

RDA-255 Shelburne Falls Rd., Hohreiter, Ref. 4446772 \$111.00

RDA-1446 Ashfield Road, Morton Builders, Ref. 4447116)

RDA-116 & 79 Ives Rd, Mass-DOT, Ref. 4447116) \$178.45

NOI-No. Poland Rd. Line Distribution Rebuild, BSC, Ref. 4447116)

NOI-255 Shelburne Falls Rd., Hohreiter, Ref. 4447116)

On a motion from Tony to approve payment of *Recorder* invoices 4446772 in the amount of \$111.00 and 4447116 for \$178.45, Mary Kay seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

- Fee payments received - None

Building Permits/Site Visits/Inquiries

- **Inquiries** - None

- **Site Visits**

700 East Guinea Road, RDA to build a garage; filed by Victor/Sharyn Trombly

Tony noted that all member of the Conservation Commission attended the site visit and it appeared the proposed development would not impact resource area and would be more than 50' from the BVW.

- **Permits**

Forest Cutting Plans

Approved cutting plan for Eve-Cowles Tree Farm

Notifications - None

Hearings

6:30 p.m. - 700 East Guinea Road, RDA to build a garage; filed by Victor/Sharyn Trombly

Tony asked for a rundown. Victor wants to build a 20 x 30 garage to house his semi. He said they are mindful of setbacks and hired Ward Smith to delineate the wetlands, and help to fill out the forms. They moved the silt fence/limit of disturbance (LOD) more than 50-feet from the bordering vegetated wetland (BVW) at the ConCom's direction. As the existing area is a compacted gravel drive and lawn there should be not detriment to the wetland posed by the impervious cover of the garage. On a motion from Tony to give a Negative 3 determination, Mary Kay seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor. Tony filled in the Determination of Applicability (DOA) and told the Trombleys that it will be filed with the DEP.

6:35 p.m. - 104 Academy Hill Road, RDA for construction of a new septic system to upgrade an existing failed system in accordance with Title 5

Aaron Biasin, White Engineering, representing the McFarlands, discussed and showed the plan for the septic system upgrade, sized for a 50' x 50' easement with components outside the intermittent stream. The septic cannot be relocated because of two overlapping drinking well protection zones. There are no trees and shrubs since the landowner had already moved them out. Straw wattles will be placed inside the perimeter of the easement and will serve as the limits of the work. The leach field is outside of the 100' buffer. Aaron said that the Board of Health has approved the plan, and Randy Crochier at FRCOG has gotten the design approval from the BOH.

Tony reminded the McFarlands and Aaron that the Conservation Commission cannot sign off on the RDA until we receive the BOH approval. Everything must stay within the easement. Tony to fill out determination and will provide the original once Aaron provides the BOH approval notification. On a motion from Tony to approve the project, Louise seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Other Unannounced Business - None

Next Meeting - August 26, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

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.

Adjourn

At 6:48 p.m. on a motion from Tony to adjourn, Louise seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.