Conway Conservation Commission Minutes
December 9, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall, General Purpose Room, 5 Academy Hill Road

Present for the Conservation Commission: Tony Somers, Chair; Louise Beckett, Courtney Gilligan

Absent: Mary Kay Costello, Jeanne Thomas

Others Present: None

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

On a motion from Tony to approve the Minutes of November 11, 2025, Louise seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Financial

- Invoices for Reimbursement - none
- Invoices from *Greenfield Recorder* - none
- Fee payments received: Dusty King, 22 Elm S., Solar Advertising Fee-4449781, $90.91

On a motion from Tony to accept the payment of $90.91 from Dusty King, Louise seconded, all said aye and the motion was unanimous in favor.

Building Permits/Site Visits/Inquiries

- Inquiries - none
- Site Visits - none
- Permits - none

Tony drove by 0 Shelburne Falls Road and questioned whether there is sufficient space within the silt fence for equipment, workers, and materials. He also advised the applicant to make sure the silt fence is properly laid out to include the approved area, and that if everything is laid out correctly and all work/materials remain within the silt fence the project can move forward, once the silt fence is properly installed.

Regarding Jonathan Barkan's beaver concerns, Tony has been in communication with DEP and advised Jonathan that if the BOH deems the bridge crossing a safety concern and issues an emergency certification, the Con Com can then issue an emergency certification as well, so that the work can take place. Essentially, in this situation, the Con Com's role would be to ensure that least invasive practices are implemented to relieve the BOH safety concern. Once Jonathan is ready to move on this, the Con Com will schedule a site visit.

Tony received an RDA for a community scale solar development on Roaring Brook Road. Proposed development will take up a large portion of the field adjacent to the Boyden sugar

shack, and be visible from the school and 116. The Con Com's jurisdiction is restricted to review of potential jurisdictional resource impacts relevant to the WPA. Sightlines, visual impacts for neighbors, zoning, etc. are the responsibility of the planning/zoning/select boards based on the municipal bylaws structure, and beyond the Commission's scope.

Forest Cutting Plans
None

Notifications

The Commission received a courtesy notice from Eversource of upcoming Right of Way power line vegetation maintenance in 2026.

Hearings
None

Other Unannounced Business
None

Next Meeting
January 13, 2026

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