Conway Conservation Commission Minutes
January 13, 2026, 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, Courtney Gilligan, Jeanne Thomas

Absent: None

Others Present: Melinda Costello, Weston & Sampson; Marco Addonizio - Blue Wave Solar; Matt and Lucille Antes

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

On a motion from Tony to approve the minutes of December 9, 2025, Courtney seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Financial
- Invoices for Reimbursement - none
- Invoice from *Greenfield Recorder* - none
- MACC Dues Notice Received: FY27 Dues will be $228.00

Building Permits/Site Visits/Inquiries
- Inquiries - none
- Site Visits - Tony, on December 17, 2025, 502 Williamsburg Rd., Jonathan was given an E-Cert to remove the beaver dam, with the stipulation that he notify the commission when the work begins and when it has been completed. Tony circulated the E-cert for signature from those members of the commission.
- Permits - none

Forest Cutting Plans

Shelburne Falls Road Realty Trust 068-43446-26, Shelburne Falls/Dacey Roads

Notifications

Tony has been in conversation with the Town Administrator regarding Eversource's petition to install two temporary mobile battery units, one across from 258 Wilder Hill Road, and one across from 576 Shelburne Falls Road. The question is whether these units are being considered for installation in wetlands areas.

A Notice of Adjudication and Public Comment Hearing was received from MA Energy Facilities Siting Board regarding approval of National Grid's proposal to replace two existing overhead transmission lines, three associated tap lines and their supporting structures with new lines and structures. Conway is affected as well as many other towns. Hard copies are to be available at the town Hall, per this notice.

Hearings
6:10 p.m. - RDA - Roaring Brook Solar, LLC, Solar PV Development

Marco introduced himself and gave an overview of the project, which consists of agriculture and solar. Both Weston & Sampson and Blue Ware are MA-based companies. Blue Wave does mostly 5megawatt systems and smaller and they work through the SMART program. This project is termed agra-voltaic. There is a 20' spacing of the panels row to row, which allows access for the farmer. The panels are also no higher than 10' and track with the sun. Annual reporting to Eversource is necessary, as if not, they lose SMART benefits. In addition, this property is in Chapter 61A. They are submitting an RDA as, though they believe they're outside of the wetland jurisdiction they are asking for confirmation from the ConComm and approval to go forward. There is a perennial stream to the right of the project, but it is outside of the RFA. They will also be meeting with the Planning Board regarding the protective bylaws. Tony asked why the fence line was extended. Melinda responded that it was for agricultural operations, e.g. cattle movement/grazing. etc. Tony to check with DEP to see if he needs to recuse himself as he has done designs for Blue Wave. Tony asked Melinda and Marco to give the commission a date for a site visit, hopefully some time in the next week.

Other Unannounced Business
None

Next Meeting
February 10, 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

6:59 On a motion from Tony to adjourn, Louise seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.