Conway Conservation Commission Minutes
February 10, 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

Others Present: Andrei Agapov, AGT Homes; Nick Granata, Weston & Sampson, Inc.

At 6:05 p.m. Tony brought the meeting to order.

On a motion from Tony to approve the minutes of January 13, 2026, Mary Kay seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Financial

- Invoices for Reimbursement - *None*
- Invoice from *Greenfield Recorder* - Roaring Brook Solar, Legal Notice, 01/07/26 - $94.28
  On a motion from Tony to pay the *Greenfield Recorder* invoice for $94.28, Louise seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.
- Fee payments received - *None*

Building Permits/Site Visits/Inquiries

- Inquiries - *None*
- Site Visits - on Monday, February 9, Tony and Jeanne made a site visit to Roaring Brook Road in regard to the proposed Solar array .
- Permits - Jonathan Barkan has received an Emergency Beaver Dam Modification Permit from the FRCOG Cooperative Public Health Service, with an expiration date of 06/30/26.

George Forcier has been told by Eversource that he needs to absorb the cost to bring electrical to his new building on Pine Hill. He plans on having the line placed underground.

Forest Cutting Plans

Received an unapproved plan from Wigmore Forest Resource Management, for 11 acres on Graves Road. As there is not a wetlands issue, ConCom has no authority to do anything at this site.

Notifications

None

Hearings

6:10 p.m. Andrei Agapov, dba AGT Homes, LLC. RDA to build new single family home according to plans provided. Staying out of the 50ft setback, but inside the 100ft. Wetland flagged by Wendell Wetland Services

Tony and Jeanne visited the site and noticed the flags and thought they were properly placed. No question about silt fence outside 50' and no grading. Tony asked if there was any tree clearing proposed and Andrei said no. Erosion controls sufficient, even though he's closer to the stream. All water will flow toward the back of the lot. On a motion from Tony to give a negative determination of 3: activity is within the Buffer Zone, as defined in the regulations, but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act and does not require an NOI Mary Kay seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor. Tony cautioned Andrei to keep the disturbance outside the 50' line. Andrei asked about taking down some dead trees close to the proposed building. He said he'll drag them out. All signed the DOA and a copy was given to Andrei.

6:25 p.m. Roaring Brook Solar, LLC, Solar PV Development
Nick had brought the engineering plans and said they're requesting a negative determination. The array planned is not within wetlands though an intermittent/perennial stream hugs the property on the east side. Nothing in the plan is in the 200' RFA. Existing access goes behind the barn, and they will go straight. A fence will be installed around the area but cattle can access the land for grazing and also water. They will not be within the BVW. There is a swale that collects runoff. Grading relevant to equipment. Array is 10'+ high so cattle can get in and haying can be done. Fenced area is 24 acres and array is approx. 18 acres. Crest of the hill is where the panels end. Tony asked if the fence could be pushed back away from the BVW. Panels are 26' post to post. On a motion from Mary Kay, Tony having recused himself, to give a negative 3 determination, with the condition that erosion controls as in the plan presented be used, Louise seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Other Unannounced Business
Eversource temporary MBESS installations, Shelburne Falls Road: Tabled, at the request of Eversource.

MACC Scholarships for the annual conference: 2 are being offered per commission. Jeanne and either Courtney or Louise may attend.

Next Meeting
March 10th.

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 7:13 p.m., on a motion from Tony to adjourn, Louise seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.