Conway Conservation Commission Minutes
April 14, 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: George Forcier

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

On a motion from Tony to approve the Minutes of February 10, 2026, Mary Kay seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Financial
• Invoices for Reimbursement - Jeanne Thomas, MACC Conference 2026, $180.00
On a motion from Tony to reimburse Jeanne for the conference, Louise seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

• Invoice from *Greenfield Recorder* - none

• Fee payments received – Andrei Agapov, dba AGT Homes LLC - legal notice 4452055, 02/05/26 - $101.81
On a motion from Tony to accept fee payment of $101.81, Louise seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Inquiries/Building Permits/Site Visits

Inquiries
• 0 (1474) Pine Hill Road anonymous complaint
The commission received an anonymous complaint regarding Pine Hill Road in the mailbox at 32 Main Street. The writer alleges that the MA Wetlands protection Act and MA endangered species Act are being violated. On a query from Mark Stinson, Tony found that Emily Stockman of Stockman Associates did the delineation - the site is a 4- acre piece of land taken out of Chapter 61 and Emily said the land in question was not within the limits of disturbance. Tony said that the ConCom had been notified. The owner also received an o.k. from Natural Heritage. Based on the info provided it has been determined that this is not within the purview of the commission.

Site Visits - none

Permits - none

Forest Cutting Plans - none

Notifications - none

Hearings - none

Other Unannounced Business
• Consideration going back to two meetings per month starting in May. Tony asked the members if this was acceptable and all agreed.

Chris Milne - wants to dredge his pond on 876 Reeds Bridege Road. There is a culvert under the road. When a wetland is channeled in from a wetland it becomes an intermittent stream and the water is regulatory, including the banks. The pond is a swell of the stream, his dredging and/or filling is a disturbance in a resource area and an NOI will be required. If the NOI is approved then he is good for a limited period of time. An OOC is good for 3 years, and to get an extension he needs to file for one within 30 days before the expiration takes place. He also wants to put a dry hydrant in the pond, which would need approval likely from the fire department, and under special conditions the ConComm would approve the dredging within the three year period..

• 10 Pine Hill Road – Pre-RDA filing discussion.

George brought revised plans for his project. He now proposes to run electricity on poles about up to where the driveway will be and then run it underground trenched about 1 foot wide to the proposed house. The utility needs to have it run through the right-of-way. A transformer will be put in and George's line will run from there to the proposed house. The thought was that the meter should be installed close by the site of the transformer rather than at the house. Cable will likely be installed at the same time alongside the electrical line. Tony said disturbance in the buffer non-permanent area will need to be re-vegetated. Trenching: is there a wetland in that area? George said it's more likely there's ledge there.

RDA: George asked if the commission needs a paper version. Tony said that a .pdf is fine. For the RDA Tony will put it in the system for DEP.

Adjourn

At 7:05 p.m. on a motion from Tony to adjourn, Louise seconded, all sad aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Next meeting: May 12