Conway Conservation Commission Minutes
August 11, 2026, 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, Jeanne Thomas

Absent: Mary Kay Costello

Others Present: Erasme DaCruz, BSC

6:10 p.m. Meeting Convened

On a motion from Tony to approve the Minutes of July 28, 2026, Courtney seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Financial
• Invoices for Reimbursement - none
• Invoice from *Greenfield Recorder* - none
• Fee payments received - none

Building Permits/Site Visits/Inquiries
• Inquiries
Conway Grammar School Project to build an outdoor covered space and some gardens at the Grammar School. The proposed site is beyond 100 ft., but within 200 ft. of a stream.
Tony recommended a site visit, as it's technically within a resource area (outer 100') and the structure is 20' x 30' with walkways, etc. Need to be careful that no erosion or flow down to the stream occurs.

• Site Visits - none
• Permits - none

Forest Cutting Plans - none

Notifications - none

Hearings
6:10 p.m. Eversource/BSC Group 38A1 Distribution Line Upgrade RDA, Wilder Hill Road, Conway
Mr. DaCruz outlined the project - installation of 7 new poles along Wilder Hill Road, 4 within the roadside edge of the BVW; one of which is within the 200 ft. RFA. An additional 3 poles are within 10 ft. of the BVW, one of which is within the 200 ft. river front area. Sediment and erosion controls will be installed prior to the start of work, which they hope to begin on September 1 and finish some time in December, since there are priority habitat concerns. They have gotten Natural Habitat's signoff as they have an exemption. Jeanne asked about the

distance of the poles from the road? They did their best to keep them within 0' of the road, a minimum of 4' off the asphalt. There will be no anchors on the poles and no guy-wires as it's a straight run. On a motion from Tony to approve the RDA with conditions that approval be received from Natural Heritage. Louise seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor. The DOA needs to be signed and sent to Virginia at BSC.

Other Unannounced Business - none

At 6:30 on a motion from Tony to adjourn, LMB seconded, all said aye and the vote was uanimous in favor.

Next meeting: 08/25/26.