

Newsletter Committee Minutes
Meeting of May 19, 2026

PRESENT: Aimee Anderson, Louise Beckett, Véronique Blanchard, Julia Carroll, Patricia Lynch

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of April 16 APPROVED

Agenda Item 2: Review of Submissions for the June Issue

- Our logs agreed.
- Discussion of Submissions
 - ✚ Kindness Corner: Discussion focused on (1) having the submitter's name added to the text (YES) and (2) who should review any responses to the piece, the submitter (NO) or the Newsletter Committee (YES). Julia will revise the submission to make clear that the idea for the column came from Sady Sullivan.
 - ✚ Solar array op ed: Everyone agreed that *Currents* should not publish opinion pieces and that this policy should be formalized. Pat will draft a proposed addition to Article VII: Publication Policies for discussion at the June meeting and to be voted on at the July meeting.

Agenda Item 3: Old Business

- MOTION: to approve these revised bylaws:

Article VII: Publication Policies

Section 1: The newsletter shall give preference to submissions from, by, and about Conway and Conway residents or former residents.

Section 2: The newsletter shall not publish submissions on the topic of religion or about events of a religious nature, such as a calendar of church services.

Section 3: The newsletter shall not as a rule publish obituaries. The committee reserves the right to review and edit requests to print life events.

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- Pat had suggested contacting groups awarding grants to graduating seniors to get the names of those receiving the grants in order to publish these in the July issue. Louise volunteered for this task.

Agenda Item 4: New Business

Julia received two late submissions that she wanted to discuss:

- Ashfield FilmFest: We can put this (edited for length) in the July issue, but doing that wouldn't give filmmakers much time. We decided to include a brief announcement in the June issue giving the pertinent information. Julia will draft it and send it to Pat.
- An LGBTQ+ group being formed: It's brief, and the June issue isn't very full, so Julia will send this to Pat for editing.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 17, 4:00 p.m., town office