

**Conway Planning Board Minutes**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2026, 7 p.m.**  
**Location: TOWN HALL**

**Present for the Planning Board:** George Forcier, Chair; Members Cheryl Case, Lara Matta Moebius, William Zale and associate member Joe Strzegowski.

**Absent:** Jeff Lacy.

Also attending, Tim Luce, abutter to proposed BlueWave solar farm on Roaring Brook Road, and Gary Friedman of Shelburne Falls Road.

1. Minutes of Jan. 13 and 20 meetings approved unanimously.
2. Discussion of ways forward with proposed **River Corridor Protection Overlay Zone** now that long-time FRCOG consultant Kim McPhee is retiring before the project is complete. Chair informed board that the town plans to contract with civil engineering consultants GZA to continue McPhee's work. Board felt having a different set of eyes on the nearly complete draft bylaw would be useful as it moves toward completion of the work by June 30.
3. Board discussed Eversource proposal to install mobile Battery Energy Storage Systems trailers on Shelburne Falls Road and Wilder Hill Road to test their usefulness as local backup power during outages. Chair noted that zoning bylaw may require a site plan review and one-acre sites. Conservation Commission and Board of Health may also have jurisdiction although current zoning bylaw does not explicitly address BESS installations. The chair will invite

Eversource to attend future meeting if it wants to move forward.

Resident Friedman expressed concerns about several possible harms BESS units might pose in his Shelburne Falls neighborhood, implying the board should explore these issues if Eversource seeks permission to deploy the battery trailers. For example, he said he would want to know: what specific ion battery types would be used, as some are more hazardous than others; whether liability insurance would cover a fire or other accident that might pollute the air or ground; what emergency management protocols and equipment would be in place.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

**Next meeting** moved from regularly scheduled Feb. 17 to Feb. 24.