

Conway Planning Board Minutes
Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 7:10 p.m.
Location: TOWN HALL

Present for the Planning Board: George Forcier, Chair; William Zale, Jeff Lacy. Members attending **remotely** via Zoom, Cheryl Case, Lara Matta Moebius.

Absent, associate member Joe Strzegowski.

1. Minutes of Feb. 24, 2026, meeting approved unanimously.
2. River Corridor Protection Overlay Zone update. Still waiting to hear from new consultant from GZA to continue work on the project.
3. Discussed Eversource plan to locate Mobile Battery Energy Storage System trailers for test of concept use on Wilder Hill Road and Shelburne Falls Road. The 80-foot long trailer-like battery systems could be plugged into the neighborhood electrical system to provide backup in case of power line failures. Eversource would set up the trailers for several months and test their usefulness with controlled power outages. After discussion, the board concluded that the BESS trailer could not fit on the small Shelburne Falls Road site because setback requirements could not be met.
4. General discussion about new state clean energy project regulations and model solar farm and battery storage system bylaws that municipalities need to adopt in the coming year. This will likely require changes to the town's zoning bylaws. The new state law and associated regulations are designed to expedite local permitting for clean energy projects by allowing for a "comprehensive" process whereby several town boards collaborate closely on applications and must issue a decision within 12 months.
5. Unanimously approved latest draft of bylaw amendments regarding shared driveways and the definition of a dwelling unit.