

Conway Planning Board Minutes
Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 7 p.m.
Location: TOWN HALL

Present for the Planning Board: George Forcier, Chair; Jeff Lacy, Phyllis Craine, Cheryl Case, Lara Matta Moebius.

Absent: Associate member Joe Strzegowski

Also, present was Civil Engineer Melinda Costello of Weston & Sampson, the engineering company designing the project for developer BlueWave Solar.

1. Approval of minutes of April 28, 2026.
2. Opening session of public hearing for special permit and site plan review application of BlueWave Solar of Boston for an approximately 20-acre agri-voltaic solar farm on Boyden Farm land off Roaring Brook Road. About 50 people attended in person and another 10 via Zoom. Comments and questions ranged from concern about spoiling the “view” or “feel” of the town to questions about potential storm runoff damage, effects on birds, the decommissioning process, potential effect on nearby wells and property values, potential threat of Battery Energy Storage System to health of Conway Grammar School pupils, and whether conditions imposed by the town over operation of the solar array could be enforced. Residents’ concerns were recorded by board member for its consideration during the special permitting process. Fire Chief Chris Herrmann noted that he hadn’t received information about the BESS unit yet and will need the detail specifications to advise the board. Costello said the engineers are currently developing the BESS specs and will provide that to the board and chief, hopefully ahead of our next meeting. Next session of the public hearing process will be May 19 in town hall, where the board hopes to review its collated list of resident questions.
3. Board voted unanimously to an extension of the hearing to May 19 as co-signed by Costello for the developer.
4. Adjourned 9:30