

Conway Planning Board Minutes
Thursday, June 11 2026, 7 p.m.
Location: TOWN HALL

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

Also present GZA land use consultant Lindsay Woodson via Zoom

1. Reviewed and approved minutes of June 9, 2026.
2. Resident Gary Friedman offered to do research on data centers with an eye toward local zoning bylaw. Taken under advisement.
2. Discussion of draft river protection zone bylaw with consultants from GZA engineering.

Woodson raised several issues still to be resolved before GZA's contract expires July 1. Among them who would be the permit granting authority under the bylaw. Jeff thinks it should not be the planning board, although that was Woodson's suggestion. Also, it was noted that the Conservation Commission, with similar jurisdictions and which was involved years ago when the bylaw was evolving, has not been involved in recent times and perhaps should be brought back in.

Jeff also suggested removing as a right duplex development in the erosion zone, although it was unclear if protected accessory dwelling units could also be excluded. (At present, three dwellings might be built in the erosion zone.) Also suggested were a limit to the footprint of a house in the zone and to the area of impervious surface.

One member asked whether leach fields, especially raised ones, should be allowed. It was suggested this was a Board of Health or Department of Health issue.

Another question: should site plan review be required for all uses? Could there be a "site plan review LIGHT"?