

Conway Planning Board Minutes
Monday, Aug. 31, 2026, 7 p.m.
Town Hall General Purpose Room

Attending: George Forcier, chair; Jeff Lacy; Phyllis Craine, Lara Matta Moebius.

Absent: Cheryl Case.

1. Minutes of Aug. 6 and Aug. 11 meetings approved unanimously.
2. Battery Energy Storage System bylaw idea: Jeff is to get a clean copy of the state's model bylaw regulating BESS installations, localize for Conway and present to the board at a future meeting.
3. Discussed possible ideas for a fall special town meeting: It seems increasingly unlikely that we will have a proposed BESS bylaw or revised shared driveway revision ready this fall.
More likely ready for a fall town meeting would be zoning bylaw changes concerning: definition of dwellings, removal of a vestige of the old ADU bylaw in Section 41.1; and a ban on data centers.
4. Jeff has scheduled a site visit to the Boyden farm Sept. 2 in connection with the Roaring Brook Road solar farm proposal to get a better idea of possible locations of the equipment pad.
5. Board discussed a request from the Whittier family on Hamilton Drive for a waiver to the siting distance of a detached state protected accessory dwelling unit. The board needs additional info to work out how to proceed with what is a new state mandated process. Chair will seek that info and get back to the board.

Next meeting Sept. 8 at 5:45 in town hall to get quick update on the ADU question and perhaps other matters.

Following meeting, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. in town hall for continuation of the BlueWave solar farm proposed for Roaring Brook Road.