

## Town of Conway

### Minutes of the Conway Planning Board Meeting, May 15, 2014

Present: Joseph Strzegowski, Mary McClintock, David Barten and David Chichester.

Absent: Diane Poland

Guest: Tom Lesser

Acting Chair Strzegowski opened the meeting at 7:03. There were seven items:

- (1) The minutes of the meeting of May 7th were unanimously accepted and without change.
- (2) Tom Lesser, Conway resident, joined the PB to discuss at length the failure of the Warrant Article at last week's Town Meeting regarding extensive revisions to the Town's Protective Bylaws that had been proposed by the PB. Concerns aired during the discussion:
  - a.) There should have been more publicity in advance. Too many attendees were uninformed.
  - b.) Tom thinks the Bylaws should be more protective and restrictive.
  - c.) The Use Table should be simplified; e.g., exclude everything that relates to Cottage Industry.
  - d.) Do not show the unchanged sections of the bylaws, to bring more focus to the changes.
  - e.) Future changes should be done in pieces; first the easy ones, then go back for the bigger ones.

Following full discussion, the PB voted not to make any presentation of changes to the Special Town Meeting in June and to work toward taking a totally different approach at the next Town Meeting [4-0-0].

**ACTION ITEM:** Mary will e-mail a copy of the suggested Revised Protective Bylaws to Tom Lesser.

- (3) Since Diane had previously expressed her intent to resign from the PB, Sue McFarland was nominated to take her place. Sue had earlier indicated she was interested in filling such a vacancy for the remainder of Diane's term, ending in May, 2015. Assuming Diane does submit her formal resignation, the PB plans to meet with the Selectboard on June 2<sup>nd</sup> for joint discussion and interim appointment of Sue.

In its discussion, the PB expressed its gratitude to Diane for her leadership and hard work during her tenure on the Board.

**ACTION ITEM:** Joe will contact Diane and inform her that a replacement for her has been found, and it would be timely or her to submit her formal resignation to the Town Clerk and Selectboard.

- (4) Joe mentioned a conversation he had had with a Conway resident who was suggesting the possibility of a park along the South River, above the Covered Bridge. There followed a brief discussion and the thought that it could be a nice spot; however, the subject was tabled at that point and a decision made to take **no further action** at this time.
- (5) At the May 7th meeting of the PB, Joe was asked to draft a letter to the Conway Board of Health, an authority the state recognizes as having strong influence on matters of public health and safety. The letter was to request that they research factual information, seek feedback from residents and establish an official position on the subject of the proposed Gas Pipeline. The draft was reviewed and the PB voted to approve and send [4-0-0].

- (6) At the May 12<sup>th</sup> Conway Town Meeting, the Warrant Article proposed by the PB for appropriation of funds to conduct a Sewer Feasibility Study was approved for \$12,000. Following discussion, the PB agreed to initiate a discussion with the Selectboard to define next steps. It was suggested these would include formation of a Committee to manage the Study, with representatives from the PB, Board of Health and other interested citizens. The joint meeting is scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ACTION ITEM:** Dave will coordinate time and date of the joint meeting with Tom Hutcheson.

**ACTION ITEM:** Joe will post this special joint meeting.

- (7) Old/New Business

None.

**ACTION ITEM:** Dave B to report on the PB Archives and filing equipment, per the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

There being no further business, the members voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

- (a.) Special Joint Meeting with the Selectboard, Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00. Agenda: 1.) Appointment of Sue McFarland; (2) Discussion of next steps for the Sewer Feasibility Study; (3) Discussion of next steps for the proposed Riverbend Park.
- (b.) Regularly Scheduled PB meeting, Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. Agenda: 1.) Agreement on next steps for the Protective Bylaw Revisions; (2) Agreement on summer meeting schedule; (3) Election of officers.

Respectfully submitted,

David Chichester