

Town of Conway

Minutes of the Conway Planning Board Meeting, June 5, 2014

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

Acting Chair Strzegowski opened the meeting at 7:00.

- (1) The minutes of the meeting of May 15, 2014, were unanimously approved.
- (2) The minutes of the special joint meeting with the Selectboard of June 2, 2014, were unanimously approved.
- (3) Sue McFarland, newly appointed member of the PB was welcomed by the group.
- (4) Officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year:
 - Joe Strzegowski was nominated and elected **Chair**
 - Mary McClintock was nominated and elected **Vice-Chair**
 - Dave Chichester was nominated and elected **Clerk**
- (5) The members agreed unanimously to the following appointments to Town subcommittees:
 - Sue: New Sewer/Wastewater Treatment Feasibility Study Committee
 - Dave C: New Riverbend Park Committee
 - David B: Regional FRCOG Planning Board
 - David B: Community Preservation Committee
 - Joe: Rose Property activities relating to the Conservation Commission, National Heritage, etc.
- (6) Review of the Joint Meeting with the Selectboard of June 2, 2014:
 - ACTION ITEM:** Joe will coordinate with Tom Hutcheson the development of the new *ad hoc* committees.
- (7) Joe reported that the PB received a response from the Board of Health to its letter requesting that the BOH research factual information, seek feedback from residents and establish an official position regarding the proposed Gas Pipeline construction in Conway. In essence, the BOH indicated that it was too busy to do anything at this time and the subject will be discussed at a future date.
- (8) Regarding the unfinished work on the Marijuana bylaw, Mary will seek copies of other town bylaws on the subject for reference. She will also ask Peggy Sloan, the FRCOG expert on the subject, what it is about other town bylaws that might not be appropriate for Conway. This in an effort not to have to re-invent the wheel.
- (9) There was discussion about how to approach the Proposed Protective Bylaw changes, that had been tabled at the May Town Meeting, for possible presentation at a fall special town meeting. It was agreed that the focus of additional thinking should be on strategic issues, not directed at basic content. Consider "bite-size chunk" strategy, and reduce the essence of the presentation to proposed changes. There are two primary issues: (1) preserving the rural character of the town and (2) sustainability in the face of external influences, such as climate change, technology, fuel shortages, local farming, etc.

Questions to be considered: Are our present zoning bylaws broken? What do we need to do to fix them? Why is it worth having more rules? How do we break them into understandable and workable chunks? How to market them in a pro-active manner that appeals to the majority of citizens? Where is the common interest between the various factions of the community?

(10) It was unanimously agreed that the PB would move to a summer schedule of reduced meetings. There will be no other meetings in June. Next meetings will be Thursday, July 17th and Thursday, August 21st.

There being no further business, the members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David I Chichester