

Town of Conway

Minutes of the Conway Planning Board Meeting, October 2, 2014

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

Chairman Strzegowski opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

- (1) The minutes of the meeting of September 18, 2014, were unanimously approved.
- (2) David B. and Joe reported on their attendance at a recent Regional Planning Board meeting. At that time, they spoke with Peggy Sloan of the FRCOG specifically about developing protective bylaws pertaining to nuisance conditions generated by the possible construction of a compressor station in, or near Conway for the impending Tennessee Gas pipeline. Peggy advised that there may be a new round of District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) grants that might provide technical help in writing such a bylaw.

Sue reported on her attendance at the Ad Hoc Pipeline Committee where they discussed the available maps as to the possible route of the Pipeline. It appears that a compressor station might be located somewhere in Deerfield, according to the demarcated indicators on those maps.

The PB discussed the wisdom of contacting the Planning Boards in Ashfield and Deerfield to consider the feasibility of a joint approach, utilizing the possibility of the DLTA grants to develop common protective bylaw language, focusing on the public nuisance issues of excess noise, vibration, light, water and air quality. The Board voted unanimously to pursue the issue, and apply for the technical grant, as follows:

ACTION ITEMS:

- Joe will advise Peggy Sloan (FRGOG) of our interest in applying for the DLTA grant and utilizing the services of FRCOG, if possible.
 - Joe will draft a letter to the planning boards of other nearby towns, expressing interest in working together to construct model protective bylaws, and asking for interest. He will send a draft to PB members before sending.
- (3) Joe reported that the Wastewater AD HOC Committee now has four members and he is trying to set up the first meeting.
 - (4) Dave mentioned that the Town Park Committee has not met since the last PB meeting and is awaiting the scheduling of a meeting between the Committee, Natural Heritage, DEP and the Conway Conservation Committee.
 - (5) There was discussion about the Protective Bylaw changes that were proposed at May's Town Meeting and were tabled at that time by the citizens. Following a subsequent strategy discussion by the PB to break up the earlier attempt into smaller, "bite-size" chunks, Joe presented his suggestions for making the presentation(s) simpler and easier to understand. The PB voted (4 yes; 1 abstain) to take the existing bylaws and amend them piecemeal according to the following groupings:
 - Section 22.1: Prohibited Uses – All Districts
 - Section 64: Site Plan Review
 - Article 9: Large Scale Solar Facilities

- Article 2: District and Use Regulations
- Section 63: Special Permits (Guidelines)

ACTION ITEMS:

- Joe will find out if there will be a Special Town Meeting in January.
- Need to plan the calendar for Public Hearings and proper public notices.

(6) There was a brief, but spirited, conversation about the upcoming Special Town Meeting vote on the proposed new highway garage.

There being no further business, the members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 16, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

David I Chichester