

## **Town of Conway**

### **Minutes of the Conway Planning Board Meeting, October 16, 2014**

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

Absent: David Barten

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

1. The minutes of the meeting of October 2, 2014, were unanimously approved.
2. In the week prior to this meeting, it was brought to the attention of Chairman Strzegowski that there appeared to be two private ways (i.e., roads) in Conway with similar names. In an attempt to understand how that happened, some excellent and thorough research done by Mr. Strzegowski and Mr. Barten revealed that in the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of September 8, 1992, Mr. & Mrs. Steven Goldsher had "...requested that their drive (with 3 lots) be named High Meadow Drive. Approved." Subsequently, on November 26, 2007, the Selectmen (mistakenly) approved a new common driveway request, submitted by Mr. Ed Rose, to be named High Meadow Drive. At that time, Mr. Rose left signed plans for the Selectmen's files. (Copies of these minutes attached.)

During the week prior to tonight's meeting, Mr. Strzegowski spoke by phone with the new owner of the Rose Property, Mr. Scott Decker, and explained the mistake made by the Selectmen in 2007. Mr. Decker was very cooperative and indicated he would not pursue the issue any further and would drop the name, High Meadow Drive.

Motion was made and approved unanimously that Mr. Strzegowski would send a letter to Mr. & Mrs. Scott Decker confirming the agreement that they would no longer use High Meadow Drive to describe the private drive.

This incident stimulated conversation about devising an effective procedure to protect against this situation from arising again. It was suggested that a procedure be defined to create a central file of all private roads which is available to the Planning Board and other town agencies as a resource file. Registering with this file and formally communicating with each interested town agency would be made part of the process of gaining approval from the Planning Board for new private drives (as presently required by Town Bylaws). Motion approved unanimously.

#### **ACTION ITEM:**

- Mr. Strzegowski will contact Lee Whitcomb, the Assessor, to see if her department would be willing to create and maintain a central file/map for private drives. And, would they also be willing to review all present private drive names and locations to ensure the current name assignments are error free?
3. There was a brief discussion about plans for presenting the proposed Protective Bylaw changes to the Town at the next Town Meeting. Since there appears to be a question as to whether there will be any Special Town meetings prior to next May, discussion was deferred until there is more clarity about timing. In any event, Mr. Strzegowski will keep working on developing the ultimate presentation.
  4. Mr. Strzegowski reported that, as a result of the last PB meeting, he has drafted letters to the Planning Boards of Deerfield, Shelburne and Ashfield asking if they would be interested in collaborating on

developing town regulations to govern the possible public health risks associated with Pipeline Compressor Stations. The drafts were reviewed, additional changes suggested and agreement that he should send the letters.

**ACTION ITEM:**

- Mr. Strzegowski will send letters to Ashfield and Deerfield Planning Boards.
5. Ms McFarland reported on behalf of the Town's Ad Hoc Pipeline Committee that the Deerfield Board of Health will be issuing a report based on its public hearing held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at their Town Hall. She also mentioned that Richard Compton of Conway has been doing some excellent detailed mapping of the Kinder Morgan proposal as it relates to Conway's properties. The next meeting of Conway's Ad Hoc Pipeline Committee will be November 5<sup>th</sup>.
  6. In anticipation of Mr. Chichester's absence from the next meeting, Ms McClintock graciously agreed to take minutes.

There being no further business, the members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, November 6, 2014; 7:00 p.m. in the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

David I Chichester