

Town of Conway

Minutes of the Conway Planning Board Meeting, January 29, 2015

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

Chairman Strzegowski opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

1. The minutes of the meeting of January 15, 2015, were approved. Unanimous.
2. Mr. Strzegowski reported that he had spoken with Peggy Sloan of the Franklin County Council of Governments to advise that, if Conway's application for a DLTA grant were to be approved, the Planning Board is agreeable for the FRCOG to use those funds for their similar work...if appropriate. Conway had applied for the grant to be used toward developing a bylaw that would address the issues of noise, light and air quality relevant to the proposed Kinder Morgan Natural Gas Pipeline.
3. There was a brief discussion about the Regional Pipeline Committee that was being formed under the auspices of the FRCOG. Marcelle Morgan (ConComm) and Meg Burch (Board of Health) were appointed as Conway representatives by the Selectboard. Mr. Strzegowski indicated he would attend, ex-officio, as often as possible.
4. Mr. Strzegowski reported that, in response to its Request for Proposals, the *AdHoc* Wastewater Committee had received three contractor bids to conduct the planned Feasibility Study in downtown. The decision of the committee was to award the contract to the White Engineering Company of Pittsfield, MA. The contract will be signed within a couple of weeks.
5. Mr. Strzegowski reported that there had been no further meetings on the subject of the South River Mitigation and attendant projects since his report at the last PB meeting.
6. Following up Pipeline business from the last PB meeting, Mr. Strzegowski reported that he had received the materials and request for information that were sent by AECOM. With the able help of Ms McClintock, the PB drafted a letter of response to Ms Lori Ferry, which was subsequently approved for release over Mr. Strzegowski's signature (unanimous). That letter essentially acknowledged receipt of her letter, dated December 30, 2014, indicating that some of the information requested is available in our town office or on the web site. AECOM would have financial responsibility for compiling any additional information being sought.
7. The PB reviewed and discussed the language of Conway's existing Protective Bylaws related to the keeping/storing of trash and junk, including unregistered motor vehicles (Section 32.5). Following a spirited discussion, Mr. Strzegowski agreed to assimilate the wisdom contributed by the members of the Board and draft more clear and workable language.

ACTION ITEM:

- Mr. Strzegowski will attempt to draft a revision of the existing language and will submit it to the PB for further review.
8. Following up on last meeting's Action Item, Ms McFarland reported that she had met with the existing property owner and the new business owner of the Sunset Garage. She had indicated that the PB had

received a complaint about the many vehicles and debris on the properties and were requesting that efforts be made to clean it up. She was told that the vehicles to the east of the garage are all for sale and compatible with their existing Class 2 town-issued license. But they agreed that they were aware of the problem elsewhere around the business and expressed willingness to work on cleaning it up. They will start bringing items to the salvage yard as soon as weather permits. Ms McFarland explained that they should consider the May Town Meeting the “deadline” for completion of the task.

9. Ms McClintock is drafting the PB portion of the Town’s Annual Report, based on input from the members. There was discussion on whether, and to what extent, to add current priorities. She will submit it for approval at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEM:

- Ms McClintock will draft the Board’s portion of the Annual Report and submit it to the next meeting (2/19) for approval.
10. There was a brief discussion about the upcoming Town Caucus on March 2 and the filling of open positions on the Planning Board.

There being no further business, the members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 19, 2015; 7:00 p.m. in the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

David I Chichester