

Town of Conway

Minutes of the Conway Planning Board Meeting, March 5, 2015

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

Absent: None

Guests: Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Thurlow

Chairman Strzegowski opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

1. The minutes of the meeting of January 29, 2015, were approved.
2. Carol and Daniel Thurlow, of Jones Corner Road in Conway, presented plans to carve out a 2.09 acre lot from a larger lot, on Jones Corner Road, owned by The Thurlow 2007 Irrevocable Trust. Motion to approve. Passed. All members signed copies of the plan.
3. Mr. Strzegowski reported that the *AdHoc* Wastewater Committee met the previous week and started collecting septic data, from Board of Health files, on all residential systems on River Street. The attempt is to identify each and every septic system in the target area and to record historical data and present condition. They will continue to collect data from the homes on Main Street. The goal is to have in hand an accurate inventory to go along with the feasibility study presently being conducted by White Engineering.
4. In order to ensure total compliance with the Open Meeting Laws, there was a discussion on how to efficiently and properly conduct business that's required between meetings. It was agreed that the need for any communication, such as receiving and commenting on meeting minutes, agendas, letters, presentations, etc. will be limited between two members of the Board. The others will not be included in such dialogues and "Reply All" will not be used. Any deliberating among others will be limited to properly called meetings.
5. There was discussion on the PB Protective Bylaw Public Hearing, planned for March 19th. Mr. Chichester reported he had sent all necessary public notice postings to the Recorder, adjacent towns, bulletin boards, FRCOG, etc.

As subject matter for the Public Hearing discussion, there will be 5 warrant articles for change, to be presented at the May Town Meeting. A brief presentation will be made at the 3/19 Hearing and public input sought on these articles and the Bylaw language behind them. Ms McFarland and Ms McClintock will draft notes of their ideas for presentation and will send them to Mr. Strzegowski. Mr. Strzegowski and Ms McClintock will be the discussion leaders.

ACTION ITEM:

- Ms McFarland and Ms McClintock will draft notes of their ideas for presentation and will send them to Mr. Strzegowski.
6. Mr. Strzegowski read an e-mail from a Conway citizen asking for the status of the Pipeline Project and what work, if any, was being done on issues of noise levels, construction hours, etc. Discussion capsulized the following items:
 - The PB has addressed these issues numerous times at their meetings.

- The Franklin County Regional Planning Board is working on several of these items at a County level. Conway's Planning Board is in frequent touch and involved with those activities.
- Present understanding is that a compressor station will probably not be constructed in Conway or nearby.
- It is expected the Franklin County Regional Council of Governments will be helping individual towns to develop Hosting Agreements and the PB will be proactive with that project.

ACTION ITEM:

- Mr. Strzegowski, with the help of Ms McClintock will draft a response to the author of the e-mail.
7. Mr. Strzegowski reported that he had met with the Selectboard and Finance Committee to discuss the Planning Board's FY '16 budget. The revised budget was accepted.
 8. At the request of the Assessor, there was discussion of an issue pertaining to land owned by Megan Hart on Academy Hill Road and Pleasant Street, pertaining to her intention to divide some of her land into a new and separate lot. Upon analysis it appears this is an issue that may require a deed amendment, is a legal matter and not a proper subject for Planning Board involvement.

ACTION ITEM:

- Mr. Strzegowski will call the surveyor, noted in the records, to discuss the issue.
9. Mr. Strzegowski read the letter submitted by Mr. Barten to the Town Clerk officially offering his official resignation from the Planning Board, effective May 12, 2015. There was much expression of regret from Board members, with deep appreciation for the many significant and valuable contributions made by him during his period of office. He will be sorely missed.
 10. Mr. Strzegowski handed out a list of visionary thoughts that he had generated in a moment of private early morning brainstorming. Not inappropriate to the mandated charter of the Planning Board, it provoked some spirited discussion of long term possible ideas for solving the highway garage and safety complex problems.

NEXT MEETING:

- Planning Board Public Hearing on Proposed to Conway's Protective Bylaws; Thursday, March 19, 2105 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. PB members will assemble at 6:30 to prepare.
- Planning Board regular meeting; immediately following the Public Hearing; Town Hall

There being no further business, the members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David I Chichester