

## Town of Conway

### Minutes of the Conway Planning Board Meeting, May 7, 2015

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

Absent: Sue McFarland

Chairman Strzegowski opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. in the Conway Town Office.

1. The minutes of the April 16 regular meeting were approved as written: 4 – 0.
2. There was discussion about “what if the Right to Farm Bylaw is passed at Town Meeting,” and “how does that mesh with existing and proposed Protective Bylaw regulations?” There was some concern that there might be conflicts, particularly when addressing size (acreage) definitions, and that compatibility with state zoning laws should be looked at.
3. Re: the proposed Protective Bylaw addition (Sec. 22.1 Prohibited Uses – All Districts) pertaining to the storage of junk, etc., some comments were received from a couple of citizens that such passage might adversely affect current conditions – especially at Orchard Equipment and Supply. Discussion concluded that the PB is still in support of the newly proposed language, and that passage of the bylaw would not be unfair to the appropriate conduct of business.
4. Some feedback was also received from citizens suggesting the waiting periods included in the proposed Protective Bylaw additions pertaining to Site Plan Review are unreasonably long. PB discussion concluded that, since these are maximum time frames to allow for multi-agency reviews and proper dialogue between parties, the proposed language is reasonable and fair to all and should remain as originally submitted.
5. In discussion about the best way to present the several Planning Board Warrant Articles at Town Meeting, it was decided that Ms McClintock will make the introductions and explain the five proposed zoning bylaw changes.
6. From the Wastewater *AdHoc* Committee, Mr. Strzegowski mentioned that, because of several issues, some posed by the Department of Environmental Protection, the Warrant Article proposing the appropriation of study funds will probably be passed over.
7. Mr. Strzegowski reported from the South River Flood Mitigation project that progress is being made toward submission of Notice of Intent to the Conservation Commission.
8. Mr. Strzegowski reported that he had received a draft of the **Scope of Services** document, prepared by the FRCOG (dated April 9, 2015). There was a discussion of details of this project, involving a collective of towns being impacted by the Pipeline project, which addresses the pre-certification and possible post-certification of many perceived issues. Money from the Town Meeting appropriations article will help towns be better prepared for and to deal with issues if and when the Pipeline becomes a reality.
9. Mr. Strzegowski reported that the Town has received a letter from the Department of Housing & Community Development indicating that Conway’s application for a Massachusetts Downtown Initiative Technical Assistance Program grant was not selected. It was hoped that this grant might assist in funding a marketing study of Conway’s Downtown area on how to get people to stop and visit the town.

10. This being David Barten's last meeting as a member of the Planning Board, members of the Board expressed acknowledgment and thanks for his years of service to the Town, for his commitment to the citizens of Conway and for his many sage and thoughtful contributions to the work of the group. He will be sorely missed by all.

There being no further business, the members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, May 21, 2015; 7:00 p.m. at the Conway Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

David I Chichester