

Town of Conway

Minutes of the Conway Planning Board Meeting, June 18, 2015

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

Absent: Vacant position

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

1. The minutes of the May 21, 2015 regular meeting were approved as written: 4 – 0 – 0.
2. Mr. Strzegowski reported that, according to the Town Clerk, all of the documents required by the Attorney General for the Protective Bylaw changes voted at the Town Meeting have been submitted.
3. The PB received a request from the Selectboard for an opinion as to whether the Town should exercise its right of first refusal for the property known as 367 Hoosac Road. The Town received notice that the owner intends to sell it and the adjacent land, which is to be removed from Chapter 61. After discussion and review, helped by a site visit and thorough analysis written by Tammi Borton, the PB voted that the land holds no significant value to the town and recommends against the Town exercising its rights to acquire the property. Vote 4 – 0 – 0.

ACTION ITEM:

Mr. Strzegowski will advise the Town Administrator of the PB's recommendation.

4. To fill the vacancy on the *AdHoc* Wastewater Committee, previously held by Mr. Barten, Mr. Chichester volunteered to join that committee.
5. The PB met (separately) and had some vigorous discussion with two very qualified candidates who had expressed interest in filling the PB position recently vacated by Mr. Barten. As a follow-up, the PB agreed Ms McFarland will meet each candidate again separately and make a final recommendation to the PB at the pre-BOS meeting on June 29th. Following that, the PB will hold a joint meeting later that evening with the BOS to select one of the two candidates.
6. Ms McFarland reported that the *AdHoc* Pipeline Committee recently met and approved and voted on a document containing comments to be submitted to FERC as part of the pre-scoping process. The Committee voted to submit the comments to the BOS at the scheduled joint meeting on June 15th. The committee will ask for BOS approval of the document and for the BOS to submit the document to FERC with a cover letter. On another issue, Ms McFarland reported that the Committee recommended that the BOS join the PLAN, with no financial commitment, as a show of support based on the town meeting vote against the Pipeline in 2014.
7. It was moved and agreed that, at the joint meeting with the BOS, planned for June 29th, the PB would like to request authorization to spend up to \$8,500 for services as part of the FRCOG's regional pipeline activities. This amount was approved by the Finance Committee on April 6, 2015, specifically for technical and legal services to be facilitated by the FRCOG.

ACTION ITEM:

Mr. Strzegowski will advise the Town Administrator of this additional agenda item for that meeting.

There being no further business, the members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 23, 2015; 7:00 p.m. at the Conway Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,
David I Chichester