

Town of Conway

Minutes of the Conway Planning Board Meeting, August 20, 2015 (draft)

Present: Chairman Joseph Strzegowski, Sue McFarland, Tami Borton and David Chichester.

Absent: Mary McClintock

Guest:

Chairman Strzegowski opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. in the Conway Town Office.

1. The minutes of the July 23, 2015, regular meeting were approved as amended: 4 – 0 – 0.
2. Conway's AdHoc Pipeline Committee had previously sent a letter to the PB requesting comments that they could include in a letter to the Energy Facility Siting Board. In response, Mr. Strzegowski drafted a letter and sent it in advance of tonight's meeting because of timing constraints. The PB retroactively approved it (3 – 0 – 1). The comments have been incorporated into the Pipeline Committee's letter to the EFSB. The Pipeline Committee also plans to send a letter to FERC and will include the PB comments in it as well.
3. In accordance with the authorization vote of the Special Town Meeting of August 3, 2015, an Associate Member position has been added to the Planning Board's regular 5 member board. This is essentially a non-voting position, unless asked to do so by the Chair in the event of an absence or abstention of a regular member where a legal vote is required (such as a Special Permit).
4. Mr. Andy Jaffe, a Conway resident, had previously expressed an interest in joining the PB. In this regard, Ms McFarland made a motion to appoint Mr. Jaffe as the Associate Member, beginning immediately. Motion approved. (4 – 0 – 0).

ACTION ITEM:

Mr. Strzegowski will send a letter to Mr. Jaffe inviting him to join the PB as an Associate member.

5. There was a discussion about the CPTC Fall Course curriculum and FRGOG's request for thoughts and preferences. The group thought it might be helpful to have more training on the subjects of Chapter 40B of the MGL and Vested Rights and Non-conforming Structures and Uses.

ACTION ITEM:

Mr. Strzegowski will respond to the FRCOG.

6. There was discussion about the subject of junk/unregistered cars and how to better enforce the existing bylaws. It was thought that it might be more effective to tie the issuance of a carefully worded Special Permit with the granting of a Class II license (some other towns have done this). It was agreed that more work should be done on this subject toward presenting a more thorough Bylaw for approval at the next Town Meeting. (See PB minutes of July 23, 2015)

ACTION ITEM:

Ms Borton will research and develop further for report back to the PB.

7. Mr. Strzegowski reported on his attendance at the recent regional Pipeline Scoping forum with the Energy Facility Siting Board. Apparently, there was less and less new information being offered and there is growing frustration with the process.
8. Ms McFarland reported that the *AdHoc* Conway Pipeline Committee has drafted a letter to the Energy Facility Siting Board, including comments from the PB and citizen input. Concerns and questions have arisen about the number of workers (perhaps as many as 3,000 at one time) that would be traversing the town and on-site during the construction. There was also discussion again on the effects of construction on Town roads, traffic issues, fire and police resources.
9. Mr. Strzegowski reported that the Wastewater Committee continues its work with the engineer on development of the feasibility study. The Committee has forwarded its comments to Mr. White and will be having a detailed telephone discussion with him on August 26th. Included in the analysis are questions of funding and “unintended consequences” of maintaining the system in the downtown area.
10. The PB discussed Priority Projects for 2016. Consensus was that they should include: refining the language of the Bylaws to provide clarity around the storage of used and junk cars and zoning priorities pertaining to large scale solar installations and cottage industry.

There being no further business, the members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

NEXT MEETINGS: The Planning Board will return to its regular schedule of two meetings per month; the first and third Thursdays. The next meetings will be on September 3rd and September 17th, 7:00 p.m. at the Conway Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,
David I Chichester