

Town of Conway

Minutes of the Conway Planning Board Meeting, September 3, 2015

Present: Chairman Joseph Strzegowski, Sue McFarland, Andy Jaffe (Associate) and David Chichester.

Absent: Mary McClintock, Tami Borton

Guest:

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

1. The minutes of the August 20, 2015, regular meeting were approved: 3 – 0 – 0.
2. The PB reviewed the letter received from the Conway Board of Health, stating they were “supporting action by the Planning Board to adopt a general bylaw similar to the “Noise, Earth Removal and Related Disturbances Bylaw” drafted by the FRCOG for use by Franklin County towns. Discussion revolved around the question of whether the PB should promulgate a General Bylaw that puts limits on those and other related issues. Or, should it be a zoning bylaw? It was agreed that the PB would take the lead position on developing a general bylaw with the help of the Board of Health, Conservation Commission and Local *AdHoc* Pipeline Committee. The goal would be to, draft the language for the bylaw, and work towards a public informational meeting and a Warrant Article for a vote at the next Town Meeting. Motion approved 3 – 0 – 0.

ACTION ITEM:

- Mr. Strzegowski will respond to the BOH suggesting the PB will take the lead with the understanding that it will be a joint effort, that it will be a General Bylaw and will be presented to the town by the Selectboard.
3. The PB discussed several informal ideas put forth by a Conway citizen regarding the possibility of creating sites for a town garage and, possibly a Safety Complex. No specific action was taken. The Board encourages and appreciates the submission of new ideas.
 4. Mr. Strzegowski reported on the September 1st Regional Pipeline Committee meeting. Discussion included the recently updated draft of the Scope of Services document. The FRCOG is also looking to local towns for funds (\$80,000) to hire additional resources to help in the creation of additional documents in the FERC process, such as noise and nuisance bylaws, intervention process, etc.
 5. Mr. Strzegowski shared a letter he had written to real estate agent, Mary Quigley, in response to her questions about permitting the reconstruction and renovation of a house on Sabans Road. In his response, he also referred her to the zoning enforcement officer, Jim Hawkins for a legal determination. Mr. Strzegowski also was asking Mr. Hawkins how to deal with these types of issues in the future.
 6. Mr. Strzegowski reported on the progress of the *AdHoc* Wastewater Committee and the most recent teleconference with the consultant, Mr. White. The idea of an Enterprise Fund was surfaced as a viable mechanism for financially supporting and maintaining a community septic system. Looking towards the possible locations for siting a septic facility, Mr. Strzegowski noted that Jack Lochhead has agreed, via a temporary easement agreement, to allow a perc test to be performed on his property.

7. Regarding the South River Mitigation Project, Mr. Strzegowski noted that a representative from Weston & Sampson will be reviewing the status of the project with the Selectboard on September 8th. They will also be submitting paperwork for signatures to allow the next steps to begin. The permits include NHESP, DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers. Sign-offs from Mass Historic Commission and Mass DOT have already been obtained. Once the Notice of Intent is signed, it can be filed with Conway's Conservation Commission. There still needs to be an understanding of the status of the related projects on that site, including the Housing Project and the Town Park initiative.
8. Mr. Strzegowski reported that the Town Clerk had received from the Attorney General's office the results of their review of the zoning changes passed by the Town Meeting of May 11, 2015. Essentially, the changes were authorized with comments made about a couple of procedural issues.

There being no further business, the members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

NEXT MEETINGS: The next meeting will be on September 17th, 7:00 p.m. at the Conway Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,
David I Chichester