

Town of Conway

Minutes of the Conway Planning Board Meeting, September 17, 2015

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

Chairman Strzegowski opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Conway Town Office.

1. The minutes of the September 3, 2015, regular meeting were approved: 4-0-1.
2. The Planning Board received a request to issue a Special Permit for razing of an old garage and the construction of a new garage and covered walkway from Russell and Kate French, 101 Delabarre Avenue. Since this is a legal, but non-conforming lot as the owners are changing the footprint of the building, a Special Permit is required. The PB voted to schedule a Public Hearing on October 15, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall General Purpose Room.

ACTION ITEMS:

Mr. Strzegowski will advise the applicants of time, place and any special requirements of them.

Mr. Chichester will submit all necessary legal notifications to the newspaper, abutting neighbors, abutting towns, etc.

3. There was discussion about the request that the Board of Health recently made to the PB to take the lead in developing new bylaws pertaining to the governing of noise, earth removal and related disturbances, etc. The PB had voted in a previous meeting to develop such a bylaw in collaboration with other departments and boards in the community. Reference was made to model regulations being promulgated by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. The FRCOG is recommending that baselines be established in the community. This would require that measurement equipment be obtained and well-documented studies be performed for both daytime and nighttime standards. The intended goal would be to hold public informational meetings in the spring toward presentation for voting at a Town Meeting.
4. Discussion of the matter of the storage of used/junk cars continued from previous meetings. There was a difference of opinions among PB members about the interpretation of the existing town bylaw, particularly as it relates to exceptions or exemptions. Members agreed that it would be important to get these issues clarified.

ACTION ITEM:

Ms Borton will draft a request for submission to the Town Administrator seeking Town Counsel's advice and suggestions for making the issue more clear and defensible.

5. Mr. Strzegowski gave a brief report about the continuing work of the Regional Pipeline Committee. The FRCOG continues its regional work and is attempting to recruit local towns to contribute funding toward the efforts.

6. The presentation of the South River Mitigation project and its related efforts is apparently on the Selectboard agenda again for September 21st. Interested parties should attend.

There being no further business, the members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Planning Board will be on Thursday, October 1, 2015, 7:00 at the Town Office. There will be a Public Hearing regarding the Special Permit Application for 110 Delabarre Avenue, on Thursday, October 15, 2015, 7:00 p.m. in the General Purpose Room of the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
David I Chichester