

Town of Conway

Minutes of the Conway Planning Board Meeting, July 21, 2016

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

Absent:

Guests: Ruth Parnall

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

1. The minutes of the June 16, 2016, regular Planning Board meeting were approved.
2. The Planning Board, at the direction of the Selectboard, has called together several town committees to identify and define each party's land use needs as they view them into the future. The Joint Committee Land Use Meeting is to occur on Thursday, July 28th at the Town Hall.

Under the direction of Mary McClintock, who has volunteered to lead that joint meeting, the PB began a lengthy discussion of the goals of that meeting, expectations and the mechanics of maximizing and reporting results. Conversation focused on the specifics that, hopefully, would be elicited; such as, outlook timing, land characteristics, geological aspects, support infrastructure, physical constraints, wetlands, buffer zones, etc. It was hoped that, by defining these many and varied characteristics, it might be possible to develop GIS layers and an intelligible plan for future planning.

Through this conversation, Ms McClintock extracted an outline and (spreadsheet) format that should help in leading discussion and capturing wisdom at the joint meeting. (See the attached for more details.)

Subsequent Steps: Plan to have a recap meeting with committees to review and polish the data. Then, have a broader public meeting to present the findings and develop broader perspectives.

3. There was a brief discussion about addressing the issues pertaining to blighted areas in town. Mr. Strzegowski noted that other towns treat this as a nuisance under their general bylaws. The result of this is that the penalties are small and there is relatively little enforcement. A stronger position might be through the State Sanitary Code administered by the local Board of Health. When queried, the Town's position, at the moment, seems to be that the subject is "under advisement."
4. Mr. Strzegowski reported that the Attorney General's Office has sent a letter to Conway's Counsel advising they are extending the 90 day period needed to review the bylaw changes that were passed at the May Town Meeting. The extension is for 30 days and their decision will be due on September 6, 2016.

There being no further business, the members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, August 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Conway Town Office. The joint committee meeting on the subject of land requirements is scheduled for July 28th in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
David I Chichester

Att: What to do for July 28 Land Use Meeting