

Town of Conway

Minutes of the Conway Planning Board Public Hearing and Regular Meeting – April 6, 2017

Present: Co-Chairs Joseph Strzegowski and Mary McClintock, Sue McFarland, David Chichester and Beth Girshman (Associate)

Absent: Andy Jaffe

Other Attendees: None

Public Hearing – Conway Town Hall: Pertaining to proposed Protective Bylaw changes to be presented at the next Town Meeting on May 8, 2017. The Hearing had been properly noticed in the Greenfield Recorder, on March 22, 2017, and March 29, 2017. In addition proper notices were sent to all adjoining towns, plus flyers posted in the Town Office, Post Office, Town Hall and Baker’s Country Store.

Co-chair Strzegowski opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

There were no citizens in attendance. Mr. Strzegowski adjourned the Hearing for 15 minutes to give people time to attend. At 7:15, there were still no people in attendance; thus, Mr. Strzegowski declared the Public Hearing closed.

Regular Meeting: Co-Chairman Strzegowski opened the regular meeting of the Planning Board at 7:15 p.m. in the Conway Town Hall.

1. The Minutes of the March 16, 2017, meeting were approved as amended.
2. The PB reviewed the drafted language of the proposed **Protective Bylaw** changes, in light of comments received from Town Counsel, John Fitzgibbons. Based on his input and more detailed deliberations, additional but minor changes were made to the final draft. The PB voted in a roll-call vote, 4-0-0 to approve the final draft for inclusion in the Town Warrant and submission to the Town Meeting.

It was noted that, among his other comments, Mr. Fitzgibbons recommended that the Bylaws include a new section on “Rules.” Although the PB deemed this to be of value, it was agreed that such an amendment could not be developed, crafted and reviewed in public within the time available prior to this year’s Town Meeting.

ACTION PLAN:

- Ms McClintock will put the final draft language into a format that is compatible with the Town Warrant and send it to Mr. Strzegowski for submission to the Town Administrator.
 - Add the potential amendment regarding “Rules” to the PB’s Agenda next fiscal year.
3. Mr. Strzegowski reported on his attendance at the April 4th meeting on Senior Housing where members of several committees were present. Evidently, in viewing the available six acres on the Grammar School site, there was some disagreement as to how the space should be allocated between the Sr. Housing project, the Solar project and the need for reserve space for the school’s septic system. No conclusion was reached and they will meet again to try to seek better resolution.

4. It was noted that the Town Administrator advised that the Trails and Woodland Partnership Committee is looking for a person to represent Conway. Ms Girshman expressed some interest and will explore the subject further.

There being no further business, the members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETINGS: The next regularly scheduled PB meeting will be on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at the Town Office.

Pre-town Meeting will be on Monday, May 1 at 7:00 at the Grammar School. **Town Meeting** will be on Monday, May 8 at 7:30 at the Grammar School.

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Respectfully submitted,
David I Chichester