

Conway Planning Board Minutes Thursday, October 19, 2017

Location: Town Office, 32 Main Street

Attending: Chair Mary McClintock , Vice Chair Joe Strzegowski, Interim Clerk Sue McFarland, Absent: Beth Girshman, Andy Jaffe

Guests: Kimberly McPhee FRCOG and Michele Turre, Conway Open Space Committee

Meeting open by Chair McClintock at 7:03 pm

1) Kimberly McPhee from FRCOG re: South River Corridor Mapping/Planning

Ms. McPhee gave an update about the South River Corridor Mapping Project and the 2016 River Corridor Management Plan and Overlay District. She informed the Planning Board that funding is available for Ashfield and Conway to explore what towns may want to do to protect and/or manage the corridor. She reported that 67% of the rivers and tributaries of the South River district have been affected by human intervention. Rivers are disconnected from flood plains and 25% of the banks are eroded. Most of the South River rates as Extreme, Very High and High instability. There was discussion on how to make the information available to the public. The file size is quite large 17MB. Kim will send to Joe S. DropBox account so Board will have access to a digital file. A hard copy was left with the Board. Questions arose of whether mitigation efforts could change the rating of a zone and there was also discussion that the town may want to consider purchasing easements from landowners that would allow the river to move. The map could be used for DOT decisions when the corridors are close to construction projects. Stephanie also informed the board that all of the town culverts in the Deerfield River Watershed have now been mapped through the Deerfield Watershed Municipal preparedness Vulnerability Program. There was discussion if different town groups could collaborate on similar projects. The FRCOG is working with multiple town boards and Chair McClintock suggested the FRCOG have a presentation of projects and invite all the boards with the goal of creating an executive summary of the grant programs in play in Conway.

- 2) Review and Approve Minutes of October 5 as corrected. Motion to approve minutes as presented-Joe S. Second-Mary. All in favor.
- 3) Discuss comments from Public Hearing and prepare for Oct. 30 Town Meeting-no updates
- 4) Resident and Business Survey: Next Steps , Survey Deadline is Oct. 18-no updates
- 5) Open meeting Law changes-Planning Board members signed the Certificate of Receipt of Open Meeting Law materials to be submitted to Town Clerk
- 6) Planning Board Clerk Discussion -moved to November 2, 2017
- 7) Planning Board rules- moved to January after return of Andy Jaffe.
- 8) Large Scale Construction bylaw- Joe S. reported that he will meet with Ashfield on this later in the month
- 9) Next Scheduled Meetings: November 2 and November 16.
- 10) Mail. ZBA announcements regarding hearings received from Ashfield for one on Nov. 16 and one in Hatfield on Nov. 1.
- 11) Old Business-none
- 12) New Business- none

Meeting adjourned 8:45. Motion to adjourn-Joe S. Second-Sue M. All in favor