

Conway Planning Board Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2018

Present: Beth Girshman, Andy Jaffe, Mary McClintock, Joseph Strzegowski

Visiting: Bill Moebius

1) Review and approve Minutes of previous meetings: June 7, 2018

Several corrections were made, and Andy Jaffe moved to approve the minutes as amended. Joe Strzegowski seconded, all approved.

2) Bylaw re: Marijuana establishments: review draft from FRCOG and neighboring towns and review Conway Board of Health regulations

Joe compared the preliminary draft of a proposed bylaw with the Board of Health regulations. PB members discussed the comparisons and various definitions. Several points were raised:

-is it acceptable for BOH regulations to address medical marijuana if by-law does not?

- p. 2 of PB draft bylaw: marijuana establishment definitions not as comprehensive as BOH: is this a problem?

- p. 2 of PB draft bylaw: should we include need for an operating permit from BOH? Question for town council? We could add clause: applicant must comply with all BOH regulations

p. 3, part D of PB draft– after discussion, PB members agree to reduce location for marijuana retailer to 200 feet from any existing residential use

- p. 3 of BOH regs/section D: BOH does not include product manufacturing in requirement for annual operating license. Why not?

- p.4 of PB draft : to add in reference to existing zoning bylaw (15/50)

*After discussion PB members agreed that we would increase possible size of any marijuana establishment to 10,000 square feet

FLOW chart:

1) Host agreement

2) Apply for state license

3) PB special permit requirement

4) BOH yearly operating permit

Joe will bring second corrected draft to the July 12 PB meetings

3) Proposed solar array - no news. PB members agreed not to include this on future agenda until we hear further

4) PB members discussed the process of appointing members and associate members. Bill Moebius, Parsons Hill road, Conway, indicated an interest in serving. Mary McClintock will ask Select Board to proceed

5) Wastewater committee update: Select Board authorized this committee to seek a Public Works Economic Development Grant. Joe is working on the grant. Other PB members offered to assist, as needed.

6) Mail/email: Letter received from Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, to inform Town of Conway that the South Deerfield Water Supply District acquired Parcel 417.11 (located off Roaring Brook Road, Conway) for sanitary protection of SDWSD's Conway and Whately

Glen Reservoir. The parcel includes surface water protection areas for the reservoirs. Letter is attached.

7) New business. Large scale industrial bylaw got sent to the Attorney General's office with several typos, concerning numbering. At our most recent Town Meeting we did pass Article 27, section 12, that authorizes our Town Clerk to assign appropriate letters or numbers to sections, subsections, paragraphs and subparagraphs to Town general and zoning by-laws where none are approved by Town Meeting. PB members believe that will suffice.

8) Old business. Joe attended the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Plan public meeting. Draft MVP plan and public comment instructions are at www.townofconway.com or in person at Town Hall. Planning must be done to be ready for future problems, likely to be exacerbated by climate chaos.

9) Next scheduled meetings – Summer scheduled
July 12, 6-7:30 p.m. at Town Office building
August 15, 6-7:30 p.m. at Town Office building

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Girshman