

**Conway Planning Board
November 5, 2020**

Minutes – Meeting by Zoom

Members Present: Beth Girshman (Chair), Mary McClintock, Bill Moebius, Joseph Strzegowski (associate member) **Other Attendees:** None

Location: Remote by Zoom (phone/video) in accordance with memo from Town Administrator dated March 17, 2020 (“Logistics for Committees During the COVID-19 Emergency”)

Meeting Called to order at 6:04 pm.

Motion by Mary to approve the meeting minutes of October 22, with the amendments Alexis plans to make of adding Gary’s name and that the proposal is not an ANR; seconded by Bill. Motion passes 3-0-0.

1. Solar overlay district – continued discussion (Susan)

- Susan could not be present, and sent Beth a letter that she had drafted. Beth indicated that the letter is good and succinct: Beth has a few edits including: clarification of language, adding the number of acres for the Fournier property, and that the forest is home to endangered plants and wildlife as Mary had suggested. Susan wants to look at any edits before the letter moves to the next step, so the letter will be reviewed by the Board at the following meeting on November 19.

2. River Corridor Overlay – Next steps (Beth)

- The subcommittee of Beth and Bill has not yet met.
- Beth reviewed the documents from Kimberly again, and has several questions and concerns including who is the oversight body.
- Joe offered comments. (1) He looked at the state’s model floodplain bylaw, and he feels it would be a complete rewrite of what exists. He suggested this should be on the Planning Board’s project list. He suggested that FRCOG should appoint someone as coordinator on behalf of the town to ensure the person is up-to-speed on the regulations; many towns in Franklin County will need this kind of help. (2) Joe is working with Janet Chayes, Michelle Turre, and Kimberly McPhee on a Friends of the South River grant for the river corridor and Joe has been impressed by the positive response from people with property along the river who are interested in working with the grant team. Surveys are being done; the contract includes design and a bid package, and goes through mid-2021.

3. Solar – NexAmp project; Tighe and Bond reports, outcomes, abutter concerns

- Complaints from neighbors that they can see the site, about trash, and about the weight of trucks that are coming by their house. Discussion about hosting a meeting between all the parties to review the issue; two meetings are needed: (1) December time at a Planning Board meeting with resident who has asked to discuss proposed changes to the bylaw. (2) Meeting to air concerns of the neighbors and identify a solution to the line of sight complaints; this is timely and perhaps not a full Board meeting.
- Motion by Mary that: Beth and Joe represent the Planning Board at an “abutters concerns meeting” that includes Bob Armstrong for the Con Com and the Select Board; NexAmp; Tighe & Bond; interested abutters; Beth and Joe for the Planning Board; and

anyone else for Con Com with the goals of the meeting being to hear the concerns of the abutters and to identify if there are things that can be done to address those concerns. Beth and Joe will report back what happened and if there's anything else the Planning Board needs to do. Motion seconded by Bill; motion passes 3-0-0.

4. Housing Issues – ADUs, zoning by-law changes, affordable avenues

- Alyssa LaRose is on the agenda for 30 mins at the next meeting, November 19.

5. FRCOG Pollinator project

- Beth looked at the suggested bylaw changes again. If other bylaw revisions are underway, a change could be proposed to add language about native pollinator plant mix; otherwise, she does not see this being a priority.
- Motion by Mary that if there are bylaw revisions, the Planning Board will propose to add language to encourage pollinator plants usage; seconded by Beth. Motion passes 3-0-0.

6. Zoning use table revision, for FY 2021 — no discussion

7. Multi-hazard action plan – informational town mtg to be scheduled winter 2021

- Beth will propose some dates for the informational meetings.

Mail — none

Old business –

- Deerfield River Portage – waiting on Jenn's letter
- Planning Board archives – organizational plan, Alexis, Beth, Joe

New business not reasonably anticipated 48 hrs. in advance — none

Motion by Bill to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Beth. Motion passes 3-0-0. Remote meeting concluded at 6:51 pm.

Upcoming Meetings: November 19, December 3

Respectfully submitted,
Alexis Fedorjaczenko