

Conway Planning Board
December 3, 2020

Minutes – Meeting by Zoom

Members Present: Beth Girshman (Chair), Mary McClintock, Jennifer Mullins, Susan Fentin, Bill Moebius, Joseph Strzegowski (associate member) **Other Attendees:** Alexis Fedorjaczenko, Gerry LeBlanc, Jiyanna LeBlanc, Jack Farrell, Devlin Selman, Jeff Golay, Camille Balestri, Alice Vigliani, Paul Vigliani

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 6:01 pm.

Motion by Mary to approve the meeting minutes of November 19; seconded by Susan. Motion passes 5-0-0.

1. River Corridor Overlay – Next steps (Beth and Bill)

- Beth spoke with Rick Chandler from Ashfield.

2. Public hearings; next steps/who/what/schedule of meetings and press releases

- Informational sessions scheduled for:
 - Jan 21 – Municipal Vulnerabilities / Rivers (with K MacPhee, T Hutcheson)
 - Feb 4 – Solar
 - Feb 18 – Housing / Dwelling (with A LaRose)
- Beth has confirmed T Hutcheson and K MacPhee.
- Discussion about how to clearly explain the differences between the different projects that would be presented on January 21.
- Mary and Beth will work on a summary press release for all three events that will need to get to Conway Currents by Dec 20 and to be issued in the New Year.
- Discussion about recording the sessions and posting the recordings.

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

- See above.

4. Article 9, Zoning Bylaws - Large Scale Solar Facilities Bylaw – discussion with NexAmp abutters and neighbors (6:30-7:00)

- Gerry LeBlanc provided highlights of the neighborhood’s thinking about what has been an issue with the existing site and what could be improved in the bylaws. This includes:
 - Limiting the footprint, and limit clearing of forested land.
 - Requirements for setbacks including in relation to the nearest dwelling.
 - That line of sight and noise issues actually be tested.
 - Strike language saying the bylaw is to promote solar.
 - Increase size of buffer zones.
 - Vehicle traffic, trucks, and use of engine brakes, and schedule of work.

- o Consider applying more from the large-scale industrial bylaws to a project like this.
- Paul and Alice Vigliani spoke about changes in the neighborhood and promoting a lifestyle.
- Devlin Selman spoke about traffic and truck issues. She suggested to include language in bylaw about taking the proper routes. Also that Belchertown and Shutesbury have great bylaws.
- Jack Farrell asked about bonds and spoke about the importance of enforcement.
- Jiyanna LeBlanc wants to ensure there won't be further industrial type development on the site. Spoke about how the forests and wetlands in this area are worth protecting.

Mail — The mail was reviewed.

Old business –

- Deerfield River Portage – no discussion
- Planning Board archives – no discussion
- Zoning use table revision, for FY 2022 – no discussion

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

Motion by Susan to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mary. Motion passes 5-0-0. Remote meeting concluded at 7:31 pm.

Upcoming Meetings: December 17, January 7

Respectfully submitted,
Alexis Fedorjaczenko