

Conway Planning Board
February 18, 2021

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

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 6:30 pm.

Motion by Bill to approve the meeting minutes of February 4; seconded by Susan. Motion passes 5-0-0.

1. Public Information Session, March 18

- Topic is housing, detached ADUs, bylaw revisions.
- Alyssa Larose of FRCOG will attend but not to formally present.
- Mary will take the lead on outline for the presentation, with Susan’s help.

2. Town Caucus, March 1

- Three open seats, Beth will follow up on the term of each.
- Mary will not run again and will be missed. She is willing to continue as an Associate Member to help the board in general and to continue on housing issues in particular.
- Susan and Jennifer both will be running again.

3. Public Hearing, Wednesday March 24 (7-9 pm)

- Article 9, Zoning Bylaws – Large Scale Solar Facilities By-law
- Three parts to the Public Hearing: two administrative matters, to Change Board of Selectmen to Select Board and to Amend the solar overlay district map to remove the Fournier parcel; and then large-scale solar changes.

4. River corridor overlay zoning

- Subcommittee forming.
- Kimberly McPhee reached out on grant progress and Beth will speak with her.

Mail – Decision from the Town of Deerfield.

Old business – none.

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

Motion by Jennifer to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mary. Motion passes 5-0-0. Remote meeting concluded at 6:56 pm. The public information session is to start at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexis Fedorjaczenko

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PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION
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Other Attendees: Alexis Fedorjaczenko, Priscilla Lynch, Phillip Kantor, Mary Byrne, Mac McCoy, Jonathan Barkan, Devlin Selman, Jeff Golay, Gerry LeBlanc, Camille, Balestri, Alice Vigilani, Bob Cherdack, Rick Chandler, Jack Farrell, Erica Goleman, Michele Turre, Bob Armstrong

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Public Information Session called to order at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Mary to open the meeting; seconded by Susan. Motion passes 5-0-0.

The purpose of the meeting was to gather input from the public on potential solar bylaw changes in Conway, specifically focused on several priority areas of interest to the Planning Board. There will also be a public hearing on March 24 to formally consider bylaw changes. The topics of discussion tonight were:

- Require special permit process/ site plan review for all proposed new large solar facilities, over 5 acres;
- Increase setback distances from array perimeter to abutters;
- Strengthen requirements for sound testing and for source of noise to be further from perimeters;
- Require construction site monitoring (paid by applicant) for all proposed projects over 5 acres;
- Require line of sight visibility testing prior to permitting;
- Increase screening/planting and maintenance of plant screen over life of array; and
- Other topics not raised above.

The Planning Board expressed how helpful this event has been, and thanked everyone who participated. Comments are welcome and encouraged to planningboard@townofconway.com – including specific detail is helpful. Comments before March 2nd or 3rd are appreciated to keep the process moving.

The Planning Board also reminded everyone there is an open seat on the Planning Board, the members are happy to talk with anyone who has questions about participating.

Motion by Mary to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jennifer. Motion passes 5-0-0. Remote meeting concluded at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexis Fedorjaczenko