

Conway Planning Board Minutes
Thursday, January 20, 2022 7-8:30 p.m.
Location: Meeting conducted via Zoom

Meeting called to order 7:03 p.m. by Chair Beth Girshman

Members Present: Beth Girshman (chair), George Forcier, Bill Moebius, Joe Strzegowski (associate member). Absent: Susan Fentin, Jennifer Mullins

Other Attendees: John Moore; Roaring Glen Farm LLC; Devlin Selman; Gerry LeBlanc; Jiyanna Vagedes Baue, Main Poland Rd

Chair Beth Girshman opened meeting at 7:03

George Forcier moved that January 6, 2022 minutes be approved.

Bill Moebius seconded.

All in favor, Beth Girshman, Aye, George Forcier, Aye, Bill Moebius Aye.

Motion passes.

2) NexAmp – Report from Joe on latest site visit, Conservation Commission – driveway erosion.

All work is finished. Spring weather may reveal more erosion problems.

Complaint received on temporary construction sign. NexAmp notified by the Chair of PB, agreed to take it down within two weeks. They will replace with sign on fence outside of array, with name of owner and 24 hour phone number.

Sign at public road with Massachusetts DEP file number is required until Conservation Commission signs off on site review. NexAmp will install.

Electrical noise problem – NexAmp and Eversource engineers are working on resolving this issue. Some equipment was turned off, whereupon noise that abutters were reporting immediately ceased. We have not received any further updates on this. Beth will write to both NexAmp and Eversource, asking to be informed with any progress or information.

3) Flood plain bylaw revision.

George and Beth met to discuss the model floodplain bylaw, as suggested, tweaked and edited by FRCOG consultant. Beth wrote to Kimberly McPhee with several questions. Flood plain FIRM maps remain elusive – likely upstairs in town hall gym (no heat). Beth will seek out actual physical maps. GIS maps, flood plain layer, available through town website maps.

Véronique Blanchard has agreed to be the Floodplain Administrator. She will meet with members of PB to work up required checklist for permitting any development in designated floodplain.

Development means any improvement, changes, buildings, including driveways, sheds, barns, renovations/additions, etc.

Warrant article for town meeting requires placeholder language, at least, and ideally final proposed bylaw. We can submit our final suggested language for warrant.

Beth requested change in public hearing date to May 12 (21 days prior to town meeting, Saturday, June Information session to be held on March 3.

4) Local solar bylaws and Supreme Judicial court case – amicus brief. Planning Board requested that amicus brief be shared with us prior to discussion and potential decision to sign on. We have not received it yet.

5) Master plan – Beth spoke with Selectboard. Agreed that best way forward was to take on chapter to revise – notably, Housing section. DLTA funds were requested for technical assistance.

6) Administrative assistant – no applicants yet. Notice will be placed in Conway Currents, sign at Baker's.

7) Information sessions/public hearing dates. Governor's order re: allowing public meetings over Zoom will expire April 1.

Information session on proposed Floodplain bylaw revisions to be held on March 3.

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8) Revision of cannabis bylaw. Should this be revised? Can this be proposed at next Town meeting? Beth feels there is not proper time, nor urgency. She'd prefer to wait until fall Town Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 – Bill Moebius

Seconded – George Forcier

All in favor -

Beth Girshman, Aye

George Forcier, Aye

Bill Moebius, Aye