

**Conway Planning Board**  
**Tuesday, May 19, 2022**  
**via Zoom**

**Meeting convened** at 7:02 p.m.

**Members present:** Chair Beth Girshman, Joe Strzegowski (associate member), Jennifer Mullins, Susan Fentin, William Moebius, and George Forcier.

**Public in attendance:** Town Administrator Veronique Blanchard, Greenfield Recorder reporter Chris Larabee, Devlin Selman of Main Poland Road, Andrew Levchuk and Mark Silverman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Administrative:**

Minutes of May 5 meeting accepted. (Fentin moves, Mullins seconds; Forcier and Girshman vote yes; Moebius and Strzegowski abstain).

Minutes of May 10's first part of Vertex public hearing accepted. (Fentin moves, Moebius seconds; Girshman, Forcier and Mullins vote yes; Strzegowski abstains).

Minutes of May 12 flood plain hearing accepted. (Mullins moves, Moebius seconds. Girshman, Forcier vote yes; Fentin and Strzegowski abstain).

**Nexamp:** Strzegowski notes that Nexamp solar farm neighbor Alice Vigliani has asked the town administrator for an update on diagnosis of harmonic distortion emanating from the array on Main Poland Road. Girshman notes that the Planning Board currently has no role in the matter.

Later in the meeting, Selman, who lives near the Nexamp solar farm, complained that Nexamp technicians don't notify neighbors when they are going to be working on the array and potentially affecting the area's power supply. Usually, the Eversource liaison on the project does warn the neighbors, but didn't recently because he was on vacation, Selman said.

**Flood Plain bylaw:** Board formally voted to recommend amendments to Floodplain District Bylaw, Article 7 of the Town of Conway Zoning Bylaws. Girshman notes that some further technical modifications recommended by regional and state flood plain officials need to be made on the Town Meeting floor June 4. Fentin and Girshman have produced a handout for use at the pre-town meeting and Town Meeting to explain the changes. Also, Strzegowski has found the 2011 town vote to create a Planning Board but without adopting state subdivision regulations, information that was needed to satisfy a requirement of FEMA for the federal flood insurance program.

**Scenic Roads Bylaw:** Board is considering whether the town should have a scenic road bylaw, following complaints about tree cutting and trimming on Roaring Brook Road by town highway crew. Turns out that state law requires public hearings before removal or trimming of shade trees in public rights of way, which wasn't done, apparently. Fentin relays comments of a Selectboard member to that effect. Fentin will look up the

shade tree law, thinking that if its public hearing rule is followed in the future, a scenic road bylaw may be unnecessary.

**Wireless Facilities Bylaw:** Girshman suggests the board may want to review the current cell tower bylaw, last amended in 2005, as “things have changed” since then. Some towns address setbacks and protecting nearby vegetation, for example, and the current rules are silent on newer 5G technology. Fentin concurs, but neither thinks it’s a good idea to work with telecom companies or cell tower opponents in making such changes, although the views of both would be welcomed at the appropriate time.

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:45. (Forcier moves, Fentin seconds; Girshman, Moebius and Mullins vote yes; Strzegowski abstains.