

Conway Planning Board Minutes
Tuesday, April 2, 2024
Location: Town Hall

Present for the Planning Board: George Forcier, Chair; Members Jennifer Mullins, Jeff Lacy, Cheryl Case. **Absent,** Bill Moebius, Associate Member Joe Strzegowski.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

1) **MINUTES** of March 19 meeting have not been reviewed yet.
Approval postponed to next meeting, April 16.

2) **TOWN BYLAW CHANGE.** A 4-0 vote to seek an article on the next town meeting warrant to amend the town's general bylaws "to allow appointed associate members of town boards to serve, whether town residents or not."

George to bring the request to the Selectboard via town administrator.

The General Bylaw provision at issue is under "Town Officers, Boards and Commissions" Section 2: It states: "Only Conway residents shall be allowed to serve as voting member of Boards, Committees, and Commissions." (Amended-Annual Meeting - 09 May 2016)

The change would have the effect, in our case, of allowing long time Planning Board member Joe Strzegowski to continue serving the town with his 4 decades of institutional knowledge and experience after he moves to Whately later this spring or summer. The change would benefit the town immensely, especially in times when it is increasingly difficult to find volunteers to serve on boards. (The planning board has been one person short for most of my time, and will likely be short a member after the spring election.)

Associate Planning Board members, by state law, are allowed to participate in special permit applications which require 4 affirmative

votes on the 5-member board. As a 5-member board, the Planning Board is allowed one associate member.

3. Public comment: None

Adjourned: 7:35 p.m.