

**Conway Planning Board Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 7 p.m.**  
**Location: Town Hall**

**Present for the Planning Board:** George Forcier, Chair; Members Cheryl Case, Bill Moebius and Jeff Lacy. **Also attending** former associate member Joe Strzegowski, Francis Parisi of Vertex Towers.

- 1) Minutes of Aug. 20 meeting approved.
- 2) No public comments
- 3) **Accessory Dwelling Unit** bylaw changes: Discussed some issues for Conway from new state law regarding ADUs. Also discussed how best to proceed to make our zoning comply with and complement new state law. Among questions raised immediately was how Conway's current right to create a duplex from a single-family home before creating an ADU (third dwelling) might be impacted. Members asked to read our zoning bylaws section on "accessory apartments," the new state law and Jeff's analysis of it with the intention of bringing questions and ideas to our next meeting October. 24.
- 4) **Vertex Tower** representative Parisi answered questions about his request we extend their two-year-old special permit for a cell tower at 1356 Ashfield Road. A key reason he cited for their not acting on the permit yet was pandemic related delays for potential cellular carriers. He pointed out that Vertex has installed towers in Ashfield, Colrain and Shutesbury and that it has been hard to get carriers interested in Conway at the same time. He hopes that will change going forward. The board unanimously approved a one-time, two-year extension and warned that delays beyond that would require a new permit.
- 5) **RIVER CORRIDOR OVERLAY.** Members will review 7th draft of overlay bylaw proposal ahead of October 24.

6) It was noted that without a special town meeting in December, we may have to wait until the annual town meeting in June to seek a bylaw change that would allow Joe to be an associate member once again, now that he has moved to Whately.

7) **Further meetings** scheduled for Nov. 26

**Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.**