

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Friday, March 11, 2005

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:33 p.m. in the meeting room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen, Gary Webster (Chair), David Weathers, Karen Umberger and Larry Martin; Town Manager, Earl W. Sires; and Recording Secretary, Karen Hollowell.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Webster led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

The Board reviewed and signed various documents contained in the signature folder.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The Board reviewed and approved the manifest dated March 10, 2005.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to approve the minutes of 1/11/05 regular meeting, 1/18/05 regular meeting and 1/18/05 non-public meeting minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF WARRANT ARTICLES

Mr. Sires distributed a copy of a summary of changes made at the Deliberative Portion of Town Meeting held on March 7, 2005. (See attached). Mr. Sires reviewed that state law has changed and the Board of Selectmen can now reconsider Articles 28 and 36.

Mr. Sires reviewed Article 28 for the Eastern Slope Airport Authority was reduced from \$12,000 to \$10,000 and is now specified for a specific purpose. Mr. Sires reviewed the language for the article as amended. Mr. Sires further explained that the FAA requires the Airport to update the Master Plan every five years. Ms. Umberger stated she felt this Board should reaffirm its vote because the article was changed from general purpose to a specific purpose. **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, that we accept Article 28 as it appears on the ballot. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

Mr. Sires reviewed that the Loon Preservation Committee had requested \$500 and this Article (Article 36) was reduced to zero at Town Meeting. **Mr. Weathers moved to support the change from \$500 to \$0 for the Loon Preservation Committee article. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

Mr. Sires next reviewed language changes made at Town Meeting to Articles 21, 37, 38, 41 and 42 with the Board.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Winter Road Maintenance – The Town Manager deferred to Public Works Director, Paul DegliAngeli, for an update on sand and salt. Mr. DegliAngeli briefed the Board on the methods used for sanding and salting roads in winter. Mr. DegliAngeli further briefed the Board on the salt supply remaining for the season advising that we presently have 200 ton in the shed, which is enough for one or two small storms and the plan is to use this sparingly. Mr. DegliAngeli advised that the Town paid more for salt this year than ever in history. Further, New England is out of salt now due to the severity of this winter season.

Roads CIP – Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed the construction schedule in North Conway. Mr. DegliAngeli next advised that North Conway had a water main break on Seavey Street this week and David Bernier of the North Conway Water Precinct has now asked if the Town could move the Seavey Street work to this year in our plan. This is the subject of a North Conway Water Precinct meeting on Monday. Mr. DegliAngeli advised that he has reviewed this and feels it is an excellent opportunity to get this work out of the way now; however, it would mean postponing Davis Hill reconstruction, which he believes would last for another year. Further, the Precinct and the Town have met with the NHDOT and it looks as though this work could be done before July 4. There was brief discussion **Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to support Paul DegliAngeli's suggestion for Seavey Street, west of the North-South Road and East of Route 16, so long as this is approved by the North Conway Water Precinct.** Ms. Umberger questioned if the road will be closed. Mr. DegliAngeli advised there would be limited access. **The motion carried 4-0-0.**

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Kennett Ski Team – Mr. Martin sent congratulations to the ski team for the State Championship.

School Project – Ms. Umberger advised that she has a school project schedule if anyone would like a copy.

Schiavi Property Site Visit – Mr. Weathers reported that the Schiavi property site visit scheduled for March 3, 2005 was canceled and has tentatively been rescheduled for April 4, 2005.

PUBLIC COMMENT/MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

ADJOURN

Mr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weathers to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary