

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

January 3, 2006

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:04 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen Larry Martin (Chair), Karen Umberger, Gary Webster, and Mark Hounsell; Town Manager, Earl W. Sires; and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell. (Selectman, David Weathers, joined the meeting at 4:45 p.m.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Martin 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 1/6/06.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to accept the minutes of 11/21/06 Roundtable Meeting with the Governor, 11/21/06 Regular Meeting, 11/21/06 Non Public Meeting, 11/29/06 regular meeting, and 12/6/06 meeting minutes as written. The motion carried 4-0-0.

UPDATE ON ROUNDABOUTS

Public Works Director, Paul DegliAngeli, joined the meeting. Mr. DegliAngeli briefly reviewed the status of the roundabouts planned for the North-South Road with the Board.

Mr. Hounsell stated that it was his understanding regarding the roundabouts that the Board accepted the proposal as was presented in the fall and that the developers would fund same. Mr. Hounsell next read aloud an e-mail he sent to Mr. Sires regarding his position on the roundabouts and also read the vote from the meeting in October. (See attached). Ms. Umberger advised that she agrees that one roundabout would not solve the problem and we need to have two as was presented. Further, if two are not getting done we should not move forward with this project. After further discussion, **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to reaffirm this position by the exact language and that we put the protection clause of hold harmless language with all participants signing same. The motion carried 3-0-1 with Mr. Martin abstaining.**

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Finance Director, Lucy Philbrick, joined the meeting.

Fund Balance and Cash Flow - Ms. Philbrick distributed a list of payments made to the school in 2005. There was a review and discussion of fund balance and cash flow with the Board.

Dave weathers joined the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Warrant Articles – Mr. Sires distributed a revised and updated copy of draft warrant articles to date and reviewed same with the board.

Mr. Weathers questioned why the article for Schouler Park was being struck from the list. Mr. Sires explained the Mount Washington Valley Preservation Association (MWVPA) may be including some improvements to Schouler Park in their budget for the streetscape project. After brief discussion it was agreed that the Board would wait to until more information is provided on this from the MWVPA..

Mr. Sires next reviewed information regarding a capital reserve fund for a police vehicles article with the Board.

Mr. Webster questioned if information was available yet regarding the default budget. Mr. Sires advised an update would be provided in the near future.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Eastern Slope Airport Authority – Mr. Sires reported there is an Eastern Slope Airport Authority Board meeting scheduled for this evening.

Conway Area Humane Society – Mr. Sires reported the Conway Area Humane Society Contract will be before the Board for review next week.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

County Budget – Mr. Hounsell commented that he would like to have a report from someone as to why the County budget is so high as it has affects on the Conway taxpayers. There was brief discussion and the Board agreed the Town should contact the County Commissioners and ask for a representative to come to a meeting to talk about the increases to the budget.

Conservation Commission – Mr. Weathers reported the Conservation Commission will meet on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at the Whitaker Meeting House.

Budget Committee – Ms. Umberger distributed a schedule of Budget Committee meetings. Ms. Umberger also pointed out that the meeting for the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen to meet with non profit agencies is scheduled for February 4, 2006.

Infrastructure Committee – Ms. Umberger reported a meeting of the Infrastructure Committee was held earlier today in Conway.

PUBLIC COMMENT/MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3,II(c)/TAX MATTER

At 5:23 p.m., **Mr. Hounsell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Umberger to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3,II(c).** The non-public session included, Attorney, Kenneth Cargill, Town Manager, Earl W. Sires, and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell. **The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

The Board returned to regular session at 5:54 p.m. A motion to seal the minutes for sixty (60) days was made a carried in non public session.

ADJOURN

Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary