

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

April 4, 2006

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:15 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen Larry Martin (Chair), Karen Umberger, Dave Weathers, Gary Webster, and Mark Hounsell; Town Manager, Earl W. Sires; and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell

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 signed the manifest dated March 6, 2006.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to approve the minutes of 2/16/06 and 2/23/06 as written. The motion carried 5-0-0.

BOARD COMMENT

Mr. Hounsell commented on the April 1st, (April Fool's Day) edition of the Conway Daily Sun and how the headlines made him laugh. Mr. Hounsell also commented he purchased a shirt reflective of himself which states "Ask me my Opinion-Please". Mr. Hounsell reminded everyone to laugh everyday.

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON
MECHANIC STREET RECONSTRUCTION

Public Works Director, Paul DegliAngeli and Highway Foreman, Andrew Smith, were present for discussion. Also present was David Bernier, Superintendent of the North Conway Water Precinct.

Mr. Sires reviewed reconstruction of Mechanic Street in North Conway will be done this spring and summer. A public notice was posted to take public comments on this matter today.

Mr. DegliAngeli pointed out there was not any turn out from Mechanic Street for this posted public comment meeting. Mr. DegliAngeli advised that letters were sent to owners on Mechanic Street regarding this public meeting. Mr. DegliAngeli also pointed out that many of the properties on Mechanic Street are apartments.

Mr. DegliAngeli next reviewed work planned for Mechanic Street with the Board. Mr. DegliAngeli advised work is planned to start on April 17 and be completed by July 4.

Mr. DegliAngeli advised that one issue that has arisen is there will be a reduction in parking along the street due to the work that is being performed in bringing the street back up to standards, although it will not be a reduction in parking per the ordinance.

Mr. Martin asked for comments or questions from the public. There were none. Mr. Martin closed the public comment period in this matter at 4:28 p.m.

NORTH SOUTH ROAD DISCUSSION

Mr. Martin advised that discussion was held with Town Counsel regarding this matter and same will be placed back on the Board's agenda in a few weeks.

Mr. Hounsell reviewed information regarding eminent domain and distributed copies of same to the Board for review.

Mr. Martin next reviewed that this Board has not agreed to take anything by eminent domain yet but to look at this with Town Counsel.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM NORTH CONWAY WATER PRECINCT FOR DEED TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 17 SEAVEY STREET, NORTH CONWAY, NH (MAP 218, LOT 123 & 124)

Mr. Sires advised a request has been received the North Conway Water Precinct for a deed to the property located at 17 Seavey Street in North Conway. Mr. Sires further advised that attempts were made to reach Chief Preece regarding this matter being on the agenda but we had not heard back from him and he may be out of town and he did indicate previously that he would like to be present for the discussion.

The Board held a brief discussion regarding this matter and agreed it should be rescheduled. It was also suggested that the North Conway Water Precinct Commissioners be invited to attend as well.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED REVISED WELFARE GUIDELINES

Mr. Sires advised that the General Assistance Officer, Billie Jo Parker, has requested the consideration of the annual update to the section of the Welfare Guidelines pertaining to allowable levels of assistance payments. She is updating same to coincide with the state. Mr. Sires distributed a copy of the proposed changes for the Board's review. **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell, that we accept the allowable levels of assistance for Conway as portrayed on the document dated 4/4/06. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

DISCUSSION REGARDING WORKERS' COMPENSATION/ ALTERNATIVE WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Mr. Sires reviewed this matter was discussed at a previous meeting and the Board questioned if it also applies to union employees. Mr. Sires advised it applies to

both union and non union. **Ms. Umberger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Webster, to adopt the Workers' Compensation Alternative Work Opportunities as our policy. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

MANUFACTURED HOUSING INSTALLATION STANDARDS

Building Inspector, David Pandora, joined the meeting. Mr. Pandora reviewed a copy of his letter prepared regarding Manufactured Housing Installation Standards with the Board. (See attached).

After a short discussion, the Board agreed they would like additional research and information regarding this matter and then bring same back for further discussion. **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, to refer this discussion to town counsel to be sure we are fully aware of all the ramifications of the inspections of modular homes. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

DISCUSSION OF COUNTY BUDGET

Mr. Hounsell distributed and reviewed Carroll County revenue and expenditure budget worksheets to the Board and reviewed same. Mr. Hounsell expressed concerns with the increases in the County budget.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Memorandum of Agreement/Town of Conway and MWVPA – Mr. Sires distributed a revised copy of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Conway and the Mount Washington Valley Preservation Association concerning the North Conway Village project and reviewed same with the Board. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, that we accept and sign the Agreement today. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Town Report - Mr. Sires reported the 2005 Town Reports have been received and copies are available at various locations around town. Mr. Sires reviewed that the Town Reports are no longer mailed to individual addresses however, should anyone not be able to get out to get a copy to please contact Town Hall for a copy to be mailed. Mr. Sires next reviewed new content contained in the 2005 Town Reports with the Board, i.e. map and telephone directory.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Election Day Requirement – Ms. Umberger reviewed that it is a requirement for Selectmen to be at the polls on Voting Day, Tuesday, April 11, 2006. Ms. Umberger suggested coordinating sign up times.

Budget/Warrant Article Program – Ms. Umberger questioned if the Town will be doing a Budget/Warrant Article Program to air on Valley Vision this year before Voting Day. There was a brief discussion by the Board but no decision was made to do a program.

School Building Committee – Ms. Umberger reported the School Building Committee met last week. They showed pictures of the progress on the building and

this is also available on the web. There was also discussion about planning and design for the middle school.

Conservation Commission – Mr. Weathers reported the Conservation Commission will meet next Wednesday, April 12, 2006.

Recreation Funding – Mr. Weathers commented that he has received a number of calls from Eaton concerning recreation funding. Mr. Weathers reviewed that Eaton hasn't appropriated any money for Recreation. Mr. Weathers further advised that Eaton can still come in and present any suggestions they may have for a viable solution. Mr. Weathers further advised that this town sent a letter to Eaton inviting them but we have not heard anything back from Eaton but he would still like to see them make any effort to come in. Mr Sires commented that the Town received a letter from the Town of Albany thanking us for working with them.

Election Day – Mr. Hounsell reminded everyone that Election Day is Tuesday, April 11, 2006 and asked everyone to please vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

David Carkhuff of the Conway Daily Sun questioned if there would be a Board meeting next Tuesday. The Board advised there would not be a Board of Selectmen meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2006.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary