

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

July 25, 2006

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:07 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 documents in the document folder.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The Board reviewed and approved the manifest dated July 27, 2006.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to approve the minutes of 6/13/06 and 6/27/06 as written. The motion carried 5-0-0.

NORTH CONWAY CONSTRUCTION CONCERNS

Jonathon Bliss, owner of the Cigar Emporium, a business on Route 16 in North Conway, appeared before the Board. Mr. Bliss spoke about his construction concerns in North Conway with the Board and how they are affecting his business. The Board held discussion with Mr. Bliss and encouraged him to bring his concerns to the meeting scheduled with Executive Councilor Ray Burton and NHDOT Commissioner Carol Murray scheduled for July 26 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town office to discuss the construction project.

CODE COMPLIANCE MATTER - SAUNDERS

Mr. Sires advised that he met with Mr. Saunders today. Mr. Saunders has agreed to comply and clean up the area and the Town has agreed to hold the matter in abeyance until August 1, 2006. Mr. Sires advised that if it is not resolved at that time the Board will be advised. The Board agreed.

REPORT ON COMMUNICATIONS CENTER UPGRADE

Police Chief, Ed Wagner, and Police Commissioners, Robert Porter and David Doherty, were present.

Chief Wagner advised that the Police Department received a grant to upgrade their equipment consoles. The grant is for \$104,000 but does not include the furniture for the consoles. The Chief advised that they received several quotes for the furniture

with a range of \$14,000 to \$60,000. Chief Wagner next advised that the precincts and others were asked if they could help out with the costs for the furniture, along with wiring work that needed to be done which cost \$14,000. Chief Wagner advised that some of the precincts were able to donate money for the furniture and some others had no money in their budgets. Also, Rod Brooks did phone work and Carroll County Dispatch let them use equipment. There was a discussion with the Board. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, that we instruct the Town Manager to work with the Police Chief and Commissioners to determine what portion of money can be made through our budget. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Chief Wagner next briefly discussed the "*Click It or Ticket*" campaign and advised that \$723.12 was received from the State and asked if this could be credited to his account. **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that we accept the \$723.12 grant from NH Highway Safety. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO ZBA

Sheila Duane was present. The Board reviewed a letter received from Ms. Duane expressing interest in serving as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to appoint Sheila Duane as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a three year term. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

FUTURE OF PUBLIC ACCESS IN THE VALLEY/JEFF FLINT, VALLEY VISION

Jeff Flint, Valley Vision Station Manager, joined the meeting.

Mr. Flint provided a copy of the signed MOU between the Town of Conway and Valley Vision to the Town Manager.

Mr. Flint advised that he was here at the meeting today to see if the Board was interested in leaving the access status quo or trying to have other towns rejoin.

Mr. Sires reviewed that Bartlett and Jackson are not sharing partners in Valley Vision and they need to renegotiate their contract with Time Warner to get shared access. Mr. Sires reviewed that they are not authorized to get a signal and we are not authorized to give the signal and the present contract runs through 2010. There was a discussion regarding access and funding with Mr. Flint. The Board and Mr. Sires encouraged Mr. Flint to focus more on Valley Vision's present funding sources. The Board also requested that Mr. Flint return to a Board meeting in one month to report on Conway and Mr. Flint agreed

At 5:40 p.m. the Board took a 5 minute recess. The Board reconvened at 5:45 p.m.

AMBULANCE DISCUSSION WITH PRECINCT AND DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

Representatives of North Conway Water Precinct, Conway Village Fire District, Center Conway Fire District, and Redstone Fire District, were present for discussion. No designated representative from East Conway Fire District was present.

Mr. Sires reviewed that a letter was sent to the precincts asking them to discuss the future of ambulance service in the Town of Conway.

The Board asked the Precinct representatives where they would like to see service in five years, if they would like to see two separate contracts, and what, if any, are their issues.

Ray Leavitt stated there needs to be two ambulance services and need to come to an agreement on whether there is going to be two or not. Doug Swett stated he thinks the town should keep two services. Chief Wade stated that what he heard at Town Meeting was a need for a level of service and consistency throughout the town is important. Further, the townspeople deserve the level of service they have received from both services over the years. Chief Wade next suggested the Board of Selectmen sit down with the two current vendors. Chief Pandora of Redstone stated he doesn't want to see services change. He would like to see work on the contract. Redstone is not looking to have its own ambulance. There was next discussion regarding Redstone and Center Conway services. The representatives of both precincts agreed they are not interested in having their own ambulance service but would like to keep their options open for the future. Ray Leavitt stated Center Conway's position is they are licensed to transport and may do so in the future. North Conway and Conway have premium service and Center Conway can serve as back and they are content with that but down the road as more homes are built, etc., there may be a need for a subcontract. Chief Pandora next stated that if contracts stay the way they are, they are happy with the services.

Mr. Kiesman stated that the contracts are for availability of ambulance service and that is what you are paying for and not a subsidy.

After further brief discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Sires would put together a draft scope for the Board's review. **Mr. Hounsell moved that the Chairman appoint two members of the Board of Selectmen to work with the Town Manager, Earl Sires, as the Ambulance Committee to develop a draft of scope for our review next week so we can send it to the two vendors. The motion carried 5-0-0.** Chairman Martin appointed Selectmen Webster and Weathers to work with Mr. Sires.

CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENTS RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION OF NORTHERN ROUNDABOUT

Mr. Sires reported there are no agreements yet with regard to this agenda item. The Board agreed to re-agenda this matter for the next meeting.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Fryeburg Water Company – Mr. Sires reported the Town received a copy of an Order issued by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in the Fryeburg Water Company matter. The PUC has ordered the water main be replaced in its entirety. Mr. Weathers advised that he has heard from a company regarding a wetlands permit for the work for this line also.

Heating Oil – Mr. Sires reviewed prices for #2 heating oil and discussed the option to lock in on a price. Mr. Sires next advised that staff recommendation at this

point is to go with market price and not lock in. There was no objection to this recommendation and Board agreed to stay with this course of action for now.

Building Inspection – Mr. Sires distributed a copy of Warrant Article 39 which was adopted at 2003 Town Meeting and reviewed same. There was next discussion regarding proposing an amendment to the Building Permit Application and this requires a public hearing. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, to set a public hearing for the first date possible. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Joint Town School Committee – Mr. Sires reported a Joint Town School Committee meeting was held today. Mr. Sires distributed a comparison of benefits to the Board for review.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Budget Committee – Ms. Umberger reported a Budget Committee meeting was held July 19, 2006. The Town budget was reviewed.

Joint Town School Committee – Ms. Umberger reported a Joint Town School Committee meeting was held today. A representative of School Care spoke. At the next meeting of the Committee they will receive figures from the three insurance carriers to review.

Shared Information Policy – Mr. Hounsell questioned if any the Superintendent of Schools provided any information regarding procedures for the Shared Information Policy. Mr. Sires advised draft procedures were received and he will distribute a copy of same to the Board for review.

Recreation Funding – Mr. Hounsell reviewed a meeting was held with Eaton and Albany to discuss recreation funding. Mr. Hounsell reviewed the suggestions from Eaton and Albany on funding that were offered at the meeting with the Board. The Board agreed to agenda this matter for a future meeting for further discussion.

Dredge & Fill Application – Mr. Weathers reported that the Fryeburg Water Company may be filing an expedited Dredge & Fill Application.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION:RSA 91:A,II(a)/TOWN MANAGER REVIEW

At 7:00 pm, a motion to go into Non-Public Session in the meeting room of Conway Town Hall under RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) was made by David Weathers and seconded by Karen Umberger and voted by a roll call vote in the affirmative by all present.

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:03 pm. A motion to seal the minutes was made and carried.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM, on a motion made by David Weathers and seconded by Mark Hounsell and voted in the affirmative by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary