

Minutes of Meeting CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

August 8, 2006

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:06 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 contained in the signature folder.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The Board reviewed and approved the manifest dated August 10, 2006.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell to approve the regular and non-public minutes of 7/11/06. The motion carried 5-0-0.

PETER OAKKOLA – CANDIDATE FOR CARROLL COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Peter Oakkola joined the meeting. Mr. Oakkola advised that he is a candidate for Carroll County Commissioner. Mr. Oakkola stated he feels there are issues with revenues and the budget as well as the nursing home and this is why he is running for office. Mr. Oakkola also advised that he is a 3rd term selectmen in the Town of Ossipee.

COOPERATIVE RECREATION FUNDING DISCUSSION

Mr. Sires distributed a copy of a proposal list that resulted from a meeting held recently with Eaton and Albany concerning recreation funding. The Board discussed the proposals made by Eaton and Albany and the Board agreed to remain status quo.

Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, that we extend to the participating Town of Albany the option to be on the Policy Committee and carbon copy Eaton with an explanation of why not on the committee. There was brief discussion by the Board. Ms. Umberger withdrew her second and Mr. Hounsell with his motion.

Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, that we invite Eaton to participate in the final four months of 2006 at a rate of \$1000 per month. There was a discussion regarding programs that carry over into the new year, i.e. basketball, etc. There was also a discussion concerning the fact that Eaton has also not yet been sent a bill for the first four months of the year yet in which they did participate. A vote was

taken and the **motion failed 1-4-0 with Mr. Hounsell voting in the positive and Ms. Umberger and Messrs. Webster, Weathers and Martin voting in the negative.**

There was next a discussion about billing Eaton for the first four months of the year. Mr. Weathers suggested when sending the bill out to Eaton to include a note asking what they are contemplating and if they have any other comments. **Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to send out a bill covering the first four months bills (\$2,000) and along with the bill an attachment asking the Board the Selectmen if they had a chance to review and come up with any thoughts for this year or for 2007. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, that there will be a communication committee with all three towns. The motion carried 5-0-0.

AMBULANCE CONTRACT

Kenneth Kiesman of North Conway Ambulance was present for discussion.

Mr. Sires distributed a draft Request for Proposal with the changes as directed by the Board at the last meeting and reviewed same. There was a discussion regarding the service area delineated by telephone exchanges – 447 is covered by Conway Village and 356 covered by North Conway Ambulance. Mr. Kiesman advised that Conway Village will cover the School even though they will have a 356 exchange.

Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, that the Town Manager be instructed to release the Request for Proposal for ambulance services to Conway Village Fire District and North Conway Ambulance. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Mr. Kiesman requested a copy of the Request for Proposal at the meeting and same was provided to him.

CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENTS RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION OF NORTHERN ROUNDABOUT

Town Attorney Peter Malia explained to the Board they could hold discussion under RSA 91-A:3:II(d) regarding land acquisition.

Mr. Sires reported that there were no agreements at this point for the northern roundabout. Further, issues not pertinent to the Town have been brought into this for the northern roundabout by one of the parties.

Ms. Umberger reviewed the minutes of the May 4, 2006 meeting and the step by step process that the Board agreed to follow in this matter. After further brief discussion the Board agreed to adjourn to non public session for further discussion.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3,II(d)LAND ACQUISITION

At 5:10 p.m., **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3,II(d).** Included in the non-public session were Town Attorney, Peter Malia, Town Manager, Earl Sires, Town Engineer, Paul DegliAngeli, and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell. **The Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

The Board returned to public session at 6:30 p.m. A motion to seal the minutes until the completion of the northern roundabout was made and carried in non public session.

Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, that the Town Manager is to instruct staff to take no further action regarding the northern roundabout. The motion carried 5-0-0.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Vacation – Mr. Sires reported he would be taking vacation Friday, August 11, 2006 through Friday, August 18, 2006. Mr. DegliAngeli will be acting Town Manager in his stead.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Time Warner Cable – Ms. Umberger questioned if Time Warner has sent information packets to all customers since taking over for Adelphia Cable. Mr. Sires suggested contacting the area representative for Time Warner to ask them to a Board meeting for an update. The Board agreed.

Construction Meeting – Ms Umberger asked for an update on the meetings that are held weekly to discuss Route 16 construction. Mr. Sires reported a meeting was held today and was attended by town staff, NHDOT, Audley, MWVCC and others. Mr. Sires reported there were several situations mentioned and discussed at the meeting wherein communication between Audley, Powershot and NHDOT was still not very good. There was also discussion at the meeting regarding the painting of crosswalks. NHDOT has not painted the crosswalks yet and agreed the town can go ahead and do so and bill the state. The Board next discussed sending a letter to Audley regarding communication issues. The Board unanimously agreed a letter should be sent to Audley and the Chair, Larry Martin, would sign same and that the letter should be copied to Councilor Burton and others.

School Building Steering Committee – Ms. Umberger reported that a Building Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for August 16 and Mr. Martin will be attending same in her place as she will be on vacation.

Conservation Commission – Mr. Weathers reported the Conservation Commission is scheduled to meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Whitaker Meeting House in North Conway.

Blood Drive - Mr. Weathers commented the Conway Fire Station will be holding a blood drive.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

Dot Seybold questioned what it means –you are taking no action, with regard to the motion made when the Board came out of the non public session earlier. The Board explained that staff will take no further action regarding the northern roundabout at this point. Ms. Seybold questioned what happens to the money and questioned if the town

is going to build the northern roundabout. The Board and Mr. Sires further clarified that staff has been instructed to cease efforts at this point.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3.II(A)/TOWN MANAGER REVIEW

It was agreed that this agenda item would be carried to the next meeting.

ADJOURN

At 6:45 p.m. **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary