

**Minutes of Meeting  
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

September 19, 2006

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 3:00 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 document contained in the signature folder.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The Board reviewed and signed the manifest dated September 21, 2006.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to approve the non-public minutes of 7/25/06, public minutes of 8/01/06, public minutes of 8/08/06 and non-public minutes of 8/08/06 as written. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Consideration of the minutes of 8/22/06 was carried to the next meeting.

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

**A motion to go into executive session under RSA 91-A:3,II(a) for Town Manager Review was made by Ms. Umberger, seconded by Mr. Webster. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

The Board returned to public session at 3:48 p.m. A motion to seal the minutes was made and carried.

DISCUSSION OF REDSTONE PROPERTIES LLC MITIGATION LAND

Mr. Weathers reviewed a meeting recently held with Mr. Schiavi, representatives of NHDOT, and the Conservation Commission regarding land in Redstone. After brief discussion, **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that we support the approval of the acquisition of the Schiavi property. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

CONSIDERATION OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE IN AN AMOUNT LESS THAN \$5,000 / PRESENTATION BY ROTARY CLUB OF CHECK FOR \$2,000 TO CONWAY RECREATION CENTER

Carolyn Brown of the North Conway Rotary Club appeared before the Board. Ms. Brown advised the Rotary Club supported a request submitted by Conway

Recreation for playground equipment and she is here to submit the check for \$2,000 on behalf of the Rotary Club to the Town of Conway for this purpose. **Ms. Umberger moved to approve the \$2,000 check from North Conway Rotary to the Town of Conway for playground equipment. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### BRIEFING BY TIME WARNER CABLE

Mike Edgecomb, Government Relations Manager and Rodney King, local representative of Time Warner Cable (TWC) joined the Meeting.

Mr. Edgecomb first distributed new updated information from TWC Television to the Board for review. Mr. Edgecomb provided the Board with a brief background on himself and a brief background of TWC as well. Mr. Edgecomb next discussed employment that TWC will bring to New England.

Mr. Hounsell questioned PEG support from TWC. Mr. Edgecomb stated he doesn't expect TWC to pull back on PEG support; however, channels are at a premium and it is difficult to get a channel. This is an issue nationwide.

Mr. Hounsell asked about the legislation to do away with franchise fees and if TWC has taken a position in this regard. Mr. Edgecomb advised that TWC looks to the National Cable and Telecommunications Association with regard to this matter. Mr. Edgecomb further advised that it is telephone companies that are pushing to remove franchise fees so they can get into the business.

Ms. Umberger next questioned internet service and whether subscriber addresses would remain @adelphia.net or will we be seeing a change. Mr. Edgecomb advised that on October 30 TWC will be switching to Roadrunner.com and subscribers email address will be changing from @adelphia.net to @rr.net. Mr. Edgecombe advised that TWC will be sending letters, e-mails and doing a media blitz to get the word out on this matter.

Ms. Umberger questioned the NFL TV channel. She had received comments from a citizen regarding this channel being deleted. Ms. Umberger stated she understand costs high and if they are no longer going to carry the channel will customers see a reduction in rates. Mr. Edgecomb explained this channel is offered under a different tier on TWC. All subscribers paid for the channel when it was on Adelphia and TWC feels it should only be on the sports tier. TWC is still in negotiations regarding this matter.

Mr. Webster questioned the 150 jobs that were created, what type, etc. Mr. Edgecomb advised they are mostly call center positions in the Portland, Maine area.

There were no more Board questions or comments. Mr. Martin asked for public questions or comments. There were none.

Rodney King next asked for the Board's help with regard to direction on Potter Road. Mr. King stated that for poles were set a year ago and the direction was to go to Baird Hill this year. Mr. King stated he needs the Board's assistance with regard to trees as he was told it was up to the Planning Board to trim trees and it was not TWC's responsibility. Mr. Sires advised that he would look into this matter and advise.

### AMBULANCE DISCUSSION WITH PROVIDERS

Larry Wade, Fire Chief for Conway Village Fire, Carl Thibodeau, Commissioner from Conway Village Fire District, and Tinker Kiesman of North Conway Ambulance were present for discussion.

Mr. Webster explained that people would like to know what they would get for their money with regard to the ambulance contract. There was next a general discussion with the ambulance providers. The discussions included bid amounts, costs, number of ambulances, service areas, ambulance personnel, personnel benefits, etc.

Selectman Hounsell sat in the audience and advised he was speaking as a citizen of Conway and made a statement. A copy of which is attached to these minutes. Mr. Hounsell then rejoined the table as a Selectman.

After further discussion, Ms. Umberger suggested this matter go back to the Ambulance Committee to discuss options and to bring back a recommendation to the Board. Mr. Weathers questioned if the providers would rather meet with the Board or the committee first. Both providers agreed to meet with the committee first and then come back before the Board.

### CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATIVE POLICY POSITIONS

Mr. Sires advised that the Legislative Policy Positions were distributed to staff for recommendations on issues relevant to their expertise. Mr. Sires distributed memo to the Board with his and staffs recommendations and comments for review and consideration. It was agreed that the Board would review same and discussion would be held at the next meeting.

### TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Budget – Mr. Sires advised that the budgeting process for 2007 is underway. Proposed budgets are due from Department heads on Friday, October, 13, 2006.

Household Hazardous Waste Day – Mr. Sires reviewed that Household Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for September 30, 2006 at the Transfer Station.

### BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Recycling Attendant – Ms. Umberger questioned the progress of hiring a recycling attendant. Mr. Sires advised the Town received ten responses to the ad and Mr. DegliAngeli will be conducting three interviews in the near future.

Meeting Schedule – Ms. Umberger questioned if there will be a Board meetings the week of Fryeburg Fair and Thanksgiving week. There was brief discussion and the Board agreed to plan on not holding meetings both of these weeks.

Fryeburg Aviation Day – Mr. Webster advised that Saturday, September 30, 2006 is Fryeburg Aviation Day at Eastern Slope Airport.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

ADJOURN

**Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell  
Executive Secretary