

Minutes of Meeting CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

September 26, 2006

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:03 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, was not in attendance.

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 September 28, 2006.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to approve the minutes of 8/22/06 as written. The motion carried 4-0-0.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Public Works Director, Paul DegliAngeli, joined the meeting.

Mr. Sires first advised that the Town's new Recycling Coordinator started at the Transfer Station today.

Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed there was previous discussion in May regarding electronics recycling. Mr. DegliAngeli distributed a draft proposed ordinance for review and discussion. Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed the Board would need to hold two public hearings before adopting an ordinance for electronics recycling.

Mr. DegliAngeli next reviewed electronics items that could be recycled. Mr. Hounsell asked about the discrepancy in costs of disposal of electronics versus other items such as refrigerators, etc. Mr. DegliAngeli explained that items such as refrigerators can make revenue on the metal, the \$5 recycling charge is for the refrigerant. The costs for e-waste are for dismantling the items. Mr. Webster questioned if computer items such as a CPU and monitor would each be a charge and Mr. DegliAngeli replied in the affirmative. There was next a discussion as to what to include and what not to include such as programmable appliances, etc. It was agreed that a list would be made of what would and would not be included and this would be brought back to a future meeting for discussion.

DISCUSSION OF VETERANS TRIANGLE PARK

Citizen, Mary Honeycutt, joined the meeting along with Veteran, Frank McCarthy. Code Compliance Officer, Jim Yeager was also present for discussion.

Ms. Honeycutt advised that she received \$3,000 in donations to help make Veterans Triangle Park and it was a dream come true for her to make this park. She is here today to see if it is lawful for people to put yard sale signs in the park. She hopes to make it lawful for anyone seeing signs in the park to be able to remove them.

Mr. Sires explained there is no law prohibiting yard sale signs in the town right of way. Our law states the signs must be removed within a certain period of time. Code Compliance Officer, Jim Yeager, explained the signs must be removed within two days.

Ms. Honeycutt stated that she is very serious about this matter and that she thinks that with anything that pertains to veterans there should not be other signs allowed. Mr. McCarthy state he knows it is illegal to place political signs on town property and thinks that signs in Veterans parks should be an ordinance as well.

There was discussion by the Board. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that no signs are authorized in Veterans Triangle in Center Conway and any person seeing an unauthorized sign in Veterans Triangle may remove it.** There was further discussion by the Board as to the need to go through the process and create an ordinance that will protect any cemetery or site the town owns. It was agreed that in the while same is being developed the Board could go on record that we they discourage that kind of signage. **Mr. Webster withdrew his second and Mr. Hounsell withdrew his motion.**

Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, that the Conway Board of Selectmen go on record as discouraging signage at Veteran Memorial Parks. The motion carried unanimously 4-0-0.

Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell, that we direct staff to investigate the creation of an ordinance that would strictly prohibit the placement of any signage, temporary or permanent, within any veterans or historic property owned by the Town of Conway. Ms. Honeycutt acknowledged that this answers her concerns. **The motion carried unanimously 4-0-0.**

The Board took a brief recess 4:55 p.m. The Board resumed their meeting at 5:00 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATIVE POLICY POSITIONS

The Board held discussion on the LGC Legislative Policy Positions. The Board went through the list and agreed that any that were not discussed the position is "agreed to". The Board did discuss several of the policies from the list as follows:

Municipal Participation in Retirement Issues – Mr. Hounsell felt the Board should not take a position on this policy. Ms. Umberger was neutral. There was no unanimous Board direction.

Charitable Definition and Mandated Property Tax Exemptions – The Board felt it should be careful with a position on this policy. It was pointed out that you don't always know the complete history on items such as this one and all of the ins and outs.

Right to Know Cost and Specificity Required – The Board agreed not comfortable with trying to specify how people ask for public information. The Board did not support this policy position.

Right to Know Law Exemption – This deals with the right to know law for a list of dog owners and the Board agreed you don't want to just pick one list at a time. They should review everything and not just one list for exemption. The Board did not support this policy position.

Binding Arbitration – The Board discussed this policy position and agreed to support this one.

State Revenue and State Education Funding – Mr. Hounsell stated he wouldn't support this position as he feels there would be an income tax or sales tax. The Board agreed not to support this position.

Minimum Vote Required for Bond Issues – The Board held discussion and then agreed to support the 60% bond vote requirement position.

Mandated Employee Benefits – Ms. Umberger advised she is opposed to LGC being opposed to this position. Mr. Hounsell advised he supports the position. The Board then discussed this and agreed that Mr. Sires should listen to discussion at the conference and see where it is going.

Discretionary Preservation Easements – There was brief discussion and the Board agreed to support the position of extending the 60-day time frame to 120 days for a municipality to act on Discretionary Preservation Easements.

Supplemental Budget Hearings – Mr. Sires explained this would allow for additional budget hearings. Mr. Sires reviewed time table for hearings etc., and there is not much leeway already. Ms. Umberger felt should support this policy position but would be willing to compromise by saying not later than 20 days instead of 25 days. The Board agreed.

Bond Rescission Process – The Board briefly discussed and agreed not to support this position.

Appointment of Town Clerks – The Board briefly discussed and agreed not to support this position.

Current Use - The Board briefly discussed and agreed not to support this position.

TOWN MANAGER GOALS

Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to accept the thirteen items as Earl Sires goals for 2007. Mr. Martin read aloud the thirteen goals. Mr.

Sires clarified that it is the thirteen goals plus whatever else comes up during the year. **The motion carried 4-0-0.**

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

One Book One Valley 2006 – Mr. Sires reported that Olga Morrill of the Conway Library asked for the Board's support of the One Book One Valley 2006 program. Mr. Sires distributed a copy of a draft proposed letter for consideration. **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to put this letter on letterhead and have Larry Martin sign the letter. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

School Steering Committee – Ms. Umberger advised a School Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for this evening at 7:00 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Day – Mr. Webster reminded everyone that September 30, 2006 is Household Hazardous Waste Day at the Transfer Station.

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

Valley Outreach Meeting – Mr. Webster reported he will be attending a Valley Outreach Meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening, September 27, 2006.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no Board reports or public comments.

ADJOURN

Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary