

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

October 24, 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), David Weathers, Karen Umberger, 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 October 26, 2006.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was agreed that consideration of the minutes of 9/26/06 would be carried to the next meeting.

DOROTHY SOLOMON –CANDIDATE FOR CARROLL COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Dorothy Solomon joined the meeting. Ms. Solomon advised that she is a candidate for Carroll County Commissioner and spoke about her background and qualifications.

NORTH CONWAY WATER PRECINCT / SEAVEY STREET LEASE

North Conway Fire Chief, Pat Preece, and North Conway Water Precinct Commissioner, Jim Umberger, were present for discussion.

Mr. Sires advised a one year lease has been prepared and is proposed for signature. Thereafter, we could move forward with preparing a warrant article to transfer the property or by some other method the Board may propose. Mr. Sires next proceeded to review the proposed lease with the Board. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that we move this forward to the Commissioners of the North Conway Water Precinct for their signature and that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept this upon its return from the Commissioners.** Chief Preece advised that he expects the rest of the Commissioners to appear tonight at some time to sign the lease. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

DISCUSSION OF NON PRECINCT FIRE CONTRACT

Mr. Sires reviewed that it is time for renewal of a non precinct fire contract. There was discussion by the Board. The Board agreed a meeting should be scheduled with all Fire Precincts to let them know we are looking at the Non Precinct Fire Agreement and a letter should be sent. The Board agreed this should be back on the Board's agenda on November 9 for discussion. Mr. Hounsell asked that tax impact information for people in the non precinct area be provided at the meeting of November 9 as well.

CHRISTINE KURTZ-WHITE/CANDIDATE FOR CARROLL COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Christine Kurtz-White joined the meeting. Ms. Kurtz-White advised that she is a candidate for Carroll County Commissioner and spoke about her background and qualifications.

PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE TOWN LAND

Mr. Sires advised that the Town received a letter from a Mr. McCulloch advising he is interested in purchasing a piece of town owned land. Mr. Sires stated the usual practice of the Board is to let people know that we auction property; however, in this case, Mr. McCulloch would like to create a conservation easement with a combination of lots in the area of this lot. Mr. Sires stated this is being brought forward to get the Board's feeling and will also be sent to the Conservation Commission.

After brief discussion the Board indicated they would like to hear what the Conservation Commission's recommendation is and also would like to hear from the Tax Assessor as to what the land is worth.

The Board also briefly discussed and requested information regarding a list of other town owned property to see if it is an appropriate time to hold another auction.

Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, that the Town Manager contact the North Conway Water Precinct regarding their interest in Lot 43 and the Conservation Commission also take a look at this and make a recommendation and that the Town Planner also review this. There was brief discussion. **Mr. Hounsell amended the motion, seconded by Mr. Weathers that the Town Manager contact the North Conway Water Precinct regarding their interest in Lot 43, that the Conservation Commission take a look at this and make a recommendation, that the Town Planner also review this, and to establish a value. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Pandemic Flu Seminar – Mr. Sires reported the Pandemic Flu Seminar is scheduled for November 1, 2006 at the Gibson Center in North Conway. Letters have been sent to all area emergency services, area Selectmen, etc.

Tax Rate/Tax Bills – Mr. Sires distributed tax rate information and a tax rate trend chart to the Board and reviewed same. Mr. Sires reported that tax bills will be mailed on or about November 1 and will be due December 1, 2006.

Budget Reviews – Mr. Sires reported that reviews of 2007 proposed budgets with staff have been completed.

MWVEC – Mr. Sires reported a meeting of the MWVEC is scheduled for tomorrow morning.

Union Meeting – Mr. Sires reported a meeting with Union representatives is scheduled for Friday, October 27, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. at the Town Garage.

Lower Bartlett Water Precinct – Mr. Sires reported an invitation has been received to attend a ceremony at the Lower Bartlett Water Precinct to announce the award of Rural Development Funding on November 1, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Budget Committee – Ms. Umberger reported the Budget Committee met last Wednesday to review the first three quarters of the 2006 town budget. The Committee will meet again on October 30, 2006 and will review the school budget.

School Building Committee – Ms. Umberger reported a School Building Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening.

Power Companies – Mr. Webster thanked the local power companies and workers for their work with the recent outages in the area.

Olympic Lane – Mr. Hounsell inquired if the Town has heard back from the School regarding Olympic Lane. Mr. Sires advised we have not heard back to date and he will follow up with the School.

Wade Family Fund Drive - Mr. Weathers thanked Ed Doe who chaired the Wade Family Fund Drive. Mr. Weathers reported that close to 500 people attended and it was nice to see the turnout and support for the Wade family.

Streetlights – Mr. Martin reported the lights in front of Horsefeathers at Kearsarge Street burned out and new ones will be installed.

North Conway Water Precinct – There was brief discussion regarding the forms to be sign that were discussed earlier in the meeting concerning the Seavey Street Lease however, all the precinct Commissioners were not yet present to sign. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to finish signing the forms out of session. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: NH RSA 91-A:3,II(c)/TAX MATTERS

The Board did not conduct this scheduled non public session.

ADJOURN

At 5:03 p.m. **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary