

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

November 9, 2006

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:04 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.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

The Board reviewed and signed the manifest dated November 9, 2006.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

The Board reviewed and signed documents in the signature folder.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was agreed that consideration of minutes would be carried to the next meeting.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mr. Martin read aloud letters received from UNH advising that Town employees, Tim Shackford and James Shackford, have reached Roads Scholar I level, and congratulated them for same.

CONSIDERATION OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE IN
AMOUNTS LESS THAN 5K/NH RSA 31:95-B, III(b)

- A) \$2,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF NH TO THE TOWN OF CONWAY PD; AND
B) \$347.16 FROM THE STATE OF NH TO THE TOWN OF CONWAY PD

Police Lt. Faia joined the meeting.

\$2,000.00 from the state of NH to the Town Of Conway PD – Lt. Faia advised that \$2,000 is reimbursement for training of officers. **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell, to accept \$2,000 from the State of New Hampshire to the Conway Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.**

\$347.16 from the State of NH to the Town of Conway PD – Lt. Faia explained \$347 for overtime for DWI patrol. There was brief discussion. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, to accept \$347.16 in unanticipated revenue for the reasons stated by Lt. Faia. The motion carried unanimously.**

CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT OF EQUIPMENT TO PD
(VALUE LESS THAN \$500)

Lt. Faia advised that Laconia Savings has offered to give the Police Department a Counterfeit Detection Machine. This machine detects counterfeit money, tickets, etc. There was brief discussion. **Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell, to accept the gift of equipment for the Police Department for less than \$500. The motion carried unanimously.**

NON PRECINCT FIRE BRIEFING

North Conway Fire Chief Preece, Conway Village Chief Wade, Redstone Fire Chief Garland, Center Conway Chief Pandora, and East Conway Fireman, John Mahr, were present for discussion.

Mr. Sires reviewed that the Board recently discussed and directed that the Precincts be contacted and asked for input regarding the Non Precinct Fire Agreement. Mr. Sires distributed information to the Board along with responses received from the Precincts, with the exception of East Conway, and reviewed same.

Ms. Umberger brought up concerns with having the new school in the non precinct area and the formula. Mr. Hounsell felt the contract needed to be redone so as to have the school pay for fire protection in their area due to the fact that area towns send to the High School.

After discussion the Board agreed the next step should be that the Chiefs meet with Mr. Sires and designated Board members and bring further information back to this Board. Mr. Sires confirmed that the Board is aiming for a multi year contract with this item on the ballot and the Board agreed. A meeting with the Chiefs was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 2006. Mr. Hounsell and Mr. Weathers agreed to serve as the designated Board members to meet with the Fire Chiefs.

BUDGET

Mr. Sires presented the proposed 2007 budget to the Board. A copy of the town managers narrative is attached hereto. There was a brief review.

The Board next agreed on the following schedule due to budget review: November 14, 28 and 30, December 5 and, if necessary December 7, 2007.

NHMA MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION

Mr. Hounsell discussed concerns he had over a recent letter that appeared in local newspaper that was written by a NHMA attorney. Mr. Hounsell stated he feels it is taxpayer money used to pay dues to this organization and suggested ceasing membership with NHMA. There was a discussion regarding the letter that was published and also discussion regarding the benefits of belonging to the NHMA. The Board also discussed sending a letter to the NHMA regarding the position published by Attorney Cordell Johnson. The Board agreed to direct the Town Manager to draft a letter for the Chair's signature describing that the Board was extremely disappointed about not being asked about our position.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Veterans Day – Mr. Sires advised the Veteran's Day parade is scheduled for noon on Saturday, November 11, 2006 with a ceremony to follow in Schouler Park.

Olympic Lane – Mr. Sires reported that with regard to Olympic Lane, the School will have a meeting and we will be notified. The Board briefly discussed and agreed they want to know if they are not going to do anything with the road and if that is there official position.

Pandemic Planning Session – Mr. Sires reported a Pandemic Planning Session was held last Wednesday night at Gibson Center. Task forces for communications, etc., were established.

Transfer Station – Mr. Sires advised the Transfer Station will be open Friday, November 10, 2006 and closed Saturday, November 11, 2006 due to the Veteran's Day holiday.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Budget Committee – Ms. Umberger reported there is an opening on the Budget Committee and asked that if anyone is interested to please submit a letter.

Election Day – Mr. Hounsell commented that during his time working at the polls on Election Day he was impressed with the professional manner of all the poll workers that day. Mr. Hounsell also commented that the ladies from Center Conway Methodist Church prepared great food for the workers and thanked them for same.

Conservation Commission – Mr. Weathers reported the Conservation Commission met Wednesday, November 8, 2006. Mr. Weathers commented the proposed budget for the Commission for 2007 is less than 2006.

Recycling – Mr. Martin commented that he met the new Recycling Attending this past Saturday and he is doing his job. Mr. Martin next questioned when the issue of computer recycling would be back on the agenda. Mr. Sires advised this would be on the next agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

Dena Libner of the Conway Daily Sun questioned the amount proposed for ambulance. The Board explained that the first four months are carried in the operating budget and the rest will be in a warrant article.

ADJOURN

Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hollowell
Executive Secretary