

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

February 26, 2007

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 2:11 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.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to approve the minutes of 1/9/07 as written. The motion carried 5-0-0.

CONSIDERATION OF 2007 WARRANT

Mr. Sires distributed copies of the proposed 2007 Warrant and reviewed changes made with the Board. Mr. Sires noted that Articles 30 and 31 had noted recommendations from the Budget Committee and Board and that the Town has been advised by DRA not to put recommendations with these articles and this information has been struck from the proposed warrant.

With regard to the Operating Budget article, Mr. Sires advised the Budget Committee has voted a different budget number to be placed on the Warrant than the Selectmen at this time. Mr. Sires advised that in speaking with the DRA, Mr. Borrer indicates that the law does not indicate for putting recommendations on the budget article and some towns do so and he will not disallow the article if it is placed with the article and it is up to the individual town. Ms. Umberger reported the Budget Committee voted 12-4 to recommend the Budget at \$8,706,590 and they also want the recommendation with the article on the warrant.

There was next a discussion regarding the Budget Committee's recommended Budget figure which is \$3,750 less than the budget that was recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, that on Article 6, that both the recommendation of the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen be included. Mr. Sires clarified that only one proposed budget figure can appear and it is the Budget Committee's recommended budget figure. After further brief discussion the **motion carried 5-0-0.**

Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, to recommend the operating budget at \$8,706,590. Ms. Umberger explained the Budget Committee's removal of \$3,750 was based on nineteen hours for the Administrative Assistant and they were also concerned with adding another person with benefits to the payroll. Mr. Hounsell pointed out that the Board had already voted 3-2 for the position to be twenty four hours and to vote to recommend this figure is to vote not to properly fund a policy we have established. Mr. Weathers stated that if we can work around nineteen instead of twenty four, then so be it for now. Mr. Webster pointed that if later in the year the Board decides the position needs to be upgraded we have the authority to do same. We do not want to torpedo a budget over \$3,750. Mr. Webster further added his support of this budget is not a non support of the position for the administrative assistant. **The motion carried 3-2-0.**

Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to post the Warrant as written. The motion carried 5-0-0.

PETITIONS FOR PRECINCT BOUNDARY EXPANSION

Bayard Kennett joined the meeting. Mr. Kennett advised that he is here to discuss and answer questions about petitions he has put before the North Conway Water Precinct and Conway Village Fire District to expand boundaries. Mr. Kennett explained that his understanding was that the Board of Selectmen have authority in this matter but he has since found out that this may not be the case but felt it was a courtesy to the Board to speak to this issue and make the Board aware of what may be happening. Mr. Kennett explained the petitions propose to bring in 400 acres of developable land into the precincts. Mr. Kennett next reviewed a map of the proposed area with the Board. Mr. Kennett also reviewed possible future uses for the land with the Board. Mr. Kennett advised this matter has already been presented to Conway Village Fire District and will appear on their District's warrant; however, North Conway Water Precinct is not ready to move forward as yet but he is pursuing.

Mr. Kennett next advised that it is the Selectmen's prerogative to hold a public hearing on this matter at this point if they so chose. There was a discussion as to how and/or if there is any action needed by the Town at this point. Mr. Sires advised he would look into this and advise.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PRESENTATIONS FOR DELIBERATIVE PORTION OF TOWN MEETING

The Board agreed to the following assignments for Town Meeting:

Warrant Articles - Article 6 Budget-Larry Martin; Article 7 Collective Bargaining Town-Karen Umberger; Article 8 Collective Bargaining Police-Police; Article 9 Maintenance of Town Buildings and Facilities Capital Reserve Fund-Gary Webster; Article 10 PEG Expendable Trust Fund-Gary Webster; Article 11 Capital Reserve Fund for Police Vehicles -Police Commission; Article 12 911 Recording Equipment for PD-Police; Article 13 Conway Public Library Maintenance and Repairs-Library; Article 14 Emergency Ambulance Service-Karen Umberger; Article 15 Recreation Revolving Fund-David Weathers; Article 16 Swift River Covered Bridge Capital Reserve Fund-Mark Hounsell; Article 17 Non Precinct Fire & Rescue Protection-Gary Webster; Articles 18-29

Non Profit Petitioned Articles; Article 30 Transfer ownership of land owned by Town to the NCWP-Gary Webster; Article 31 Establish Terms of Compensation for the Elected Town Clerk/Tax Collector-Karen Umberger; Article 32 New Hampshire Climate Change Resolution-Petitioned Article.

Operating Budget – Executive-Larry Martin; Elections-Larry Martin; Finance-Larry Martin; Assessing-Larry Martin; Legal-Larry Martin; Employee Benefits-Mark Hounsell; Planning & Zoning-Larry Martin; Government Buildings-Gary Webster; Cemeteries-Mark Hounsell; Insurance-David Weathers; Police-Police Commission; Ambulance-Karen Umberger; Fire-Gary Webster; Inspections-Larry Martin; Highway-Karen Umberger; Solid Waste-Larry Martin; Health-Gary Webster; Welfare-Karen Umberger; Parks & Recreation-David Weathers; Conservation Commission-David Weathers; Library-Library Trustees; Patriotic Purposes-Gary Webster; Debt Principal-Karen Umberger; Debt Interest-Karen Umberger; Interest on TANS-Karen Umberger; Capital Reserve Funds-Karen Umberger.

With regard to Warrant Articles 33, 34 and 35, petitioned articles regarding roads, the Board acknowledged that no recommendations would be placed on the warrant; however took the following positions: Article 33, a petitioned article asking voters to accept Heather Hill Road, Highpoint Road, Holly Ridge Lane and Grandview Drive in the subdivision of Hale Estates as Town Roads, **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger to support Article 33, the motion failed 0-5-0.** Article 34, a petitioned article to accept Jefferson Road and Lincoln Circle in the subdivision of Lincoln Estates as Town Roads, **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger to support Article 34, the motion carried 5-0-0.** Article 35, a petitioned article to totally discontinue completely and absolutely a roughly 605-foot long portion of "Burbank Road" in Center Conway, **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, to support Article 35. The motion failed 0-5-0.**

NON PUBLIC SESSION: NH RSA 91-A:3,II (D)/ACQUISITION OF LAND

At 3:00 p.m. **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, to go into non public session. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

At 3:15 p.m. the Board returned to public session. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger to seal the minutes of the non public session. The motion carried unanimously.**

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

There was no Town Manager Report.

BOARD REPORTS

Joint Town School Committee – Ms. Umberger reported a Joint Town School Committee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. and health insurance will be discussed.

Deliberative Portion of Town Meeting – Ms. Umberger reviewed that the Deliberative Portion of Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kennett High School Gymnasium.

Candidate Filing Period – Ms. Umberger noted there is still time to sign up for positions on various Boards for both the Town and School. Ms. Umberger noted concern that no one had yet signed up for the Selectman seat and advised that she will not be running for another term as Selectman. Ms. Umberger stated she would like to encourage the public to sign up the various seats available, i.e. Selectman, Planning Board, Budget Committee, Supervisor of the Checklist, etc. as there are still many vacancies. Mr. Hounsell echoed Ms. Umberger's concerns also encouraged citizens of the Town to sign up for office.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

ADJOURN

At 3:17 p.m. **Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary