

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

April 17, 2007

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:06 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen Larry Martin (Chair), David Weathers, Gary Webster, Mark Hounsell and Howard C. Dickinson; 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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairman Martin called for a moment of silence due to the recent Virginia Tech tragedy.

SWEAR IN ELECTED OFFICIAL

Town Clerk, Rhoda Quint, administered the Oath of Office to recently elected Selectman, Howard C. Dickinson.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mark. Hounsell nominated David Weathers as Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Webster seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Weathers abstaining.

Larry Martin next read aloud a statement thanking the Board of Selectmen for his time as Chair of the Board.

Howard Dickinson nominated Mark Hounsell as Vice Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Larry Martin seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 5-0-0.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

The Board reviewed and signed various documents contained in the signature folder.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

The Board reviewed and signed the manifest dated April 19, 2007.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell, to accept the regular and non public minutes of 3/13/07 and 3/20/07 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS OF SELECTMEN REPRESENTATIVES
TO STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget Committee – Howard Dickinson agreed to sit as the Selectmen's representative on the Budget Committee.

CDRC – It was reviewed that all Selectmen sit on this committee.

Conservation Commission - It was agreed that David Weathers would continue to be the Selectmen's representative to the Conservation Commission.

ESAA – It was agreed that Gary Webster would continue to be the Selectmen's representative to the Eastern Slope Airport Authority.

Economic Council – It was agreed that Mark Hounsell and Earl Sires would continue to be the representatives to the Economic Council.

Fourth of July Committee – It was agreed that Larry Martin and John Eastman would continue to be the representatives to the Fourth of July Committee.

Infrastructure Committee – It was agreed that Mark Hounsell and Howard Dickinson would be the Selectmen representatives on the Infrastructure Committee and Earl Sires would be on this Committee as well.

Joint Town/School Committee - It was agreed that Howard Dickinson would be the Selectmen's representative and Earl Sires would continue to serve on the Joint Town/School Committee as well.

Lower Mount Washington Valley Solid Waste District – It was agreed that Larry Martin would continue to be the Selectmen's representative to Lower Mount Washington Valley Solid Waste District committee.

Planning Board - It was agreed that Larry Martin would continue to be the Selectmen's representative to the Planning Board.

Recreational Access and Planning Committee - It was agreed that David Weathers would continue to be the Selectmen's representative to the Recreational Access and Planning Committee. Earl Sires also serves on this Committee.

Recreation Facilities Committee - It was agreed that Gary Webster and Earl Sires would continue to be the representatives to the Recreation Facilities Committee.

School Steering Committee - It was agreed that Howard Dickinson would be the Selectmen's representative to the School Steering Committee. Larry Martin agreed to continue as the alternate representative.

Southern Terminus Subcommittee - It was agreed that David Weathers and Earl Sires would continue to be the representatives to the Southern Terminus subcommittee.

Union Negotiations - It was agreed that David Weathers and Larry Martin would continue to be the Board's representatives regarding Union negotiations.

Valley vision - Gary Webster agreed to continue as the Board's representative to Valley Vision.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Sires reported the auditors were in and have completed the audit of the Town. The auditors will be in to a future meeting to provide the Board with a report.

Finance Director, Lucy Philbrick, next distributed a copy of financial reports, expenditures and revenues, and Mr. Sires and Ms. Philbrick reviewed same with the Board.

REVIEW OF SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Recreation Director, John Eastman, and Teen Center Coordinator, Jim Rozzell, joined the meeting.

Mr. Eastman updated the Board on summer recreation programs. There was also a discussion on recreation fees. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to allow the fees, up to \$40,000, to be earmarked and used and permission granted to expend up to that amount.** Mr. Hounsell explained \$40,000 will be used for recreation. Mr. Webster stated that the goal of creating the fund was to support it through fees and this motion, if it passes, is micromanaging. There was further discussion and the Board reviewed the warrant article regarding setting up the fund. Mr. Hounsell agreed to withdraw his motion. **Mr. Webster withdrew his second and Mr. Hounsell withdrew the motion.**

Mr. Sires next reviewed and made clarification on the Board's policy concerning the recreation administrative assistant position at 24 hours. The Board concurred.

Mr. Eastman next questioned if there was any objection to continuing the scholarship program of waiving fees for economically challenged families who may not be able to afford to send their children otherwise. No objections were raised by the Board to continuing the program.

NON PRECINCT FIRE AGREEMENT

Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to sign the Non Precinct Fire Agreement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

AMBULANCE AGREEMENT

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to sign the Ambulance Agreement. Mr. Webster stated he understands there will be a change to reflect coverage for Kennett High School. There was brief discussion and it was agreed this could be a separate attachment. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, that we attach the agreement between the two providers with the details of Kennett High School coverage. The motion carried unanimously.

VALLEY VISION AGREEMENT

Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, to sign the agreement as presented. Mr. Hounsell requested that the Conway School Deliberative Meeting be added to Exhibit A. All agreed. **Mr. Webster amended by motion, seconded by Mr. Martin to sign the agreement as amended of session. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Douglas Poore, Production Manager of Valley Vision, questioned the status for the equipment request of \$36,000 to be funded from the PEG account. **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to fund the equipment request to Valley Vision. The motion carried 5-0-0.** Mr. Sires requested a list of the equipment Valley Vision acquires when they do get same. Mr. Poore advised they will provide the list.

UNION AGREEMENT

Mr. Sires reviewed the changes agreed to in the Agreement between the Town of Conway and the AFSCME for the Public Works employees. Mr. Sires further reviewed this warrant article also passed with the voters. **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, to sign the union agreement. The motion carried unanimously.**

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

NCWP – Mr. Sires reported an invitation was received to attend a loan grant announcement from the USDA for the NCWP. This will take place on Monday, April 23, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

Senator Gregg/Office Hours – Mr. Sires advised that a representative of Senator Gregg will hold office hours at Conway Town Hall on April 23, 2007 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Schouler Park Events – Mr. Sires reported that the Town plans on limiting new events in Schouler park in the fall after the events presently scheduled due to work that will take place in the park.

Road Washouts – Mr. Sires reported some road washouts have occurred due to weather yesterday, specifically in the area of Dolloff Hill and the Rockhouse Mountain area.

Pandemic Flu Plan – Mr. Sires reported there is a meeting scheduled for this evening to look at draft Pandemic Flu Plan.

BOARD REPORTS

Meeting Schedule – The Board agreed there were not be a meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2007. The next meeting will be held 5/1/07.

Election – Mr. Hounsell thanked the election workers for their hard work on Election Day. Mr. Hounsell also thanked the Center Conway United Methodist Church women for providing the catering.

Public Works – Mr. Martin commented on the recent storms and commended the road crew for the work they do. Mr. Sires further reported that all town roads are open and passable.

Conservation Commission – Mr. Weathers reported the Conservation Commission met last week and reviewed Dredge and Fill applications.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

NON PUBLIC SESSION / RSA 91-A,II(d) / ACQUISITION OF LAND

At 5:25 p.m. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to go into non public session under NH RSA 91-A,II(d)/Acquisition of Land. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

At 5:45 p.m. the Board returned to regular session. **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, to seal the minutes of the non public session. The motion carried unanimously.**

ADJOURN

Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary