

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

May 22, 2007

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, 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.

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 May 24, 2007.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Consideration of the minutes of 4/3/07 was carried to the next meeting

PRESENTATION OF WORKFORCE HOUSING PROGRAM
EVERGREEN COMMUNITIES LLC

Jay Waterman of Evergreen Communities LLC, and Bayard Kennett joined the meeting.

Mr. Waterman gave a presentation to the Board on a workforce housing program his company is proposing in the area. Mr. Waterman advised this would be a mix of rentals and home ownership. Mr. Waterman reviewed information contained in the Selectmen's agenda packets as well as additional information including maps of the location and conceptual drawings of the proposed housing units.

There was a discussion with the Board regarding the cost of the units, and if the units would be available for local residents only. Mr. Waterman advised they are not limited to Conway only and cannot be limited by law and they are available on a first come first serve basis.

Mr. Waterman also advised that he is in the process of applying to NHHFA now and should hear back from them by July. Mr. Waterman advised that he may come back in July to let the Board know how this matter is progressing.

Mr. Webster questioned if there are any tax impacts connected to the proposed project. Mr. Waterman advised they would be paying full taxes unless the town wanted

to give a break for the project; however, they don't typically ask for any on these projects and they expect to pay full taxes.

There was next a brief discussion concerning whether there were any plans for a second egress to the proposed project area. Mr. Kennett stated that when talking with the DOT the plans were for an emergency egress only onto the bypass itself between Eagles Way and the Bypass. There have also looked at bringing a road out through Lamplighter, Emery or through the Tech Village but that would be a major undertaking and has not really yet been explored.

There was no further discussion on the matter.

RECESS

At 4:30 p.m., Chairman Weathers called for a recess of meeting so the Board could meet with Counsel on a matter. The meeting reconvened at 5:13 p.m.

UPDATE ON SCHOULER PARK

Mr. Sires provided the Board with a brief update on the progress of the improvements to Schouler Park. Mr. Sires advised that loam will be put down on Tuesday and thereafter sod will be put in, conduit is in and now the wires will be put in, and, also the ball field lights are in place.

UPDATE ON NORTH SOUTH ROAD

The Board agreed to carry this agenda item to the next meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Mr. Hounsell advised that State Representative, Tom Bucu, had planned to be here to talk about the New Hampshire Retirement System, however, he is in committee meetings today and unable to attend. Mr. Hounsell next reviewed that Mr. Bucu has provided informative information about the way the state employee retirement system is funded and this information has been distributed to the Board. Mr. Hounsell next reviewed the information with the Board. Mr. Hounsell spoke about the need to look into whether a town can withdraw from the plan and have its own plan. It was also pointed out that the system is currently underfunded. There was brief discussion with the Board.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Emergency Management – Mr. Sires reported Phase One of the All Health Hazards Plan is finished. A community forum regarding the plan is scheduled for tomorrow, May 23, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gibson Center in North Conway.

CDBG Funding Cuts – Mr. Sires distributed a copy of a note from Councilor Burton voicing concerns regarding cuts to CDBG funding. Councilor Burton has written Senators and Congressmen in this regard and asks for the Board's feelings on this as well. The Board held brief discussion and agreed it is terrible that funds are being cut as these funds serve rural America. **Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Webster,**

that staff write a letter based on what Earl heard today and to cc the letter to Gregg, Sununu and other state reps. The Board agreed the letter will be written to Councilor Burton and signed by the Chair. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Special Event Application – Mr. Sires reported that a Harley group wants to hold an event in North Conway and close off some street parking in front of Horsefeathers and asked how the Board feels about this matter. Mr. Sires advised that this event is to benefit a non profit and will raise money to benefit kids. The Board held discussion and agreed the businesses in the area should be polled to see how they feel about it.

BOARD REPORTS

Planning Board – Mr. Martin reported the Planning Board chair asked that someone from the Planning Board be put on the Infrastructure Committee. Mr. Hounsell stated he felt this was a good idea and suggested that he and Mr. Dickinson go before the Planning Board at their next meeting to discuss same.

Infrastructure Committee – Mr. Hounsell suggested extending an invitation to Kearsarge and Intervale Lighting Districts to attend the Infrastructure Committee meetings and would like to go and meet with them. The Board was okay with this idea.

Lights in North Conway – Mr. Weathers advised he had an inquiry about the lights in North Conway Village, some were dim and some were out. Mr. Sires advised he would pass this information on to the Public Works Director.

Pending Litigation – Mr. Hounsell stated there are some cases pending in court and asked for an update on any pending litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comment or media questions.

NON PUBLIC SESSION / RSA 91-A,II(e) / LITIGATION MATTER

The non public session regarding a litigation matter was canceled. There was no discussion on this agenda item.

ADJOURN

At 5:45 p.m. Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary