

**Minutes of Meeting  
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

February 12, 2008

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:04 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen C. David Weathers (Chair), Larry Martin, Gary Webster and Mark Hounsell; Town Manager, Earl W. Sires; and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell. (Selectmen Howard Dickinson arrived at 4:35 p.m.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Weathers 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 February 14, 2008.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve the regular and non public minutes of 1/15/08 as written. The motion carried 4-0-0.** It was agreed that consideration of the minutes of 1/22/08 and 1/29/08 would be carried to the next meeting.

OPERATING BUDGET

Lucy Philbrick joined the meeting. Ms. Philbrick and Mr. Sires first advised that 2007 budget finished with approximately 37,000 left in budget.

Mr. Sires advised there has been an adjustment to the proposed 2008 budget. Finance Director, Lucy Philbrick, advised the town received a bill for Workers Compensation and we have signed on for a three year contract and have received a discount. The new proposed budget total is now \$9,103,865.

Mr. Hounsell stated that due to the amount of snow removal this year so far he feels we should look at reconsidering the snow removal budget figure for 2008. Mr. Sires advised we could take a look at this and adjust this figure and have discussion at the Deliberative Portion of Town Meeting.

Mr. Sires advised the Municipal Budget Committee's Public Hearings are scheduled for tomorrow night. A storm is predicted and we have looked into alternatives should it be necessary.

### WARRANT ARTICLES

The Board discussed waiting until next week to make recommendation on warrant articles.

Project Prom Petitioned Article – Jill Davis was present to discuss the petitioned article for \$500 for Project Prom. This petition was presented to the Town today. Ms. Davis explained Project Prom is a new undertaking but similar to project graduation. Ms. Davis explained Project Prom would take place at Bretton Woods. Ms. Davis further explained they would have a bus to take parents up to Bretton Woods and then drive their children's cars home so the children won't drive home and the children will stay overnight. Ms. Davis further added that they decided to put this on the town warrant instead of the school warrant as they felt the town budget was more appropriate than the school. They are also going to area towns for money as well, Madison, Bartlett, etc. Mr. Hounsell questioned how many towns and how much they are requesting from each town. Ms. Davis advised they are asking from every town that sends to SAU9 and they are asking \$500 each.

Road Articles – The Board next held discussion as to whether they would put recommendations on articles dealing with road acceptance or not. The Board agreed they would like to hear from Public Works Director, Paul DegliAngeli, regarding these articles.

Valley Vision – Mr. Webster advised he attended a Valley Vision Board meeting today. They are willing to do a few more things than are in the agreements. There are no major issues with the agreement.

Selectmen Dickinson arrived at the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

### TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Open Candidate List – Mr. Sires advised that the Town Clerk, Rhoda Quint, has the open candidate list available. Mr. Sires next reviewed candidate positions available and the filing period.

Town Meeting – Mr. Sires reviewed the Deliberative Portion of Town Meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2008 and voting portion is scheduled for April 8, 2008.

Budget Committee Public Hearing – Mr. Sires review the Budget Committee's Public Hearings on the Budgets are scheduled for tomorrow evening, February 13, 2008.

Snow – Mr. Sires reviewed that due the volume of snow, the roads are getting tight. Mr. Sires asked the public to please be careful.

### BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Budget Committee – Mr. Webster questioned if there was any response back from letter sent back to the Budget Committee. Mr. Dickinson advised the Budget Committee has not met yet.

Smoking Cessation – Mr. Martin reported he is now eight days without a cigarette. Mr. Dickinson offered his support to Mr. Martin if he should need it.

Red Jacket Water Park – Mr. Hounsell requested the status of the injunction on the Red Jacket Water Park. Mr. Sires advised that he received a telephone call today advising this matter will be heard in Court tomorrow regarding seeking an injunction shutting down the park until they comply and the Town will be asking for fees and fines.

Earl's Table – With regard to the small white table in the Selectmen's meeting room at Town Hall, **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, that we name the white table the Earl Sires table.** It was agreed by the Board that a sign should be placed on the table. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Conservation Commission – Mr. Weathers advised the Conservation Commission meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening has been postponed one week and will be held next Wednesday at the Whitaker Meeting House.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

Conway Daily Sun reporter, Casey Conley, questioned how many signatures are needed on a petition for the warrant. The Board advised signatures of 25 registered voters of the Town of Conway are needed. The Board further advised the deadline for receiving petitions for the 2008 warrant is today.

ADJOURN

At 4:48 p.m., **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell  
Executive Secretary