

**Minutes of Meeting  
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

December 21, 2010

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:05 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen, Larry Martin (Chair), C. David Weathers, Howard C. Dickinson, Bob Drinkhall, and Michael DiGregorio; Town Manager, Earl W. Sires.

Also in attendance were Finance Director, Lucy Philbrick, Public Works Director/Town Engineer, Paul DegliAngeli, Laura Slitt, Videographer, and Erik Eisely of the Conway Daily Sun.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Martin led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion to Consent to the Agenda made by Crow Dickinson, seconded Larry Martin. Motion carried 5-0**

- A. Signing of Documents
  - 1. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber/Map-Lot 250-158
  - 2. Tax Abatement Map/Lot 202-170

**Motion to approve the signing of documents made by Mr. Weathers, seconded by Mr. Dickinson. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

- B. Consideration of Bills:
  - 1. Manifest dated 12/23/10

**Motion to approve the signing of the manifest made by Mr. Drinkhall, seconded by Mr. Dickinson. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

There were no special event applications for consideration.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers to approve the minutes with the following amendment: Page 14, Paragraph one, the vote reads 4-0-1 and should be changed to **4-1-0**. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

BUDGET

Warrant Articles - The Town Manager presented updated Warrant Article Study Sheet as attached. After discussion the following action was taken

**Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to approve the Capital Reserve Fund warrant articles as presented and to include a total of \$1 in the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

**Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall to approve the Garage Roof Warrant Article in the amount of \$230,000. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

With regard to the Cemetery Maintenance Article for \$5,000, **a motion to table was made by Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Mr. Drinkhall. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

With regard to the Police Union Contract Article in the amount of \$5,300, **a motion to table was made by Mr. Drinkhall and seconded by Mr. DiGregorio. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

**Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to approve the article for \$75,000 for the additional police officers. The motion carried 4-1-0.**

Budget - Mr. Sires and Ms. Philbrick reviewed an adjustment of minus \$3,000 to the Rec Budget. The new bottom line figure is \$8,819,473. **Motion was made by Mr. Drinkhall, seconded by Mr. Weathers to approve the new budget number of \$8,819,134. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

**A motion to reconsider the vote on the proposed operating budget was made by Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Mr. Drinkhall. The motion was defeated by a vote of 2-3-0.**

Tax Rate- Mr. Sires next distributed and reviewed updated tax rate information to the Board.

#### TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Police Commission – Mr. Sires advised the Police advised they may be overspending their bottom line. This is attributable to several payouts related to unforeseen retirements and, also, an insurance situation that changed.

PSNH – Mr. Sires advised we received the rate information from PSNH and did not see where it explicitly says they have to take down the fixtures. A representative at PSNH advised we should write a letter regarding this issue and same has been sent to PSNH.

#### BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

School Health Insurance – Mr. Dickinson reviewed that the health insurance premiums for the school have gone up both last year and this year. Mr. Dickinson advised that he contacted the school and suggested that they look into and contact the LGC, which is the same carrier used by the town.

Route 16 Scenic Overlook – Mr. Dickinson reviewed the state is doing erosion control in the area on Route 16 near KFC. Mr. Dickinson advised he has concerns about tree cutting and feels maybe more should be done. Mr. Weathers advised this is

also being discussed by the Conservation Commission. Mr. Dickinson stated that if there is anything that can be done to clean up that area this would be great.

Solid Waste Public Hearing – Mr. Martin reported the first Public Hearing regarding the Solid Waste Ordinance will be held on January 4, 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

Mr. Eisele asked for clarification on the figures for the transfer station, overtime, etc., Mr. Sires advised Mr. Eisele to contact him tomorrow to review same.

ADJOURN

At 5:28 p.m., the meeting was adjourned at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl W. Sires  
Town Manager