

**Minutes of Meeting  
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

March 13, 2012

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen, C. David Weathers (Chair), Michael DiGregorio, Howard C. Dickinson, and Mary Carey Seavey; Town Manager, Earl W. Sires and Recording Secretary, Karen Hollowell.

Selectman, Lawrence Martin, was not in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

CONSIDERATION OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE LESS THAN \$5,000/RSA 31:95-B, III (B):

- a. \$1,888.03 from the U.S. Marshals Service, District of NH, to the Conway PD

Chief Wagner reviewed the Police Department received \$1888.03 from the US Marshall Service which came from drug raid with help of the Sheriff's Department. This money is split three ways. Chief Wagner asked the Board to accept the funds and allow the police to use same as they see fit. **Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to accept the \$1,888.03 from the US Marshall Service to the Conway Police Department. The motion carried 4-0-0**

- b. \$200.00 Donation to DARE program from Forrest Saunders  
c. \$6.25 Donation to DARE program from Profile Motors

Chief Wagner next reviewed the Police Department received two donations for the DARE program. The Department appreciates all the donations they get for the DARE program. Chief Wagner next reviewed that money was placed in the budget this year for DARE but they do still appreciate donations. Chief Wagner requested the Board of Selectmen accept the two donations for the DARE program. **Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to accept the \$200 donation to the DARE program from Forest Saunders and the \$6.25 donation to the DARE program from Profile Motors. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

- d. \$25.00 Donation from Annice L. Rasnick to Town of Conway for the Veteran's Triangle

Mr. Sires advised the town received for a donation for the care of the Veterans triangle in memory of Mary Honeycutt. We will use the donation for flowers or beautification this spring. **Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to accept the \$25.00 donation from Annice L. Rasnick to the Town of Conway for the Veterans Triangle. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

PUBLIC HEARING- UNANTICIPATED REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ \$15,000  
FROM CLARENCE E. MULFORD TRUST TO TOWN OF CONWAY FOR THE  
EAST CONWAY COMMUNITY HALL

Mike Valladares, Commissioner of the East Conway Fire Precinct, appeared before the Board.

Mr. Weathers opened the public hearing at 4:10 p.m.

Mr. Valladares advised the purpose of the funds is to jack up the foundation on the East Conway Community Hall and to put in a new heating system. With donations, fundraisers and this donation from the Mulford Fund they will be able to do the work this spring. The current granite foundation is approximately 150 years old. The building was built for the grange originally and then it was given to the residents for community use. Mr. Valladares next advised you can feel the building shake when cars and trucks go down East Conway Road and he feels the condition of that road has contributed to the problems with the granite foundation.

There was next brief discussion as to whether the East Conway Commissioners will need to hold a public hearing as well to accept the funds. It was agreed this would be looked into. Mr. Sires also suggested that next time the funds from the Mulford Fund should go directly to the East Conway Precinct.

**Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, that we accept the \$15,000 from the Clarence E. Mulford Trust to the Town of Conway for the East Conway Community Hall. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

NORTH CONWAY COMMUNITY CENTER  
REQUEST FOR BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT

Mr. Sires advised the next step as required by law if the Board so chooses is to hold public hearings in this matter. The first step was to refer the proposal to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission and then once you received their responses you can decide if you want to schedule two public hearings. The Planning Board and Conservation Commission recommended approving the boundary line adjustment.

The Board held discussion on dates for the public hearings. It was agreed April 3 and April 17, 2012. **Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, that we schedule the public hearings for the boundary line adjustment for April 3 and April 17, 2012. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE

Finance Director, Lucy Philbrick, distributed and reviewed the bid results for TANS with the Board. Ms. Philbrick recommended going with Laconia Bank. **Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson to award Laconia Savings Bank the TANS bid. The motion carried unanimously.**

REVIEW OF THANK YOU LIST FOR PUBLICATION IN THE TOWN REPORT REGARDING  
FIRST RESPONDERS, ETC., INVOLVED WITH TROPICAL STORM IRENE

Mr. Sires reviewed a thank you list for publication in the Town Report regarding first responders and others who helped out with Tropical Storm Irene. Mr. Sires requested the Board review same and advise if there are any additions to the list. Mr. Weathers questioned if the list takes into consideration any food donations that were made. Mr. Sires advised he will contact John Eastman to check on this and add any he may come up with. **Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to accept the list and amend if necessary. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

#### CONSIDERATION OF WARRANT ARTICLE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ARTICLES 6 AND 18

Mr. Sires reviewed that Articles 6 and 18 were amended at Town Meeting and the law allows the Board to revote on the recommendations for the articles if there was changes.

Mr. Sires reviewed there were three increases to Article 6 which included increases for the library, police and town budgets. Mr. Sires reviewed the article as amended. (See attached). **Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, that we recommend the budget of \$9,149,323 for Article 6. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

Mr. Sires next reviewed changes made to Article 18. There was brief discussion by the Board. **Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to accept Article 18 in the amount of \$125,000 from the US Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing COPS hiring program.** Ms. Seavey stated she thought the amount was up to \$125,000. Ms. Seavey withdrew her second and Mr. DiGregorio withdrew his motion. **Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey to support Article 18 as amended at Town Meeting.** There was further brief discussion. **The motion failed 2-2-0 with Ms. Seavey and Mr. DiGregorio in favor and Messrs. Dickinson in Weathers opposed.** Mr. Sires reviewed this will go on the warrant as not recommended by the Board of Selectmen. The Board agreed.

#### SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

- a. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed – Tax Map/Lot 275-43
- b. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed – Tax Map/Lot 239-5
- c. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed – Tax Map/Lot 257-10
- d. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed – Tax Map/Lot 275-38
- e. Current Use Land Use Change Tax Collector's Warrant – Map/Lot 272-52.10
- f. Land Use Change Tax – Map/Lot 272-52.10
- g..Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber – Tax Map/Lot 262-1
- h. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions - Tax Map/Lot 231-14
- i. Timber Tax Levy - Tax Map/Lots 275-42,239-5, 257-10 & 275-38

**Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey to sign the Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed – Tax Map/Lot 275-43, the Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed – Tax Map/Lot 239-5, the Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed – Tax Map/Lot 257-10, the Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed – Tax Map/Lot 275-38, the Current Use Land Use Change Tax Collector's Warrant – Map/Lot 272-52.10, the Land Use Change Tax – Map/Lot 272-52.10, the Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber – Tax Map/Lot 262-1, the Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions - Tax Map/Lot 231-14, and the Timber Tax Levy - Tax Map/Lots 275-42,239-5, 257-10 & 275-38. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

#### CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- a. Manifest dated 3/15/12

**Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to sign the manifest dated 3/15/12. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUT OF SESSION

- a. Manifest dated 3/8/12
- b. Payroll dated 3/8/12

**Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to ratify Manifest and Payroll dated 3/8/12 which were signed out of session. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

- a. Gibson Center/Craft Fairs–5/25-5/27/12, 6/30-7/1/12, 9/1-9/2/12 &10/6-10/7/12

**Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to approve the Special Event Application for the Gibson Center Craft Fairs scheduled for 5/25-5/27/12, 6/30-7/1/12, 9/1-9/2/12 & 10/6-10/7/12. The motion carried unanimously.**

- b. White Mountain Milers/White Mountain Milers Half Marathon – 10/28/12

**Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to approve the Special Event Application for the White Mountain Milers Half Marathon scheduled for 10/28/12. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

- c. Austin Healy Club of America Northeast Region/Car Show – 7/14/12

**Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Ms. Dickinson, to approve the Special Event Application for the Austin Healy Club of America Northeast Region Car Show scheduled for 7/14/12. Ms. Seavey stated she has concerns there will be 30 to 50 cars parked in Schouler Park with the sprinkler system. Mr. Sires advised that we will have staff flagging the sprinklers and will have someone out there to direct cars. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: 2/14/12, 2/21/12

**Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio to approve the minutes of 2/14/12 and 2/21/12 as written. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Transvale Acres – Mr. Sires distributed a summary report of Transvale Acres and reviewed same with the Board. They are proceeding with the buyout program and finalizing data to see which properties are eligible for the program and then the grant application will be submitted in April. Mr. Sires next reviewed there is a public hearing notice for the Board to consider and distributed and reviewed a copy of same. Mr. Sires explained this is for CDBG funds and he would like to start the process of applying for the funds if the Board approves and we can schedule the public hearing for April 3. **Ms. Seavey moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio to hold the public hearing on April 3, 2012. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

State Property along North South Road – Mr. Sires the State has notified the Town they will be auctioning off about 11 acres along the North South Road. Mr. Sires reported he has referred this matter to the Conservation Commission as they expressed interest and we have asked the NHDOT for additional time to consider this and the state agreed to the extension.

### BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Community Events Meeting – Ms. Seavey advised a Community Events meeting was held. They discussed the Conway Village Tree Lighting, parades, fireworks, expenses for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and fireworks for New Year's Eve. People on the committee took on different parts of this to see what the expenses are and thereafter they will look at the committee to go out and get sponsorship dollars. Some issues discussed were sign issues. If you are getting sponsors you have to let them have banners or something up with their logos for community response. Ms. Seavey advised this will be looked at after looking at amounts to be raised. We could save tax dollars if we get sponsors and the sign issue will need further discussion. Ms. Seavey stated it was a positive meeting.

East Conway Road/Letter to Gene Chandler – Mr. Dickinson stated he would like the Town to write a letter to Gene Chandler thanking him for coming to the meeting on 3/10 at the Conway Community Hall and for chairing the meeting and getting the issues focused and pointing out to everyone what the situation is regarding East Conway Road. Everyone appreciated the meeting and it is a great beginning. Mr. Dickinson further reported Gene Chandler had someone from the NHDOT look at the road count. The average road count is over 5400 per day and this number took him aback. **Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to send a letter to Gene Chandler with copies to Tregenza, Pettengill and Umberger.** Ms. Seavey stated she thinks everyone who attended the meeting should be thanked. She hesitates to thank someone when something has not yet been completed. Mr. DiGregorio stated we can thank them for starting to look at this matter. Ms. Seavey stated she would like to see the letter contain that we thank them for starting the efforts and to continue to look at this matter. Mr. Weathers reviewed this is the state and they have nothing in the 10 year plan for East Conway Road. The Board agreed the letter will be set up for the Chair's signature. **The motion carried 4-0-0.**

Valley Vision - Mr. DiGregorio advised that Ed Comeau is taping County Commission meetings and we are going to contract with him through Valley Vision to get these meetings on the air. Mr. Sires questioned if we will pay Valley Vision extra for these meeting and Valley Vision with contract with Mr. Comeau. Mr. DiGregorio responded in the affirmative.

Mr. DiGregorio next advised that Valley Vision is putting together an equipment list for the HAM Arena and for the High School Gym.

Hockey – Mr. Weathers commented that Mike Lane's hockey team won the state championship on Saturday night.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

Erik Eisele asked the Board about articles 17 and 18 and why the Board turned down Article 18. Mr. Dickinson stated he voted no due to the fact the article wording and terms changed. Mr. Weathers pointed out he did not support the article before or after the changes were made.

ADJOURN

At 5:05 p.m. the meeting adjourned without objection at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J Hallowell  
Executive Secretary