

Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
January 20, 2015

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:03 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen, C. David Weathers (Chair), Mary Carey Seavey (Vice Chair), Michael DiGregorio, Stacy Sand, and Carl Thibodeau, Town Manager, Earl Sires, and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Weathers advised there is one addition to the agenda regarding a proposed article for the Library. **Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

CONSIDERATION OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE LESS THAN \$10,000/RSA 31:95-B, III (B):

- a. \$200 from the Eastern Inter-Club Ski League to the Conway Police Department DARE program
- b. \$4,295.00 from various donors to the Damon O'Neal Scholarship held by the Trustees of the Trust

Mr. Sires first reviewed funds received for the DARE program. Mr. Sires next reviewed donations received from various donors to the Damon O'Neal Scholarship Fund which is a scholarship for students related to skiing. **Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to accept the \$200 from the Eastern Inter-Club Ski League to the Conway Police Department for the DARE program and the \$4,295 from various donors to the Damon O'Neal Scholarship held by the Trustees of the Trust. The motion carried unanimously.**

WARRANT ARTICLES

Illuminated Stop Signs - Mr. Sires reviewed a motion on the table from the previous meeting as follows: Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to approve a warrant article for \$8,000 for illuminated stop signs and to add language that this article is for four solar powered signs. **Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to take the motion from the table. The motion to take the motion from the table carried unanimously.**

Public Works Director, Paul DegliAngeli distributed and reviewed information on signs and various sizes with the Board. Ms. Sand asked if they are solar. Mr. DegliAngeli responded in the affirmative. Mr. DegliAngeli next reviewed materials for the signs, the life of the sign, etc. Ms. Sand asked if anyone has talked to others in the neighborhood where the signs are proposed about this matter and also about having a flashing light outside all night long. Mr. DiGregorio stated this is also his concern that it is a flashing light all night long. He was hoping it was something that would activate as someone drove toward it. He is concerned with putting a light out there that is blinking 24 hours a day. There was next discussion by the Board as to whether the signs are needed, accidents in the area, complaints received, etc. Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed that there are stop signs now at the intersections. Ms. Sand asked about costs to put in bigger stop signs. Mr. DegliAngeli stated the signs are ordered in bulk. He didn't have exact costs but the next time we order signs, larger ones could be ordered. Ms.

Seavey asked if the people in the homes in the area have been contacted. Mr. DegliAngeli responded in the negative. The Board next reviewed the motion made in this matter and discussed an amendment to identify the streets where they would be posted. **Mr. DiGregorio amended the motion, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to approve a warrant article for \$8,000 for illuminated stop signs and to add language that this article is for four solar powered signs and to identify the streets where they would be posted.** Daymond Steer of the Conway Daily Sun commented on accidents that have occurred near the Conway Daily Sun office and suggested a light pointed toward the sign instead. Mr. DiGregorio pointed out that is what headlights do. Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed that the accident reports were reviewed and the accident were not during dark hours. Ms. Seavey stated that she would like to see this matter voted on by the public. A vote was taken and the **motion failed 2-3-0 with Ms. Seavey and Mr. DiGregorio voting in the affirmative and Ms. Sand and Messrs. Thibodeau and Weathers voting in the negative.** The Board reviewed that this matter would not appear on the warrant as a Selectmen's article. The Board further stated that a citizen could still petition for the signs.

Portable Radar Speed Signs for the Police Department – Mr. Sires distributed information on the radar signs to the Board as requested for review. Mr. Sires next reviewed that the radar signs are not something the police are asking for and that this is something that the Board had asked for. Mr. DiGregorio stated he would like to hold on making a decision on this proposed article until we can look at what other options are available. Ms. Sand she has questions of if they are truly effective and who is going to move them. The police department can't move this type of sign on a regular basis and would need the public works department to move them. Mr. DegliAngeli stated that the Public Works Department can move the signs. Mr. Sires next further reviewed that this proposed article is in response to the discussion the Board had previously regarding Bald Hill road. Mr. DiGregorio stated there are other roads as well. Ms. Sand next stated that she thinks the signs do cause people to slow down if you move them fairly regularly. Ms. Sand next stated that with regard to Bald Hill Road, she has driven this road and it is short on the Conway side. She thinks the problem is from the other end on the Albany side. Mr. Sires reviewed that the first and only speed sign on this road is at the town line in Conway coming from Albany. Mr. DiGregorio reviewed that these signs are not only going to be used on Bald Hill and we can use these on other roads in the town as well. There was next a discussion regarding if the signs could be solar. Mr. DiGregorio stated that he still wants more information on these signs. Ms. Sand stated that she doesn't feel this is the year for this expense –this is an \$8,000 warrant article. The Board next questioned how many radar signs for \$8,000. Mr. Sires advised he would get this information to the Board.

Henderson Road – Mr. Sires distributed and reviewed a copy of the proposed article to reclassify Henderson Road to the Board, witch has been reworded, and reviewed same with the Board.

Mr. Sires next reviewed a motion on the table from the previous meeting as follows: Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to approve the warrant article to reclassify Henderson Road from Class 6 to Class 5. **Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to take the motion from the table. The motion to take the motion from the table carried unanimously.** Mr. Sires reviewed that Leo Kiley discussed this matter with the Board at a meeting on 7/22/14 and a motion was made at that time to: put the changing of Henderson Road from Class 6 to Class 5 as an article on the warrant contingent upon them applying a second coat of pavement to this road prior to us changing the classification. There was next discussion by the Board regarding the amount of finish coat that should be required. When this project was originally approved several years ago the requirement was 1" and now town standard is 1.5". The Board next re-reviewed the motion at hand. **Ms. Sand amended the motion, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to approve a warrant article that reads: To see**

if the Town of Conway will vote to RECLASSIFY HENDERSON ROAD from a Class VI Road to a Class V such that it will become a year round maintained town road. This reclassification shall begin at the intersection of Henderson Road with Davis Hill Road and continue for approximately 1,000 feet to its intersection with Royal View Drive. This reclassification is contingent upon and shall not occur until the road is brought up to current town standards by the application of a 1.5” finish coat of pavement to the entire length and the subsequent acceptance of this work by the Town Engineer. The motion carried unanimously.

Conway Public Library – Library Trustees, William Marvel, Mark Hounsell and Lucy Philbrick appeared before the Board. A copy of a proposed warrant article for the Conway Public Library to retain all money it receives from its income generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income generating equipment was presented to the Board. Mr. Marvel explained that he has been paying for maintenance and copy paper out of the funds for copy fees and his predecessor also did it this way as well. This has been done for years. Mr. Marvel next explained that by state statute it is required that this be voted on by the town. There was brief discussion by the Board and the Trustees regarding the proposed warrant article request, the funds, tracking and managing the funds, etc.

The Chairman called for a brief recess of the meeting. The Chair called the meeting back to order.

It was next determined that a warrant article for this same request was passed in 1997 and, therefore, an article is not needed this year.

There was next further brief discussion of the budget and accounting for the funds.

FLASHING BEACON US 302 & MILL STREET

Mr. Sires reviewed a letter received from the NHDOT regarding the flashing beacon located at US 302 and Mill Street. (See attached).

Ms. Sand advised that she purposely drove the road the other night and saw the flashing light long before she got to the curve and feels it is helpful. Ms. Sand next stated that she feels a letter should be written to the NHDOT to say we are opposed to removing that light as it is helpful to people and that you can see you are coming into a village especially at night. Mr. DiGregorio stated that he feels the light is serving its purpose and he agrees with Ms. Sand and that you can see it for quite a ways away. Also, when they did their survey, they must not have done it at night. **Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to draft a letter to the NHDOT for the Chair of the Board of Selectmen to sign, to ask that the light be kept up at Route 302 and Mill Street. The motion carried unanimously.** Mr. DiGregorio next asked if we could have Mr. DegliAngeli look at the angle of the picture to see if trees are impeding the site of that light. The Board agreed.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- a. Manifest 1/22/15
- b. Payroll 1/22/15

Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to approve the Manifest dated 1/22/15 and Payroll dated 1/22/15. The motion carried unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUT OF SESSION

There were no documents to be ratified.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

There were no Special Event Applications presented for consideration.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: 1/6/15

Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to approve the minutes of 1/6/15 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

North Country Council – Mr. Sires reported that he attended a meeting last Thursday of the North Country Council. There was discussion at that meeting regarding a grant program for an electric vehicle charging station, a train/hotel from Quebec and, also, the 10 year transportation plan.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

ESAA – Mr. Thibodeau reported that the ESAA meets tonight. They are now on the quarterly meeting schedule.

Planning Board – Mr. Thibodeau reported that the Planning Board will be meeting on Thursday night and will hold a public hearing for the proposed sign ordinance changes.

Budget Committee – Ms. Sand reported the Budget Committee met last Wednesday and discussed the school budget. The Committee will meet again tomorrow night and will review warrant articles, the Police budget and the Parks and Recreation Budget.

MWVEC – Ms. Seavey reviewed a report for 2014 for the MWVEC.

Valley Vision – Mr. DiGregorio reported that Valley Vision met last week and will be meeting again this Thursday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

Daymond Steer of the Conway Daily Sun asked if larger stop signs are still on the table. Mr. Weathers reviewed that no decision was made on this matter tonight.

Mr. Steer next asked with regard to the 10 Year Transportation Plan if there will be a roundabout in Conway Village. Mr. Weathers stated that this was discussed in previous years but he hasn't heard anything on this recently. Mr. Steer asked if the Board would consider this. Ms. Sand stated that she would like to hold comments on this until discussion on this matter is held by this Board.

Mr. Steer next asked about electric car charging station and there was brief discussion.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

- a. Abatement Tax Map/Lot 277-196

- b. Application for Current Use Tax Map/Lot 250-5
- c. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Tax Map/Lot 295-3
- d. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 202-64.027
- e. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 202-64.038
- f. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 254-29-096
- g. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 290-26

Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to sign the Abatement Tax Map/Lot 277-196, Application for Current Use Tax Map/Lot 250-5, Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Tax Map/Lot 295-3, Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 202-64.027, Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 202-64.038, Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 254-29-096 and Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 290-26. The motion carried unanimously.

NON PUBLIC SESSION / NH RSA 91-A:3,II(C) – TAX MATTER

At 5:37 p.m. **Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to go into non public session under NH RSA 91-A:3,II(c) to discuss a tax matter.** Included in the non public session was Dale Drew, Attorney Tom Dewhurst, Town Manager Earl Sires and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell. **The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

The Board returned to public session at 6:02 p.m.

Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to seal the minutes of this non public session. The motion carried unanimously.

NON PUBLIC SESSION / NH RSA 91-A:3,II(D) – CONSIDERATION OF ACQUISITION, SALE OR LEASE OF REAL ESTATE

At 6:03 p.m., **Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to go into non public session under NH RSA 91-A:3,II(d) to discussion a real estate matter.** Included in the non public session was Town Manager, Earl Sires, and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell. **The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

At 6:19 p.m. the Board returned to public session.

Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Ms. Sand, to seal the minutes of this non public session. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

At 6:20 p.m. the meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J Hallowell
Executive Secretary