

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
February 21, 2017

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, Mary Carey Seavey, Carl Thibodeau, John Colbath, and Steven Porter; Acting Town Manager, Tom Holmes, and Executive Secretary, Karen Hallowell.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

CONSIDERATION OF WARRANT ARTICLE #8, OPERATING BUDGET

Finance Director, Lilli Gilligan, was present for discussion. Also present were David Smolen, Library Director, Stacy Sand, Library Trustee, and Budget Committee member, Bill Marvel.

Mr. Holmes reviewed that the Budget Committee reduced the Board of Selectmen proposed budget by \$8,894. Ms. Gilligan reviewed Warrant Article #8 and advised that the amount recommended by the Budget Committee is \$10,764,471 and the default budget is still \$10,761,335. The Library benefits line was reduced from the budget.

There was next discussion regarding the library budget reduction, employee benefit costs, employee hours, and a retiring employee. **Mr. Porter moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey recommend the figure of \$10,764,461 and to recommend Article 8, Operating Budget. The motion failed 1-4-0 with Mr. Thibodeau voting in the affirmative and Ms. Seavey and Messrs. Porter, Colbath and Weathers voting in the negative.**

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF TOM HOLMES AS  
A NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL COMMISSIONER

Mr. Weathers reviewed that Town Manager, Earl Sires, sits on the Board of North Country Council. There are three slots available for the Town of Conway on the North Country Council Board. Mr. Porter reviewed that the Planning Board did endorse Tom Holmes as a representative to the North Country Council Board. Mr. Colbath questioned if we should advertise this position for two weeks before filling. Mr. Thibodeau asked if the position has to be filled by a town employee or anyone. Mr. Holmes advised it could be anyone from the public. Mr. Colbath next questioned if there is still an open position if we appoint him. Mr. Holmes confirmed there would still be one open position for anyone interested. **Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to appoint Tom Holmes as a North Country Council Commissioner. The motion carried unanimously.**

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

- a. Abatement Tax Map/Lot 266-132

**Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to sign the Abatement for Tax Map/Lot 266-132. The motion carried unanimously.**

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

a. Accounts Payable Manifest 2/23/17

**Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to sign the Accounts Payable Manifest dated 2/23/17. The motion carried unanimously.**

RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUT OF SESSION

There were no documents to ratify.

Review and Consideration of Special Event Application(s)

There were no Special Event Applications to consider.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: 1/31/17 AND 2/7/17

**Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to approve the regular and non public minutes of 1/31/17 and regular minutes of 2/7/17. Motion carried unanimously.**

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Holmes reviewed that the Board of Selectmen will be meeting on Friday, February 24, 2017 to signed the warrant.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Photo for Town Report - Mr. Weathers reviewed that the Board of Selectmen photo for the town report will be taken at the meeting scheduled for 2/28/17.

Planning Board – Mr. Porter reported the Planning Board meets this Thursday and will be discussing a proposed zoning article.

Budget Committee – Mr. Colbath reported that at the last Budget Committee meeting the Committee voted on the town, school and precinct budgets.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

Ray Shakir stated that he lives on the east side of Birch Hill. Five years ago the road was topped (paved) and they stopped about half way up the hill. He asked why and when he spoke with Paul DegliAngeli it was explained that the top of the hill needs to be reconstructed. Mr. Shakir reiterated that this was five years ago. Mr. Shakir next questioned what he has to do to get the hill paved and he was advised by the town that this project has been pushed back again. Mr. Shakir next stated that he pays close to \$10,000 a year in real estate taxes and he does not feel it is unreasonable to ask to have the road fixed.

There was next discussion of the condition of the road, the road paving schedule, reconstruction of the road, budget, etc. There was next discussion regarding putting a skim coat of paving on the road and leaving the road on the schedule for reconstruction in the future. Mr. DegliAngeli advised that a skim coat would last a couple years. A skim coat for that portion

of the road (the hill) would be about \$20,000-\$25,000 but this would not take care of the drainage. The project scheduled for 2020 is about \$290,000. Mr. Weathers suggested a motion could be made at town meeting to see if funds could be added to put a skim coat on the road.

ADJOURN

At 5:05 pm, **Mr. Porter moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J Hallowell  
Executive Secretary