

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 19, 2019**

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:00 pm in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen, C. David Weathers, Mary Carey Seavey, Carl Thibodeau, John Colbath, Steven Porter, Town Manager, Thomas Holmes, and Executive Secretary, Krista Day.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON KENO

Mr. Weathers opened the public hearing on Keno at 4:02 pm.

Director of Marketing for the NH Lottery Commission, Maura McCann appeared before the Board to urge the public to allow keno in Conway.

Ms. McCann gave a brief discussion on how Keno can help support local businesses.

Mr. Holmes read a letter in support of Keno written by resident Karen Umberger.

Mr. Colbath stated that he sees both the pros and cons of keno.

Mr. Thibodeau stated that he was in favor for it's ability to enhance business.

Ms. Seavey stated that she also sees both sides of the issue and it is up to the voters to decide.

Mr. Porter stood by his decision to oppose keno.

Mr. Weathers closed the public hearing on keno at 4:17 pm.

PRESENTATION BY ED BERGERON ON STEM AVIATION

Secretary for the Eastern Slope Airport Authority Ed Bergeron thanked the Board for allowing him to speak.

As Chairman of the ESAA STEM Aviation Committee, he wanted to provide the Board with some information regarding their efforts to promote STEM Aviation here in the area.

Mr. Bergeron explained that the STEM Aviation Committee consists of a both airport authority members as well as those who are not part of the airport. They meet monthly and are trying to offer opportunities for STEM Aviation. He noted that they had completed a successful aviation camp for 8th and 9th graders during 2018.

Mr. Bergeron explained that they are moving forward with starting a non-profit flying club for students to provide pathways to become more involved in aviation.

He also noted that they have an aviation ground school class at Kennett High School with 13 students enrolled, 5 of which are women. These students will get a grade and a recommendation from the instructor to take the FAA private pilot exam.

Mr. Bergeron added that they are hoping to get a STEM Aviation curriculum installed at Fryeburg Academy and Kennett High School.

Mr. Bergeron ended by saying that the ESAA plays a big part in providing STEM Aviation to the area.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE PROPERTY MAP/LOT 251-7

Conway Resident Chris Cronin appeared before the Board to request the opportunity to purchase Map/Lot 251-7. This property had been taken by the Town for back taxes.

Mr. Cronin explained that he owned multiple houses in Transvale and that all of his properties are kept clean. He stated that he was interested in this particular lot due to its location and that it is out of the flood way. He noted that as the lot was unbuildable, he would probably put a travel trailer there.

He stated that his hope was to get values to raise in Transvale in order to people to take better care of their properties.

It was determined that if the Selectmen wanted to sell, it would have to be done through sealed bid or auction.

Mr. Weathers stated that this particular lot is not in the flood way, but does in fact flood.

Mr. Holmes stated that past practice was that the Town would not sell properties in Transvale as they wanted to avoid emergency evacuation situations. He did note that they are having issues with dumping on the Town owned lots in Transvale.

Mr. Porter asked for Mr. DegliAngeli's input. Mr. DegliAngeli had no comment.

Mr. Porter stated that he respected Mr. Cronin for coming before the Board, however, he was skeptical because of what the Town has had to go through over the years to get this area cleaned up.

The Selectmen thanked Mr. Cronin.

REVIEW OF RECEIPTS

(none)

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

- a. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 254-29.077
- b. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 247-83
- c. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 254-32
- d. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 268-89
- e. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 262-83.245
- f. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 262-83.044
- g. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 291-14
- h. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Map/Lot 238-3
- i. Timber Tax Levy Map/Lot 238-3
- j. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Map/Lot 226-1, 238-4, 238-5
- k. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Map/Lot 244-2
- l. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Map/Lot 239-1
- m. Notice of Intent to Excavate 263-117
- n. Application for Current Use Map/Lot 262-71.2

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to sign the documents listed above in a. through n. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- a. AP Manifest dated 3/21/19

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to sign the Accounts Payable Manifest dated 3/21/19. The motion carried unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUTSIDE OF SESSION

(none)

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

(none)

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

(none)

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Holmes stated that they had been receiving lots of feedback around the issue of a potential leash law in Whitaker Woods. At this time, he is not prepared to issue a recommendation but is putting the information together for a future meeting.

Mr. Holmes stated that Valley Pride Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2019. He wanted to know if the Selectmen would consider hosting their Amnesty Day again in conjunction with Valley Pride. The Selectmen unanimously agreed.

Mr. Holmes stated that he had sent letters to the area Representatives and members of the Finance Committee to continue lobbying efforts for the Governor's Budget in hopes of receiving funds to help with the Recreation Center

Mr. Holmes stated that he would like the Board's blessing in writing a letter of support for HB 103 that would allow Towns to bond as a unit. He noted that Albany Selectmen Rick Hyland was interested in this bill because it would allow smaller Towns to bond together in order to not be left behind technologically.

Mr. Thibodeau stated that he supported this bill.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to write a letter in support of HB 103 and authorize the Chairman to sign it on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Porter stated that the Planning Board met and had a first look at the conceptual designs for the Junge's Motel property.

He noted that Bellevue Properties had asked for a continuance for April 25, 2019.

Mr. Porter added that the Vaughan Center had asked for a year extension on their existing Planning Board approval.

Mr. Colbath stated that the ZBA would be meeting Wednesday, March 20, 2019 and the Budget Committee would be meeting on March 27, 2019. John: ZBA meeting tomorrow. BC next 27th

Ms. Seavey stated that the Economic Council was hosting an Eggs and Issues with Chris Pappas on Thursday, March 21, 2019.

Ms. Seavey stated that Jackson had approved funding for Valley Vision while Albany did not. She added that if there were private donors who would like to support bringing Valley Vision to Albany, to please contact Valley Vision.

Mr. Weathers stated that the Conservation Commission met and they discussed the leash law and there were comments on both sides of the issue.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

Daymond Steer from The Conway Daily Sun stated that the Selectmen should do research on 5G before bringing it to Town.

Mr. Steer inquired as to whether the Fryeburg Selectmen had ratified their nominees to the ESAA. This was unclear and Mr. Steer stated that he would contact Sharon Jackson.

ADJOURN

At 5:55 pm, the meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Day
Executive Secretary