

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
August 6, 2019**

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:01 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. Weathers stated that they would be removing the consideration of the Non-Public Minutes from 7/23/19.

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

PUBLIC HEARING TO ACCEPT PERSON PROPERTY UNDER RSA 31:95-E (II)

- a. 2 Golf Carts from the Friends of Rec for the Conway Recreation Center

Mr. Weathers opened the public hearing at 4:03 pm.

Ms. Seavey explained that Colemans had donated two used golf carts and the Friends of Rec were looking for the Town of Conway to accept the donation.

Daymond Steer asked what these golf carts are used for. Mr. Colbath explained that they are used for equipment and also for transporting children etc.

Mr. Weathers closed the public hearing at 4:04 pm.

CONSIDERATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY UNDER RSA 31:95-
E(II)

- a. 2 Golf Carts from the Friends of Rec for the Conway Recreation Center

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to accept the 2 golf cars from the Friends of Rec for the Conway Recreation Center. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. \$40.00 from Jennifer Perkins for microphone purchases

Mr. Holmes explained that Jennifer Perkins saw the presentation regarding the request for microphone purchases for Budget Committee and School Board meetings and wished to contribute.

The Selectmen expressed their gratitude.

Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to accept the \$40.00 from Jennifer Perkins for microphone purchases. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. \$500.00 to the Police Department from Greg Shea for Reward to be placed in Police Grant Account

Chief Wagner explained that this is a reward that Mr. Shea is offering for information on damage done to his car. If someone comes forward with information, the Police will release the money, if not they will return it back to Mr. Shea.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to accept the \$500.00 from Greg Shea to the Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. \$591.65 to the Police Department for the Opioid Grant

Chief Wagner explained that this was money from a grant to help pay for officer overtime.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to accept the \$591.65 from the Opioid Grant and place it in the police overtime line. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF HOLIDAY PAY PREMIUM REFUND

Mrs. Gilligan explained that she was looking for a decision from the Board regarding the return of monies from Primex. She stated that they could choose to request these monies now, or have Primex use the funds to offset the cost of Property Liability Insurance and Workers Compensation next year. Her recommendation was to request the funds now.

Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to request that Primex refund the holiday pay premium now. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION BY DOT ON EAST CONWAY INTERSECTION

Michael Dugas from NH DOT was present to discuss the Intersection of Route 302 and East Conway Road.

Mr. Dugas explained that this intersection had been selected for action based upon its fatal and sustained crash history. After the fatality last year at this intersection, the Town of Conway had

applied for a safety audit. However, because of the history of the intersection, NH DOT decided to move immediately towards the project.

Mr. Dugas briefly explained the process of this project from initial data collection, design choices such as a roundabout or traffic lights, final design, and construction with a scheduled start date of 2023.

Mr. Dugas noted that this entire project would be federally funded with the exception of any Town utilities that would need attention.

Mr. Holmes inquired as to whether temporary traffic lights could be utilized due to the dangerous nature of this intersection and the construction date being 4 years out. Mr. Dugas explained that the State tends to shy away from temporary lights but he would inquire.

Mr. Colbath expressed his gratitude that Mr. Dugas was here to explain the project well in advance.

Mr. Colbath asked Mr. Dugas to also explain what the Municipal Workzone Agreement that they would be signing was for. Mr. Dugas explained that the state was converting state owned traffic signals in locations that have an exclusive left turn lane. Instead of traffic yielding on a solid green light, the lights would be converted to a flashing yellow arrow which research has shown drivers understand better. Mr. Dugas stated that he believed this project would be done this fall. There would be no road construction, just changing the light and signal.

There was brief discussion regarding the recent change to the traffic light pattern in Conway Village. Mr. Dugas stated that he would look into that as well.

a. Signing of Municipal Work Zone Agreement

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Municipal Workzone Agreement for NH DOT Project 42424. The motion carried unanimously.

North Conway Fire Chief Pat Preece noted that he wanted to echo Mr. Holmes' statement regarding the need for temporary traffic lights at the Route 302 and East Conway Road Intersection.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR CROSSWALK STANCHION AT MUDDY MOOSE

Mr. Holmes explained that there had been a request from the Eastman Inn owner for stanchions at the cross walk by Muddy Moose so that traffic would be more apt to stop for pedestrians. He went on to explain however that the towns experience has been that they are not very effective.

Mr. DegliAngeli added that because there are center turn lanes, they are constantly being run over. Mr. Colbath noted that they are often seen as a target for drivers.

North Conway Fire Chief Pat Preece emphasized that these are a problem for emergency response vehicles because they must often run them over in order to get through traffic. This can cause damage to both the stanchion and the undercarriage of the emergency vehicles.

The Selectmen took no action on this matter.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR PEDESTRIAN/BIKE LANE ON INTERVALE CROSSROAD

Resident Koko Oyler from Intervale Crossroads was present to request improvements be completed on Intervale. She explained that it was her opinion that the road was dangerous to both pedestrians and bikers. She noted that she understood it was not due to be repaved until 2024, however, she urged the Selectmen to do something sooner for safety. Areas of concern included the cracks in the pavement, narrowness of the road, and poor condition of the shoulders. She also stated that she believed there were not enough speed limit signs on the road and traffic often travels at dangerous speeds. She was concerned for the safety of her granddaughter.

Mr. Weathers explained that they often receive complaints that there are too many signs on our rural roads. He also noted that it would be difficult to have increased police patrol as there are not that many officers on duty.

Mr. Colbath noted that he believes this issue is a double-edged sword. When you make improvements to the road, it often draws more use.

Ms. Seavey stated that she believed this was just part of living in the Mt. Washington Valley.

Mr. DegliAngeli explained that the decision not to widen and add bike lanes to both Kearsarge and Intervale Crossroads was made previously by the Board of Selectmen in the past. He stated his belief that if one road is done, the other should be as well.

Mr. Porter explained that 6-8 months of the year this road does see and increase in traffic. He stated that he does not believe that signage is going to solve the issue. He did note that this road does need improvement.

Ms. Seavey explained that if you widen the road, many cars will actually go faster. She also noted that if you took a poll of the people who live on that road, she believes most would not want this done.

Mr. Colbath explained to Ms. Oyler that he also lived on a rural road that has been improved and people go way over the speed limit. He also noted that widening of the road would bring up eminent domain issues.

DISCUSSION OF DISPOSITION OF CHATTEL AT OLD CONWAY REC

Mr. Holmes stated that there are numerous items in the old recreation center that cannot be utilized at the new center. He explained that he and John Eastman are considering a “yard sale” where they would allow people to come in and purchase remaining items.

Ms. Seavey stated that this was a great idea.

Mr. Colbath asked about the scoreboard that had been donated by Rotary. Mr. Eastman explained that they have no use for it as they had two new scoreboards donated by Infinger Insurance. He thinks that it would be great to sell that.

There was discussion regarding potentially using Facebook to sell items ahead of time.

Ms. Seavey moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to allow a sale of old items at the recreation center in Center Conway for this fall. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION FO REC CENTER SIGNAGE

Mr. Eastman stated that he had approached Gemini Signs to create a design for the new recreation center sign. Referring to the packet, Mr. Eastman explained that they had come up with a design that both the school and his department are very happy with. He went on to explain that they would be redoing the posts so that the Kennett Middle School sign would hang above the Rec Center sign. He also added that there would be new LED lighting installed and the existing brick planter would remain.

His hope was that this would be installed by the September 10, 2019 grand opening. He added that the Friends of Rec were paying for this.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to approve the sign design for the new recreation center. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eastman was asked to give an update on the rec center progress. He explained that the parking lot was torn up and set to be paved next week. He stated that the lights had been taken down at the old recreation center and installed at the Conway Elementary School Field by Donald Whitelaw, NH Electric Co-op, and funding through a grant from the Ham Foundation. He also noted that the scoreboard from the old rec would be installed there.

Ms. Seavey commended Mr. Eastman for the great job they are doing with traffic control in the afternoons. Mr. Colbath agreed.

Mr. Holmes noted that there had been phone issues at the new recreation center, but they were being resolved. He also added that they are finding added benefits to their new location such as being walking distance to the river, library, and fire department.

Mr. Holmes stated that the A/C in the classrooms had been fine tuned and they were continuing to monitor the temperature in the gymnasium.

DISCUSSION OF OLD CONWAY REC WINTERIZATION

Mr. Holmes stated that they needed to look into options for potentially winterizing the old recreation center. He noted that they had received a \$500.00 electric bill last month. He noted that Superintendent Kevin Richard has said he will do everything he can to have the presidential primary at the school, however, they may need a polling place for April's Town vote. His thought would be to winterize and then open up in the spring before the vote.

Mr. Thibodeau expressed his concern over potential insurance issues with not having the alarms working in a winterized building. He asked them to look into that.

Mrs. Gilligan explained that the majority of the electric bill was not for kilowatts used, but for the delivery fee. They are currently trying to figure out why the delivery fee was so high.

Mr. Thibodeau stated that once the insurance ramifications had been determined, they need to do a cost benefit analysis on what makes the most sense in terms of closing up the building.

There was discussion regarding the liability issues with the old playground equipment. They need to look into that as well as potentially selling the equipment.

Mr. Colbath stated he thought they should remove the equipment.

DISCUSSION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL OPTIONS AT CONWAY LAKE BEACH

Mr. Holmes stated that after their previous discussion, he had researched various options to help with speeding by Conway Lake. He noted that he does have a call into Kevin Richard for potential use of the school zone light.

There are temporary speed bumps that could be put down; however, noise may be a concern and that at least one resident had voice opinions against these. Also, he had looked into the flashing speed signs that run about \$2500.00 each. They could potentially put those in next year's budget.

Mr. Weathers stated that he would rather see the signs than the speed bumps. Mr. Colbath echoed this sentiment noting that speed bumps are often a challenge to drivers and are very noisy.

Ms. Seavey stated that she liked the sign option, but was not opposed to speed bumps. She emphasized that it was up to them to make this area safe.

Mr. Porter stated that he believed speed bumps would work better than the signs.

Albert Eaton who resides by the beach expressed that in the past he had offered his yard as a place for the speed signs and that they had noticed a significant decrease in speed. He is opposed to speed bumps as he said they offer a 24-hour solution to a temporary problem.

Mr. Holmes told the Board that the police used to have a trailered speed sign but that it had not worked in years.

It was determined that Mr. Holmes would look into the cost of potentially repairing the police sign and looking at the 2020 budget for the purchase of the flashing signs.

DISCUSSION OF LANDFILL LEACHATE ISSUES

Mr. DegliAngeli gave a brief history of the Town and Water Precinct's partnership regarding leachate and sludge. The Town trucks the leachate collected from the landfill to the Water Precinct and in turn, the Water Precinct disposes of their sludge at the landfill. Mr. DegliAngeli explained that when this option was conceived, they were doing 10,000 tons of trash a year. However, with the recycling initiative, they are under 3,000 tons of trash a year. Because of this, the ratio of sludge to trash is 1.5 to 1 which is causing issues such as too much moisture and slip planes. He stated that it is becoming unmanageable for the Town. Because of this, they need to plan for the eventuality that this trade will not continue to work because they do not have enough trash to handle this sludge.

Mr. DegliAngeli stated that sludge disposal would cost approximately \$200,000 a year and leachate disposal would run about the same.

The potential for a partial disposal agreement with the precinct was briefly discussed as being an option. Mr. DegliAngeli stated that nothing is off the table.

Mr. DegliAngeli stated that he will go ahead and send a letter to the Water Precinct to begin these discussions.

REVIEW OF RECEIPTS

The receipts were available for review.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

- a. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Map/Lot 284-14

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to sign the item listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- a. AP Manifest dated 8/8/19

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to sign the AP Manifest dated 8/8/19. The motion carried unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUTSIDE OF SESSION

- a. AP Manifest dated 8/1/19
- b. Payroll dated 8/1/19

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to ratify the documents listed above in a. and b. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

- a. Mt. Washington Valley Supports Recovery Coalition “Take a Walk in Our Shoes” (9/15/19) Pending Insurance
- b. American Legion Post 95 Veterans Day Parade (11/11/19)

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to approve the special event applications for the events above in a. and b. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Minutes from 7/23/19

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to adopt the regular minutes from 7/23/19 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Holmes stated that Congressman Pappas would be having office hours on Thursday, August 8, 2019 from 10:00-11:30 am at Town Hall.

Mr. Holmes explained that NH Electric Co-op had performed an LED field audit and once the Town reviews this, they will begin installation of LED lights in North Conway.

Mr. Holmes noted that the Conway Public Library was awarded a competitive grant for \$4,000.00 for the Youth Arts project.

Mr. Holmes explained that the new tower at the police station was under construction and the sign at the old recreation center had been removed.

He noted that this was the last week of camp for the rec center.

Mr. Holmes wanted the Board to be aware that they are experiencing a high amount of trash dumping in Town. He wondered if some of this could be related to the AirBnB users and the issues of not having a way to get rid of their trash.

It was suggested that Mr. Holmes look into cameras to catch those dumping.

Mr. Colbath asked if there was any news on the town hall move. Mr. Weathers stated that Rob Adair had heard from DES and they had received the application and a decision should be made within 30 days.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Colbath stated that the ZBA would be meeting on August 21, 2019 and the Budget Committee will be meeting on September 11, 2019 for a presentation by the DRA.

Mr. Thibodeau gave the monthly airport activity report. He also noted that they had two weeks of aviation camps and that they were very successful.

Mr. Weathers stated that the Conservation Commission would be meeting next Wednesday, August 14, 2019. Mr. Holmes added that the Commission is currently looking for a new secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

Daymond Steer from The Conway Daily Sun, inquired as to whether the people of Center Conway will miss the playground at the rec center. Mr. Holmes noted that there is still a playground at Pine Tree School.

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

This item was removed as there was no need for a discussion at this time.

ADJOURN

At 6:15 pm, Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Day
Executive Secretary