

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
January 21, 2020**

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, 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 noted that there were a few additions and a correction to make to the agenda.

He noted that they would be adding an item under Signing of Documents for an Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Map/Lot 244-16 and 244-17.

Mr. Weathers noted that they would be correcting an item under Consideration of Bills to read "AP Manifest dated 1/23/2020 and they would be removing the payroll item.

Mr. Weathers noted they would be adding a non-public session under RSA 91:A II(d).

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

DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON ADDITIONAL WARRANT ARTICLES

a. Main Street Project Financing

Mr. Holmes explained that they had reworded the article and expanded the time frame to the maximum of 5 years in the event that there are issues with the Easterly Project.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to recommend that the following article be place on the warrant:

ARTICLE ____: (Special – Non-Lapsing) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) for the purpose of funding the Main St. projects while awaiting reimbursement by NHDOT. The town is required to pay all invoices before being reimbursed 90% of the cost by NHDOT for the Westerly Main Street Project and 100 % for the proposed Easterly Main Street project. Said funds to be withdrawn from the Unreserved Fund Balance. The funds will be replaced once reimbursement is received. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA

32:7, VI and will not lapse until NHDOT has reimbursed the Town of its funding obligation under its contract or by December 31, 2025, whichever is sooner. No money used under this appropriation will come from property taxes.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (- -).

Recommended by the Budget Committee (- -).

It was noted that the DRA reviewed this article and supported it.

b. Selling of Recreation Center

Mr. Holmes explained that they had reworded the article and that he had Attorney Malia look it over. He also noted that they had sent the letter to the School Board requesting that they sign over the deed to the old recreation center to the town.

It was determined that if the School Board decided not to sign the deed, this article would not be included.

Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to recommend that the following be placed on the warrant:

ARTICLE ____: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the Town's recently vacated Recreation Facility formerly known as the Old Pine Tree School located at 1808 East Main Street (Assessor's Map 259-13) once the School District has transferred title to the Town and upon such terms and conditions as are deemed appropriate by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (- -).

Recommended by the Budget Committee (- -).

REQUEST TO AMEND SELECTMEN'S VOTE ON STORAGE OF VOTING BOOTHS
(LOCATIONS ONLY)

Mr. Holmes noted that in a previous meeting the Board had made the following motion:

Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to Direct DPW to Move the election materials Prior to the February 11 voting day to the new recreation center.

However, after talking with the DPW, they would rather store the election material in a storage facility over in the town garage as there was easier access in and out.

It was determined that it would be best to make a new motion.

Mr. Porter moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to authorize the Department of Public Work to move, store, and set up the election materials. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF RECEIPTS

(none)

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

1. Permit to Sell Raffle Tickets for Kennett Middle School Class of 2024
(2/11/2020, 2/25/2020, and 3/17/2020)

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

2. Intent to Cut Wood or Timber on Map/Lot 244-16 and 244-17

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

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- a. AP Manifest dated 1/23/2020

Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to sign the AP Manifest dated 1/23/2020. The motion carried unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUTSIDE OF SESSION

(none)

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

1. Gibson Center Crafts and Artisan Festival (5/23 & 5/24, 7/4 & 7/5, 9/5 & 9/6, 10/10 & 10/11)

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

2. Rockhopper Races Roos Rampage 5K (5/17/2020)

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Minutes from 1/14/2020

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to adopt the minutes from 1/14/2020. The motion carried unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Holmes noted that he had received a call from a coordinator for Valley Pride Day who inquired as to whether the town was going to consider hosting an Amnesty Day again this year. It was determined that this would be discussed at a future meeting.

Mr. Holmes stated that the Board had received paperwork from a potential nominee to the Saco River Advisory Board and that they would put this item on the agenda for next week.

Mr. Holmes noted that the Presidential Primary would be held on February 11, 2020 at Conway Elementary. The polls will be open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. He noted that there are a lot of new logistics to consider but they have a plan for signage. He is also looking into getting a police detail to help with traffic control.

Mr. Holmes noted that they had lost two police officers. He also noted that the DPW had begun planning this year's projects which include the West Side Culvert, the Garage Expansion, and the beginning of the Western Project.

Mr. Colbath inquired as to where they were with the letters to the abutters on Cathedral Ledge Road. Mr. Holmes noted that Jackie White would be getting those letters out. He noted that they received one email already from an abutter in favor of the town plowing.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Porter stated that the Planning Board would be meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2020.

Mr. Colbath noted that the ZBA met the week before for three hearings and the final traffic study report from the group proposing the hotel at Cranmore.

Mr. Colbath noted that Ms. Seavey had attended the Budget Committee meeting the previous week where they started to review the Conway School Budget. He noted that they would be meeting on January 22, 2020.

Mr. Weathers stated that the Conservation Commission met the previous week. He noted that Don Johnson of Forest Land Improvements will be stepping down.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

Chairman LeFebvre reminded the Board that the joint meeting with the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen was on January 27, 2020 for the non-profit budget presentations.

Mr. Colbath noted that he would like to discuss putting the Age Friendly Community's Annual Report in the town's annual report.

At 4:28 pm, Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(d). The motion carried unanimously.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 II(d)

At 5:05 pm, the Board returned to public session.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to seal the minutes from this non-public session. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

At 5:05 pm, the meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Day
Executive Secretary