

**Minutes of Meeting  
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
February 4, 2020**

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:04 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 (arrived at 4:49 pm.), Town Manager, Thomas Holmes, and Recording Secretary, Nadine Armstrong

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 were going to insert agenda item 3a. so Moderator Deb Fauver can go over details relating to the Presidential Primary. Mr. Porter may not make the meeting tonight so they would be holding off on the short-term rental committee decisions.

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

DISCUSSION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY WITH MODERATOR FAUVER

Moderator Deb Fauver noted that she wanted to have an officer located on Route 16 to direct traffic. She would also like only handicap voters to turn right in the school drop off area.

Mr. Thibodeau suggested handicap parking only signage. There was brief discussion regarding other areas where signage may be needed.

It was the recommendation that town staff help direct traffic in the parking lot and to have an officer out on Route 16.

DISCUSSION OF MAINTENANCE OF STATE-OWNED SECTION OF CATHEDRAL  
LEDGE ROAD

Mr. Holmes gave a summary regarding the responses he had received regarding this issue; 9 people were in favor of the Town taking over the plowing, 2 people were in favor of the Town plowing to the gate, and 1 person was against the Town doing anything. It was noted that approximately 70 letters had gone out.

Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed the current spot that the town plows to now and where they are being asked to plow to.

Mr. Weathers stated that after talking to Mr. DegliAngeli, this new proposal would add approximately an extra 5 minutes and really no additional costs.

Mr. Thibodeau stated that it would be his suggestion to plow it.

**Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to approve the Town DPW to plow from where they currently stop on Cathedral Ledge Road to Prospect, parcel 90.**

Resident Tracy Simkivoch asked if they would have to create a space for the plow to turnaround. Mr. DegliAngeli explained that the space already existed.

Ms. Simkivoch asked if there would be any consideration given to plowing an addition 100 feet because more space would be better. Mr. DegliAngeli stated that they could not see a good place to turn around if they did that.

Resident Gary Maderas stated that they had been trying to get this area plowed for 27 years and that Ms. Simkivoch did a great job getting it done.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to rescind his original motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to approve that the town plow the State-owned section of Cathedral Ledge Road from the intersection with Sanctuary Drive to the westerly intersection of Chapel Road. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### INTRODUCTION OF ACTION AMBULANCE

John Hatch from Executive VP Action Ambulance Service appeared before the Board.

Mr. Hatch explained that they had recently come to the area and were doing work with Memorial Hospital as a collaborative partnership.

(Mr. Porter arrived at 4:49 pm.)

He explained that they are averaging an average of 15 critical care moves per week for the hospital.

Mr. Hatch added that they were awarded the contract for Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Tamworth, Madison, and Ossipee.

Mr. Hatch explained that they really take value in becoming community partners.

Ms. Seavey noted that their crew had transported one of her friends and that they had been very caring and wonderful.

Mr. Hatch noted that they believe in a higher standard of care.

Mr. Weathers asked about where their units are located now. Mr. Hatch noted that between 9:00 am and 11:00 pm they are located at Memorial Hospital. They also have a headquarters in Ossipee as of April 1, 2020.

Chief Solomon stated that he was encouraged when they moved to the area as they have a great reputation and he is happy to work with them.

Mr. Porter asked how working with Care Plus was. Mr. Hatch explained that they do not have anything to do with Care Plus. He did note that they had offered to hire Care Plus employees but only after they completed Action's training program.

Mr. Hatch noted that Action had been privately owned since 1977.

Mr. Holmes explained that Care Plus has indicated that their intention is to be absorbed by Brewster Ambulance. He noted that he gave a copy of the contract to Peter Malia, but he does not believe that this could be a violation of contract.

Mr. Colbath stated that it was public knowledge that Care Plus was bought out as of January 1, 2020. Mr. Holmes stated that he had not yet received notice of this from Care Plus.

#### DISCUSSION OF SHORT-TERM RENTAL COMMITTEE

The Board decided to table this discussion.

#### REQUEST FOR LETTER REGARDING SB 458

Mr. Holmes asked the Board if they would like to send a letter regarding the town's opposition to the original bill that was being co-sponsored by Senator Bradley regarding regulation of short-term rentals.

Mr. Thibodeau stated that if the bill is going through as originally presented, it was important that their opposition be noted as it will really limit the town's ability to regulate short term rentals.

**Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to Melanie Leveque regarding the town's opposition of SB 458. The motion carried unanimously.**

REVIEW OF RECEIPTS

(The receipts were available for review)

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

- a. MOU for Channel 1301 between Town of Conway and Fryeburg
- b. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions for Map/Lot 276-71
- c. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions for Map/Lot 254-29.190
- d. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions for Map/Lot 254-29.188
- e. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions for Map/Lot 241-6
- f. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions for Map/Lot 262-36
- g. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions for Map/Lot 288-45
- h. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions for Map/Lot 259-72
- i. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions for Map/Lot 258-68.26
- j. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber on Map/Lot 272-14 and 272-15

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

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- a. AP Manifest dated 2/6/2020

**Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to sign the AP Manifest dated 2/6/2020. The motion carried unanimously.**

RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUTSIDE OF SESSION

(none)

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

- a. American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer (10/18/2020)
- b. Crank the Kanc Bike Race (5/16/2020)
- c. White Mountain Milers Half Marathon, 10k, and 5k Races (9/19/2020)

**Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to sign the special event applications listed above in a. through c. The motion carried unanimously.**

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Minutes and Non-Public Minutes from 1/28/2020

**Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to adopt the regular and non-public minutes from 1/28/2020 as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Holmes explained that NHEC has completed the conversion of the town street lights to LED lights.

Mr. Holmes noted that the proposed default budget of \$11,561,908 had been voted on the previous night.

Mr. Holmes stated that he was able to get upstairs in the Bank of New Hampshire building to take some measurements. He noted that the new meeting room would be 35% larger than what they have right now.

Mr. Holmes asked for a volunteer to pay the recreation center rent for the year. Mr. Porter volunteered to pay the dollar.

Mr. Holmes stated that they were still waiting on the deed from the school for the old recreation center building.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Colbath stated that the Budget Committee had met the previous night. Chairman of the Budget Committee, Jim LeFebvre explained that he wanted to thank Lilli Gilligan, David Jensen, and Frank Jost for their work on the default budget.

Mr. Thibodeau stated that the Civil Air Patrol would be having another meeting this evening at the airport.

The Board then went over voting day assignments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

Mr. LeFebvre reminded the Board that the public hearings on the school and town budgets were scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2020.

**At 5:25 pm Ms. Seavey moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A3 II(c) to discuss a tax matter. The motion carried unanimously.**

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91:A3 II(C) – TAX MATTER

**At 5:41 pm, the Board returned to public session.**

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

ADJOURN

At 5:42 pm, the meeting adjourned by the call of the chair.

Respectfully Reviewed and Edited,

Krista Day  
Executive Secretary