

**Minutes of Meeting  
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
June 29, 2021**

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:00 pm in the Meeting Room at the New Town Hall with the following present: 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 Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Weathers noted that they would be removing agenda item 6.

Mr. Weathers stated that they would be adding agenda item 10g. Permit to Sell Raffle Tickets for North Conway Community Center Mudbowl from 6/29/2021 to 9/12/2021.

Mr. Weathers stated that they would be changing item 18 to Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II(E) – Pending Litigation.

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

DISCUSSION OF SIGNS AT TOWN HALL ANNEX

Mr. Holmes explained that Supervisor of the Checklist, Jean Simon, would like a sign in front of the Town Hall Annex saying "Supervisors of the Checklist" to let the public know that is where they are located.

Mr. Holmes also noted that they would also like an a-frame sign to let those who arrive at the Town Hall Annex know that Town Hall has moved.

**Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to approve the addition of the signs at the Town Hall Annex for the Supervisors of the Checklist. The motion carried unanimously.**

DISCUSSION OF SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST VACANT SEAT

Mr. Holmes explained that there is a vacant seat for a Supervisor of the Checklist. The current Supervisors of the Checklist have the power to appoint someone, so they were looking for letters of interest to be sent to the Town Manager's Office.

#### DISCUSSION OF DPW SUMMER HOURS

Public Works Director Andrew Smith explained that he was requesting that during the summer, the Highway Department Employees be able to work 9-hour days Monday through Thursday, and a 4-hour day on Friday.

He explained that with the increase in traffic and people, getting work done on Friday afternoons is difficult. This would allow for more work to be completed during the beginning of the week.

**Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to alter the Highway Department hours as presented for the summer months. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### DISCUSSION OF ARPA PROJECTS

Mr. Holmes explained that he had applied for the ARPA funds and they now need to think about what they are going to spend it on.

Mr. Colbath explained that he was still in favor of using some of the funds for a pickleball court. He shared examples with Mr. Holmes regarding other communities that are using the money towards enhancing parks and building pickleball courts.

The cost estimate for this would be about \$25,000.

Ms. Seavey expressed that she was still in favor of using the money for public bathrooms.

Mr. Holmes stated that he and Ms. Seavey differ in their opinion regarding whether or not public bathrooms would qualify as an approved use of the funds as the guidelines state the money can be used to compact negative "economic" impacts.

Ms. Seavey stated that tourism has had a negative economic impact on the Town in regards of the increase of money that had to be spent on bathrooms last year.

Mr. Colbath noted that one of the Towns he had read about used the funds to construct an ADA bathroom.

Mr. Colbath also noted that he would be willing to allocate some of the funds to the precincts for feasibility studies, however, there was a new bill coming out for infrastructure that perhaps could be used for the precinct projects.

Chief Solomon noted that the Conway Precinct was waiting on the results to see where the water is leaking, so until that is known, it would be hard to give a cost estimate.

REVIEW OF RECEIPTS

The receipts were available for review.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

- a. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 262-83.218
- b. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 257-14
- c. Abatement of Taxes on Map/Lot 262-83.218
- d. Abatement of Taxes on Map/Lot 250-83
- e. Abatement of Taxes on Map/Lot 215-58.101
- f. Abatement of Taxes on Map/Lot 239-4
- g. Permit to Sell Raffle Tickets for North Conway Community Center Mudbowl from 6/29/2021 to 9/12/2021.

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

**Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to sign the documents listed above in g. The motion carried (4-0-1) with Ms. Seavey abstaining.**

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- a. AP Manifest dated 7/1/2021
- b. Payroll dated 7/1/2021

**Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to sign the AP Manifest and Payroll dated 7/1/2021. The motion carried unanimously.**

RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUT OF SESSION

(none)

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

Mr. Weathers noted that they had already signed a special event permit for the White Mountain Community Health Center for 7/17/21. They wished to add food to their special event.

**Mr. Porter moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to authorize the addition of food to the special event as explained above. The motion carried unanimously.**

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- a. Regular and Non-Public Minutes from 6/22/2021

**Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to adopt the regular and non-public minutes from 6/22/21 as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Holmes explained that he was hoping to announce the name of the new Planner Director, but she is reluctant to sign paperwork until she has secured housing in Town.

Mr. Colbath stated that he had the pleasure of going to the transfer station and wanted to note that the crew does such a good job keeping the area maintained.

Mr. Colbath noted that he was able to stop into all of the parking facilities and wanted to give kudos to all of the attendants.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Thibodeau explained that the ESAA had been very busy as many people were flying their children in to attend the many camps around the area.

He noted that they had a record weekend in fuel sales.

Mr. Thibodeau explained that the hangar project was back underway.

Ms. Seavey stated that the Economic Council had met and two additional lots had been sold.

Mr. Colbath noted that the ZBA would be meeting for multiple hearings regarding development at the old Friendly's property.

Mr. Porter stated that the Planning Board had met the previous week for the Tuckerman Brewing Co. site plan review. He noted that everything went well.

Mr. Porter noted that Shawn Bergeron had appeared at the meeting urging the Planning Board to take on the Short-Term Rental issues.

Mr. Porter explained that he believed they needed to wait as the Board is new and they needed to get the new Planning Director on board.

Mr. Weathers stated that the CCC was taking the month of July off, and the Saco/Swift River Advisory Committee was in the final stages of the Glen Ellis Project.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

Manuel Moniz appeared before Board. He explained that he has lived here for 22 years and was an avid boater.

He explained that he understood the reasoning behind the new protocols in terms of parking at Conway Lake, however, like most great plans, he believed they needed a bit of tweaking.

Mr. Moniz's concern was the amount of time it took to go find a parking space for his trailer and get back to his boat. He added that his wife was then being left alone in a busy area with no knowledge of how to move the boat.

He requested that the Board revisit the issue and consider allowing for 5 parking spaces in the lot for residents with boat trailers.

Mr. Weathers expressed that his concern was that if the beach was crowded, would the boat trailers be taking up all of the available parking for residents in the lot. He was however not opposed to revisiting this issue.

Ms. Seavey stated that she empathized with Mr. Moniz, but there were a lot of times in the past where the lot was full of trailers and left no parking for anyone else.

Mr. Holmes noted that they had been monitoring the situation and planned to revisit it after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

Thomas Eastman from the Conway Daily Sun asked if they had any updated numbers on revenue from parking.

Mr. Holmes noted that they did not have exact figures, but that they were covering their costs and hoped to see an increase as the summer moves along.

Parking Attendant Linda Burns stated that for the most part things were going very well. She noted that there are some people who are frustrated and rude, but overall, it was going great.

Mr. Eastman asked about the Board's feeling on the new Greek Restaurant/Charitable gaming that was coming to Conway.

Mr. Porter stated that he did not have enough information yet.

Mr. Colbath noted that he did not have a strong opinion, but if it was going to benefit non-profits it would be great as they are always looking for sources of funding.

Ms. Seavey stated that she did not know too much about it, but had heard that the owner was a fine gentleman.

Mr. Thibodeau stated that he was all for it and the more activities they can bring to Conway Village, the better.

**At 4:48 pm, Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A € for consideration of pending litigation. The motion carried unanimously.**

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A :3 II€ – PENDING LITIGATION

**At 5:03 pm, the Board returned to public session.**

**Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to seal the minutes from this non-public session as divulgence of the information would render the proposed action ineffective. The motion carried unanimously.**

**At 5:04 pm, Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A (C). The motion carried unanimously.**

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

**At 5:39 pm, the Board returned to public session.**

**Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to seal the minutes from this non-public session as divulgence of the information would render the proposed action ineffective. The motion carried unanimously.**

ADJOURN

At 5:39 pm, the meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krista Day  
Executive Secretary

