

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
February 15, 2022**

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 adding Notice of Intent to Cut Wood/Timber on Map/Lot 214-84, 219-243, 219-311, & 235-55 under signing of the documents.

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

REQUEST BY STARTING POINT FOR SELECTMEN'S WARRANT ARTICLE

Deb Weinstein, Executive Director of Starting Point, appeared before the Board.

She explained that she was before the Board to request that they place a Selectmen's Warrant Article in support of Starting Point on the warrant.

She explained that they had been short one registered voter signature on their petition.

She apologized and explained that although this had never happened in the past, she has already implemented a new process for the future to ensure they do not come up short again.

Ms. Weinstein reviewed the statistics and mission statement for Starting Point.

Ms. Seavey stated that this was an unfortunate event and that she knows they need the Town's support.

Mr. Weathers noted that he would recommend getting more signatures than needed in the future.

Mr. Colbath noted that this possible request was presented at the Budget Hearing in order to allow for the possibility of adding it to the warrant.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to place the following on the warrant:

(Special – Not included in Budget Appropriation Article #) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$14,735) for the support of STARTING POINT.

The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR MWV PLEDGE SIGN IN SCHOULER PARK

Mr. Holmes noted that the Chamber of Commerce was requesting to hang a MWV Pledge Sign at Schouler Park through the summer months.

Mr. Colbath stated that he believed the intent of that sign area was so others could utilize it as well.

Ms. Seavey stated that she believed that other non-profits should know that they can use that sign.

Mr. Eastman stated that the signs should be approximately 4 x 8 so that they could be seen from far away.

It was determined that it should be left up to the Parks and Rec Department coordinate the signs.

It was stated that the cost of the sign would be at the expense of the requesting agents.

Chief Mattei suggested leasing the space for a month or so at a time.

Ms. Seavey noted that she believed the sign would be used by more non-profits if people knew about it.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to authorize the Chamber of Commerce to hang their MWV Pledge Sign at Schouler Parker through June 1, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF ARPA REQUESTS

Chief Mattei appeared before the Board to present three bids he had received for the replacement of the generator at the Police Department.

The two local bids he received were for \$114,200 and \$71,000.

The company that they currently use quoted them \$79,909.

Chief noted that he had checked with the State and there were no grants currently available.

The current estimated wait time for the generator is 40 weeks.

It was stated that they would be able to continue to have the current company service the generator.

Chief Would recommend the low bidder as it is a local company.

Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$71,000 for the replacement of the Police Departments Generator using the ARPA funds. The motion carried unanimously.

It was stated that by using sod, they would be able to utilize Dick O'Brien field this summer.

Mr. Porter moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$34,000 for sod from the ARPA funds. The motion carried unanimously.

There was a brief discussion of potential lighting at the pickleball courts.

Mr. Eastman stated that he had signed a contract for the pickleball to be painted in coated in order to get it on the schedule for this spring.

Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to authorize up to \$10,000 of the ARPA funds to be allocated for the completion of the pickleball courts. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Thibodeau stated that he would like a firmer price on lights.

REVIEW OF RECEIPTS

The receipts were available for review.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

- a. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood/Timber on Map/Lot 240-10
- b. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood/Timber on Map/Lot 214-84, 219-243, 219-311, & 235-55

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

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- a. AP Manifest dated 2/17/2022

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to sign the AP Manifest dated 2/17/2022. The motion carried unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUT OF SESSION

(none)

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

(none)

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- a. Regular and Non-Public Minutes from 2/8/2022

Mr. Colbath noted that the spelling of the word “meat” needed to be changed to “meet” on page 6, line 6.

Ms. Day stated that she would make that change.

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

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Holmes let the Board know that Mr. Jac Cuddy was already an alternate to the ZBA so they would be able to reappoint him in two years if they so choose.

Mr. Holmes noted that he had found a company that would make a replica of the Boston Cane.

Mr. Colbath told him that he believed the cane was at the Historical Society.

Mr. Holmes noted that he would check with Mr. Rancourt.

Mr. Holmes relayed the information from Ms. Inkell that there are no new ballot machines on the horizon.

Mr. Holmes noted that he had received legal advice regarding the question of whether the Board could vote in the negative if an article is amended at deliberative.

It was stated that if a warrant article is amended at Town Meeting, the Board can revote on their recommendations.

If they vote in the majority to not recommend, that new vote would appear on the ballot.

Mr. Holmes noted that there was the opportunity for Town Officials, including Selectmen Zoom meeting for town officials for information regarding property tax exemptions on Thursday.

He asked the Board to let him know if they wished to attend.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Thibodeau explained that the airport had been slow during the month of January.

He noted that they currently had an RFQ out for engineering services to rebuild Lyman Drive.

Ms. Seavey noted that the Economic Council had a PNL on another parcel of land.

Mr. Colbath stated that the ZBA would not be meeting this month.

He explained that the Budget Committee had their public hearing the week prior and that they were having an additional meeting the next evening.

Mr. Porter stated that the Planning Board met the previous week regarding a rebuild of TD Bank, the old Friendly's site, and a 27 lot subdivision.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

Daymond Steer from the Conway Daily Sun asked if the Board had considered giving stickers to the high school students from other towns so they could hang out with their friends in Conway.

The Board did not consider it.

Mr. Steer stated that it seemed as though the Building Inspector and Assistant Building Inspector were going to have enough time to monitor short-term rentals.

Mr. Holmes noted that they were short handed in most areas of Town Hall.

At 5:06 pm, Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, 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) – CONSIDERATION OF ACQUISITION, SALE OR
LEASE

At 5:32 pm, the Board returned to public session.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by 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 5:32 pm, the meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krista Day
Executive Secretary