

Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
June 7, 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. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey to approve the agenda as written. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. \$1,000 from Gregory Mark for the Town Clerk's Office
- b. \$1,000 from Gregory Mark for the Police Department

Mr. Holmes explained that a gentleman had submitted a letter as presented to the Board in their packets.

In his letter, Mr. Mark expressed his wishes to donate \$1,000 to both the Town Clerk's office and the Police Department.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to accept the unanticipated revenue as written above in a. and b. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR EASTERN PROJECT INTERSECTION UPGRADES

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

Mr. DegliAngeli referred to the engineering plans on the wall for the Eastern Project.

He explained that as they were preparing to advance the project to the final design, they had held a public hearing for the Planning Board as it was required.

He felt that it would be beneficial to do the same for the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Porter explained that they had been presented with the design and had authorize the sending of a letter of approval to the State.

There was a discussion of the design and the process for negotiating/taking of land for the project.

Mr. DegliAngeli noted that the State had informed him that the current time for the eminent domain/negotiation process was approximately 14-16 months therefore it was impossible at this point to have a good sense of when the project would likely begin.

Mr. DegliAngeli explained that changes to the intersections that would allow for more efficient traffic flow.

Mr. DegliAngeli explained that the new lights would have radar detection which would really increase the real time efficiency of the lights.

Because the floral islands were going to go away, there was an area near the library that would be able to be utilized by the garden club.

We have the potential to add an island, but the garden club has no interest in them.

Mr. Smolen asked if there could be some consideration to having the utility poles buried along the library park.

Mr. DegliAngeli explained that this decision would be made during the final design phase and if it was in the best interest of the utility company it could potentially happen.

Mr. DegliAngeli stated that he did not see this project starting at least until 2025.

SELECTION OF GRANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR BLUEBIRD PROJECT

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to select Donna Lane as the Grant Administrator for the Bluebird Project. The motion carried unanimously.

RECONSIDERATION OF PAVING PROJECTS

Mr. Holmes noted that at a previous meeting the Board had voted to cancel some paving projects in Town to help offset the increase in fuel costs.

However, he has since been informed by Karen Umberger that the Town has been allocated \$216,827 towards roads and \$250,754 towards bridges.

Mr. Smith explained that he would like the Board to consider adding back the top coat on Randall and Forbes, and the paving of Woodland Grove and Davis Hill to the 2022 paving schedule.

Mr. Porter moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to add the top coat on Randall and Forbes, and the paving of Woodland Grove and Davis Hill to the 2022 paving schedule. The motion carried unanimously.

In terms of uses for the money allocated to bridges, there was discussion regarding potential to use it for a partial rehab on the Swift River Bridge.

Mr. Colbath gave kudos to the delegation for getting these funds.

DISCUSSION OF COMPOSTING PROGRAM AT TRANSFER STATION

Mr. Smith explained that he had been looking into potentially trying out a food composting program at the transfer station in order to help extend the life of the landfill.

Mr. Smith explained the process and stated that the program would be voluntary.

It was discussed that in order for the program to be successful, education would be crucial.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to authorize Mr. Smith to establish a trial food composting program at the transfer station. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF AN INCREASE OF CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS FEES AT TRANSFER STATION.

Mr. Smith explained that due to the increased trucking costs for construction debris, he would like the have the fee increased from \$85 to \$100 a ton.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to increase the cost of recyclable construction debris from \$85 to \$100 a ton. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith explained that due to issues with overtime, they were looking to potentially adjust the transfer station hours to Sunday through Thursday and remaining open later on Thursday evenings.

Ms. Seavey noted that being closed on Saturday seemed problematic to her.

Mr. Porter explained that he would rather see them closed Sunday and Monday.

This will be discussed at a future meeting after some public input.

DISCUSSION OF 10 YEAR PLAN

- a. Request for the Extension of Bike Path

Chris Meier appeared before the Board on behalf of the MWV Trails Association.

Mr. Meier reviewed that the 1st phase of the bike path from Walmart to Cranmore was currently in construction.

They were now interested in planning for the northern phase and the southern phase.

While the Association was not looking for funding from the Town, they were interested in having the Town apply for this project to be placed on the State's 10-year plan in order to help with getting federal funding.

Mr. DegliAngeli explained that staff felt this would be a good addition to the 10-year plan as it was very good for the community, visitors and supports tourism.

Mr. Meier explained that having the project on the State's 10-year plan would allow the organization to apply for alternate federal funds that would help to get the project moving sooner.

Mr. Porter moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to authorize the application to add the northern part of the bike path to the State's 10-year plan. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW AND REAFFIRMATION OF SELECTMEN POLICIES

- a. Mission Statement and Values
- b. Board of Selectmen Policies/Rules of Procedure

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to reaffirm the Mission Statement and Values as presented. The motion carried unanimously

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to reaffirm the Board of Selectmen Policies/Rules of Procedure as presented. The motion carried unanimously

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE AND APPOINTMENT TO BATHROOM COMMITTEE

Mr. Porter moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to appoint Tad Furtado as a full member of the bathroom committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Colbath wanted to apologize to Mr. Mosca for not seconding the motion to appoint him to the bathroom committee at a previous meeting.

He noted that he deserved to have gone through the process even though he believed the outcome would have been the same as he had already voted to appoint a member who had voted against the bathroom warrant article.

Ms. Seavey reviewed the progress made at the last bathroom committee meeting including the committee assignments.

She did note that they would have to revisit these assignments as they had unintentionally created a quorum on a subcommittee.

Mr. Colbath explained that because they no longer had an alternate to the bathroom committee, he would like to see Ace Tarberry who was a member of the Business Association in the Village to be appointed.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to appoint Mr. Ace Tarberry as an alternate to the bathroom committee. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJUSTMENT OF TOWN HALL HOURS ON TUESDAY, JULY 19TH

Mr. Eastman requested that the Board alter the Town Hall hours on July 19, 2022 for Mr. Holmes retirement celebration.

Mr. Porter moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to have Town Hall hours from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on July 19, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Colbath added that they were having a celebration for Mr. Eastman that weekend at the Recreation Center.

Celebration of John Eastman, This Saturday at 6pm

REVIEW OF RECEIPTS

The receipts were available for review.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

(none)

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- a. AP Manifest dated 6/9/2022

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to sign the AP Manifest dated 6/9/22. The motion carried unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUT OF SESSION

- a. AP Manifest dated 6/2/22
- b. Payroll dated 6/2/22
- c. Gravel Tax Levy on Map/Lot 244-16

- d. Permit to Sell Raffle Tickets for MWV Cal Ripken (5/20/22-6/15/22)

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to ratify the documents signed out of session as listed above in a. through d. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

(none)

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- a. Regular and Non-Public Minutes from 5/24/2022

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to adopt the regular and non-public minutes from 5/24/2022 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Holmes explained that he and Mr. Eastman had visited the pickleball courts and they were just waiting for the second coat and striping to be completed.

Mr. Holmes told the Board that they had received a retroactive \$50,000 grant for emergency vehicles.

At this time, they had sold 1270 parking stickers.

Mr. Holmes wanted to commend Ms. Parker for her hard work in the Welfare Department as she had already acquired \$46,711 in federal and state funds for local people to help with needs without utilizing Town funds.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Thibodeau explained that the aviation camp at the airport would be held on July 18 through 23, 2022.

Mr. Thibodeau noted that when the Canadian Helicopter had visited the airport, they had purchased \$32,000 in jet fuel.

Mr. Thibodeau explained that he had a discussion with Senator Bradley and Representative Umberger regarding the boat ramp.

There are currently 8 to 12 non-State-owned boat ramps in the State of New Hampshire.

The Governor has determined that it is not fair to have the Town float the whole cost to repair the current boat ramp.

Mr. Thibodeau had been told that at least 50% of the cost would be available to the Town in approximately 2.5 months.

Mr. Colbath noted that they are extremely lucky to have the school to career organization in Town.

Mr. Thibodeau gave special thanks to all of the work put forth by Mr. Ed Bergeron who has taken the aviation program to another level.

Ms. Seavey noted that Valley Vision would be meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2022.

She explained that the Economic Council would be launching a “rent a desk space” program soon.

They are also clearing lots for AVESTA and expecting and offer soon on lot 6.

Ms. Seavey noted that Jeanne Shaheen had also visited the Economic Council.

Mr. Colbath explained that the Budget Committee and the ZBA would be meeting on June 15, 2022.

Mr. Porter explained that the Planning Board would be meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

Thomas Eastman from the Conway Daily Sun inquired as to where the draft ZBA minutes were kept.

Ms. Day explained that until they were adopted Ms. Whitelaw would only have them in draft form.

At 6:02 pm, Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (C). The motion carried unanimously.

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

At 6:14 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.

At 6:14 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) – ACQUISITION, SALE OR LEASE

At 6:21 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 6:21 pm, the meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krista Day
Executive Secretary