

**MINUTES OF MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
February 9, 2005**

A meeting of the Municipal Budget Committee was called to order at 10:10 p.m. in the Gymnasium of Conway Elementary School with the following present: Janine Bean, Ted Sares, Melissa Stacey, Betty Boucher, Phil Dighello, Randy Davison, Michael DiGregorio, Rick Paquette, Doug Swett, Maureen Seavey, Selectmen's Rep., Karen Umberger; School Board Rep., Deb Deschenes. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct voting on the Municipal budget.

Town Operating Budget – Motion was made by Mr. Sares, seconded by Ms. Stacey, that the Budget Committee recommend an operating budget for the Town of Conway in the amount of \$8,480,202. Carried 12-0-0.

SPECIAL ARTICLES:

Article 12: Collective Bargaining Agreement – Public Works Dept. – Motion was made by Mr. Sares, seconded by Mr. Dighello, to recommend Article 12 as written. Motion carried 10-2-0 with Mr. Swett and Ms. Boucher voting in the negative.

Article 13: Collective Bargaining Agreement – Police Dept. – Motion was made by Mr. Sares, seconded by Mr. Swett, to recommend Article 13 as written. Motion was defeated 4-8-0, with Ms. Seavey, Ms. Bean, Ms. Stacey and Mr. Sares voting in the affirmative.

Article 14: Raise the Annual Compensation for Supervisors of the Checklist – Motion was made by Ms. Umberger, seconded by Mr. Dighello, to recommend Article 14 as written. Motion was defeated 2-10-0, with Ms. Seavey and Ms. Umberger voting in the affirmative.

Article 15: Raise the Compensation for Police Commission – Motion was made by Ms. Umberger, seconded by Ms. Boucher, to recommend Article 15 as written. Motion was defeated 0-12-0.

Article 16: Maintenance of Town Buildings and Facilities Capital Reserve Fund – Motion was made by Ms. Stacey, seconded by Ms. Boucher, to recommend Article 16 as written. Motion carried 10-2-0, with Messrs. Paquette and Sares voting in the negative.

Article 17: Wildland Fire Expendable Trust Fund – Motion was made by Ms. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Sares, to recommend Article 17 as written. Motion carried 11-1-0, with Mr. Swett voting in the negative.

Article 18: Conway Public Library – Motion was made by Ms. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Sares, to recommend Article 18 as written. Motion carried 12-0-0.

Article 19: PEG Expendable Trust Fund – Motion was made by Mr. Sares, seconded by Ms. Stacey, to recommend Article 19 as written. Motion carried 11-0-1, with Mr. Davison abstaining. [Ms. Boucher made recommendation that the Selectmen pursue

having Valley Vision come before the Budget Committee so that we can get answers from them and not just have the Board of Selectmen's point of view.]

Article 20: Safety Equipment for the Public Works Department – Motion was made by Ms. Umberger, seconded by Ms. Deschenes, to recommend Article 20 as written. The motion carried 7-5-0, with Messrs. Paquette, Sares, Davison and Ms. Boucher and Ms. Stacey voting in the negative.

Article 21: Safety Equipment for the Town “Adopt A Highway” Program – Motion was made by Mr. Swett, seconded by Mr. Dighello, to recommend Article 21 as written. Motion was defeated 4-8-0, with Mr. DiGregorio, Ms. Umberger, Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Seavey voting in the affirmative.

Article 22: Street Signs for the 911 Emergency Response Program – Motion was made by Ms. Stacey, seconded by Ms. Umberger, to recommend Article 22 as written. Motion carried 7-5-0, with Messrs. Paquette, Sares, Davison and Ms. Stacey and Ms. Boucher voting in the negative.

Article 23: Office Management Software – Motion was made by Mr. Sares, seconded by Ms. Umberger, to recommend Article 23 as written. Motion carried 11-0-1, with Ms. Boucher abstaining.

Article 24: North Conway Community Center – Motion was made by Mr. DiGregorio, seconded by Mr. Sares, to recommend Article 24 as written. Motion carried 9-2-1, with Mr. Davison and Ms. Boucher voting in the negative and Ms. Stacey abstaining.

Article 25: North Conway Day Care Center – Motion was made by Ms. Stacey, seconded by Ms. Umberger, to recommend Article 25 as written. Motion carried 11-1-0, with Mr. Swett voting in the negative. [Mr. Swett asked that the record reflect that when he votes against one of these non profits it does not mean he does not approve of what they do, but he feels that they need to get their money from the private sector, with the exception of American Red Cross.]

Article 26: Gibson Center for Senior Services, Inc. – Motion was made by Ms. Stacey, seconded by Ms. Boucher, to recommend Article 26 as written. Motion carried 11-1-0, with Mr. Swett voting in the negative.

Article 27: Tri-County Community Action – Motion was made by Ms. Boucher, seconded by Ms. Stacey, to recommend Article 27 as written. Motion carried 7-5-0, with Messrs. Dighello, DiGregorio and Swett, and Ms. Deschenes and Umberger voting in the negative.

Article 28: Vaughan Community Service, Inc. – Motion was made by Ms. Stacey, seconded by Ms. Umberger, to recommend Article 28 as written. Motion carried 10-1-1, with Mr. Swett voting in the negative and Mr. Sares abstaining.

Article 29: Eastern Slope Airport Authority – Motion was made by Ms. Umberger, seconded by Mr. Dighello, to recommend Article 29 as written. Motion was defeated 3-9-0, with Ms. Seavey, Ms. Umberger and Mr. Sares voting in the affirmative.

Article 30: Family Support Program of the Center of Hope, Inc. – Motion was made by Ms. Stacey, seconded by Ms. Boucher, to recommend Article 30 as written. Motion was defeated 2-8-2, with Ms. Stacey and Ms. Boucher voting in the affirmative, and Messrs. Paquette and Sares abstaining.

Article 31: Children Unlimited, Inc. – Motion was made by Mr. Dighello, seconded by Ms. Umberger, to recommend Article 31 as written. Motion carried 10-1-1, with Mr. Swett voting in the negative and Mr. Sares abstaining.

Article 32: Mt. Washington Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross – Motion was made by Ms. Stacey, seconded by Mr. Sares, to recommend Article 32 as written. Motion carried 11-1-0, with Ms. Umberger voting in the negative.

Article 33: Starting Point – Motion was made by Ms. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Dighello, to recommend Article 33 as written. Motion carried 7-4-1, with Messrs. Swett, Sares and Davison and Ms. Deschenes voting in the negative, and Ms. Stacey abstaining.

Article 34: Conway Village Area Chamber of Commerce – Motion was made by Ms. Umberger, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to recommend Article 34 as written. Motion was defeated 6-6-0, with Messrs. DiGregorio and Davison, and Ms. Seavey, Ms. Bean, Ms. Stacey and Ms. Umberger voting in the affirmative.

Article 35: White Mountain Community Health Center – Motion was made by Ms. Deschenes, seconded by Mr. Sares, to recommend Article 35 as written. Motion carried 7-2-3, with Mr. Swett and Ms. Umberger voting in the negative, and Ms. Boucher, Ms. Stacey and Mr. Davison abstaining.

Article 36: Carroll County Mental Health Service – Motion was made by Ms. Stacey, seconded by Ms. Boucher, to recommend Article 36 as written. The motion was defeated 6-6-0, with Messrs. Dighello, Swett and Davison, and Ms. Deschenes, Ms. Seavey and Ms. Umberger voting in the negative.

Article 37: Loon Preservation Committee – Motion was made by Mr. DiGregorio, seconded by Ms. Deschenes, to recommend Article 37 as written. Motion was defeated 0-12-0.

It was agreed due to the lateness of the hour and the fact that some answers are still to be forthcoming from the School, to postpone voting on the School budget until February 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Conway Town Hall.

Motion was made by Mr. Sares, seconded by Ms. Seavey and carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail T. Currier, Recording Secretary

