

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE  
February 8, 2006**

A meeting of the Municipal Budget Committee was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Meeting Room at the Conway Town Hall with the following members present: Chairperson Melissa Stacey, Phil Dighello, Randy Davison, Russ Seybold, Robert Drinkhall, Betty Boucher, Rick Paquette, Maureen Seavey, Karen Umberger, Deb Deschenes, Bill Aughton and Carl Rosenthal. Also present were Dick Swett, Pat Swett, Dr. Nelson, Jim Hill, Becky Jefferson, Cheryl Kovalik, Martha Cray, Assistant Superintendent and Maureen Soraghan, Director of Special Education.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Phil Dighello moved, seconded by Betty Boucher, to approve the Minutes of January 30, 2006, as amended.** Bob Drinkhall stated on Page 5, under *Valley Vision Budget Review* the name should be changed from "Jack" to "Jeff" and on page 11, second paragraph should read "Chairman Stacey advised that she would not vote to recommend without seeing the figures". Russ Seybold stated on page 10, second paragraph, line 7, should read "Gary Webster would like to share with the Committee why he voted against it." Deb Deschenes stated that she was missing page 9. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Deb Deschenes moved, seconded by Russ Seybold, to approve the Minutes of February 1, 2006.** There being no discussion, **the motion passed unanimously.**

**Karen Umberger moved, seconded by Deb Deschenes, to leave it to the discretion of the Recording Secretary to edit the Minutes from the February 4, 2006 meeting.** Chairman Stacey stated that the Minutes for the Non-Profit Meeting on February 4, 2006 were going to be very long. She asked members if they would leave it to the discretion of the Recording Secretary to leave it as is or edit at the discretion of the Recording Secretary. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Stacey passed out the information from the Town requested by the Committee. Chairman Stacey read a note from Cheryl Kovalik apologizing for not being at the hearing on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Randy Davison stated that Mike DiGregorio would not be here tonight, he wanted to be but couldn't. Chairman stated that Mark Hounsell was the same as Mike DiGregorio.

SCHOOL BUDGET REVIEW

Dr. Nelson stated that he believes all information asked for has been provided to the Budget Committee. He pointed out that the new 2006 version of the Report Card was available and stated that Maureen Soraghan was in attendance for any questions about Special Education.

Dr. Nelson reviewed the various documents he handed out to the Committee. Additional information provided were some comparison distribution of school revenues and school year comparison of Conway versus the State averages; almost 50% of money we need comes from sources other than tax dollars.

Karen Umberger asked Dr. Nelson if he thought that is because of the Vocational/Technical associated with the High School and Dr. Nelson responded "yes". Karen further asked whether he was going to explain. Becky Jefferson stated co-curriculum, probably Project Succeed budget, overall grants district wide, student support, guidance, and union liaison instructional support, aides. Mrs. Jefferson further stated that would be for improvement in the educational media, that would be the librarians and improvement of instruction. Dr. Nelson stated single administration is SAU school administration and debt services with the new bond plus we have outstanding bonds for the Elementary schools.

Randy Davison stated the information is the same as what he found on the website. State average for High School is \$8,983.24 per student; Middle School State average is \$8,559.98 per student - Conway Middle School is \$9,905.32 per student, went up from prior year with enrollment going down, \$1,345.34 above State average. Next year planned enrollment dropping to 297 kids; 3 years: 403, 327, 297; 11% in just the Middle School. Elementary State average is \$9,407.82 per student; Conway is \$11,999.95 per student; this past year above state average by \$2,592.13. Randy stated he mentions the State Guideline class size; when offering 14 to 15 to 17 in a Middle School when enrollment goes down per student causes real concerns. If it is adequate across the District to have Elementary 18 to 19, a higher level classroom size should meet State averages. We have presented a pretty good case for the School Board to see where we are going. Why are they at 11% and what is the national? The website very useful, friendly. Look what salary averages are and how they compare their average out to other schools. Not philosophical differences, can't buy that you have it in Elementary, why can't the Middle School have it?

Karen Umberger asked about the Article dealing with the teachers' contract, you show \$399,686. I guess what I was looking for, what the break out is for merit pay, increases, many have course work, professional development, bond and coach's increase out of that figure. What were those numbers. All I have is a gross figure and when you look at it in relationship to decide to support or not. Dr. Nelson asked for clarification on what she was asking. Karen repeated her request. Dr. Nelson stated \$338,000 in salaries which does not include benefits; co-curricular is \$4,200; longevity is \$14,693 increase, \$27,000 per year bond which is the amount that was in the budget, no number before. What we did is add number up and itemized. Karen asked how that was budgeted in the detail. Dr. Nelson replied under each of the building themselves. Karen further asked for the function number. Becky Jefferson stated 2210, 580, as well as some

professional development might be 322 or 321, depending on where it is.

Phil Dighello stated last year \$365,000.00; this year \$400,000; where does the extra \$35,000 come in? Dr. Nelson stated increased performance for those teachers that made over \$38,000.00, best increased \$1,250.00, increased to \$1,500 per person. Phil further stated he had gone back 3 years, asked for \$229,000, \$365,000 last year and \$400,000 this year; big increase.

Karen Umberger stated she thought that when we initially did the merit pay, that longevity included. Becky Jefferson stated it is if contract not approved by voters. Their contract stays the same; not entitled to longevity; going from 7 to 8 years that is what that amount equals to. Dr. Nelson further stated different longevity for different year. Becky Jefferson stated those are included in that \$14,00.00. Karen further stated she thought the contract already included the merit pay raise. Mrs. Jefferson stated that it was not. Karen further stated she did not see a salary schedule for new teachers, is it remaining the same. Dr. Nelson stated that it hasn't changed. Karen brought up the problem of course reimbursement; \$14,000.00 doesn't mean anything when talking \$28M budget. The contract states specifically and we ignore it, that bothers me. Part of the contract reads this. When you look back and take highest over three years in the past: \$16,000, \$33,000 and \$24,000; never come close to the \$50,000 being budgeted each year. That is all I am going to say. It aggravates me when we say one thing and don't comply. Dr. Nelson stated he didn't think anyone was trying to hide anything. We follow your thinking and they will put "x" number of dollars in. Dr. Nelson further stated he was sure the Association would start taking enough. Karen stated that the contract should be changed. Dr. Nelson responded at one time an open ended contract. Terribly open ended; capped at 110%, minimum of 3 courses per teacher and that was a big concern which he thought had been done successfully. Karen stated her only suggestion would be if they are not going to follow what it says, change it.

Carl Rosenthal stated that if other towns are contributing, wouldn't the budget be going down? Dr. Nelson responded that is correct. Carl further asked if the bond issue was going have a per student cost. Dr. Nelson responded "no".

Betty Boucher stated she had several questions. In Article 6, are there any figures for AFCSME? Dr. Nelson responded not at this time. Betty further asked in Articles 7 and 8, two of the School Board members have a family member working in the school, but whole School Board voted. In my mind, they should have abstained, as they personally gained. Deb Deschenes stated that she noticed that herself and she spoke with George Fredette earlier on it and it is going to be reconsidered at Monday's meeting; she had not spoken with Becky Moore. Betty further stated on Articles 15 and 16, School bond - some voted for, some against. Jim discussed air quality, would first have

a study done. But then discussing, find not done; is it the policy to just stick it in there with no back study saying we need this. Jim Hill responded that they have done at least 15 or 12 air quality studies. Both he and Andy have a vast knowledge of this. They were able to get somebody in today and, as expected, it is very clear that there is an issue. Betty continued that one of her recommendations was to have some back study for it. Jim Hill responded that there is, with the principals; he believes they can do the studies, thought they had a good handle on it without spending a lot of time and money. Betty asked the School Board members about Article 15, how they voted and why? Cheryl Kovalik responded that she voted in favor of. Mrs. Kovalik further stated there was a lot of pressure from the Facility Committee, an opportunity for them to do other work at the same time. Three primary concerns: budget, policy and facilities. She would rather deal with actual studies and there are so many of them not being addressed, when they should have been done. She did support fully. Deb Deschenes stated that on Article 15, Cheryl Kovalik did abstain on the phone systems and security systems. Betty asked Mrs. Kovalik why she was against Article 15. Cheryl Kovalik responded that apparently on Article 15 she abstained; not comfortable so abstained.

Chairman Stacey asked about the security system and concerns a parent had approached her with. Dr. Nelson responded they work by setting doors, locked at a certain time. Chairman Stacey asked if it was just a computer doing it or a human hand doing it and if Andy was sick, would the school unlock itself, if power was out and no computer, what happens? Jim Hill stated there is a fail safe mode if power lost; the doors unlock.

Maureen Seavey stated you are asking for a lot: \$876,326 with Articles 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16 asking for \$23,000 and \$60,000 for a total of \$959,326; not much from a million at all. This is the year we are getting hit; probably should have been done in the past, but to hit us now. I am all for the upgrade, but I think you need to go back over the budget. To hit us with \$959,326. Deb Deschenes responded that she voted against Articles 15 and 16. The Facility Committee has put together a 5-year plan; they had a list of items. This just happens to be year 1 of the 5-year plan. Jim Hill stated if you go back to Table 1 of the 5-year plan, only addressed the top 10 items on the list. There are some 300 items that need to be done. List is going to get longer, not shorter. This is exactly why we are in the place we are in now at the High School. There is always something and there is never a good year. If you don't start addressing these issues, you are going to end up with 3 schools in need.

Bob Drinkhall stated Dick O'Brien started the committee to view the school and he did view the High School. He was appalled at it. Ignoring maintenance not the way to go. Bob further stated he thought some of these things aren't necessary in the same year; actual maintenance will need to be done.

Russ Seybold stated that he was having difficulty on how bad the air quality is. Jim Hill stated he was not an industry hygienist. He has done the best that he could. There is a standard for CO2 which indicates poor ventilation; in the 18 class rooms nearly half exceeded the maximum allowed for carbon dioxide. Chairman Stacey asked that since Maureen Soraghan was present maybe she could answer how much liability does this open us up to. Maureen stated that she was not the school attorney so she couldn't answer. She did state that she was very shocked when she saw it. Maureen Seavey stated that is something she would vote for, safety of the kids.

Russ Seybold asked for an explanation about those rooms that rated highest. Jim Hill stated those rooms have unit ventilators; 1990 technology; those units are probably maxed out. Talking about not putting in unit ventilators because they don't push enough air.

Carl Rosenthal stated nothing harmful in the air per se, this is not carbon monoxide, not harmful at all. Jim Hill stated if you know that to be true as a fact, he would take him at his word.

Randy Davison stated if this is happening how about the staff, are they informed and the children. There can be medical problems over a long period of time. Jim Hill stated he didn't know.

Karen Umberger asked if this was from just one measurement and Jim Hill responded done just today. Karen further asked when you look at this kind of thing, it needs to be done over time and over different hours of the day. If you look at the gym, it doesn't say if there was a class in there beforehand. It is always whenever you have one data point, difficult in air quality study. It is the same thing if done in the winter, different results. If done in Spring or Fall, same. Give us the range at all three elementary schools. I would rather see across the board, but realize focus on Conway Elementary this year. Maybe we should look across the whole District. I don't know the answer. Mr. Hill restated the reason they didn't was because they had a ton of experience dealing with this over the past decade. Yes, you can spend tons of thousands of dollars. Fact remains: today you had merely half of the classrooms in which students were above what is acceptable.

Russ Seybold stated we need to remember Apollo 13, CO2 was killing those guys. Is there a range of common carbon dioxide. Jim Hill stated actually 350 to 400, but today outside was 400, need to make sure no outside source.

Chairman Stacey asked on Article 15, update to Conway Elementary dates back to 1950's. We have some that are 1990, wasn't that the reason they were put together so as not to rip out twice. Jim Hill stated he thought it was between \$40,000 and \$50,000. There is a separate article for the mechanical upgrade; they are going to be doing the lighting anyways. Chairman Stacey asked how much to rip up a second time and Mr. Hill stated that he had no idea.

Chairman Stacey asked if this Article doesn't pass, will you have to rip out again; will there be an extra charge to rip out again, if we don't do it all at once. If we put it aside, more cost affixed if not done now. Karen Umberger stated she thought the electrical upgrade would involve just removing ceiling tile. Jim Hill stated it is not just removing the ceiling; you are talking duct work.

Deb Deschenes stated Article 11 is for the electrical upgrades and Article 16 is for the mechanical; shouldn't be confused, explanation on Article 16 is lighting and mechanical done at the same time, go into same area. The electrical upgrade is separate; it is on its own.

Randy Davison stated he thought they were tied together; thought 11 and 16 went hand in hand. Dr. Nelson explained upgrading service to accommodate next. Deb Deschenes stated can't do 16 without 11, but can do Article 11 without 16.

Randy Davison stated he was concerned about the air quality with regards to the other Elementary schools. Jim Hill stated at Pine Tree they have had a mechanical air system since 1990; similar situation in John Fuller. If Conway Elementary is put off, then John Fuller will be put off. We have about 6 weeks of summertime to get this done. Do as much as we can.

Betty Boucher asked if there had been any other testing done and Jim Hill responded at the High School. Betty further stated she would like levels on the other Elementary schools too. We should be thinking about getting air quality studies done in all schools.

Karen Umberger asked if that would qualify for a bond or is that only if we did all three schools at the same time. Jim Hill stated it doesn't have to be a bond to get 55% reimbursement from the State. Karen further asked if that was something they were willing to do. Jim Hill stated they can have that discussion, but not going to get reimbursement at least until the following year if the State approves it.

Chairman Stacey stated that even though she was not complaining, there was one number missing from last year: \$12,000.00 for the Vocational/Technical. Dr. Nelson stated Neil decided to stay away from it this year. Chairman Stacey stated her issue or comment is why do we always choose to cut from maintenance? Phil Dighello responded that if you look at total budget the answer would be salaries, over 70% is in salary and benefits; that is why. Dr. Nelson stated he is given direction by the Board. Principals make decision how to spend in their buildings.

Randy Davison stated to Dr. Nelson that he felt this was substandard; you have the charge of the budget and personnel. I believe the buildings have been let go. I think your position is to do a reduction in force. I can tell you I can't swallow that as an

educator or as a taxpayer; escalated personnel when buildings are going down. Dr. Nelson stated he doesn't micro-manage the principals. Principals know with regard to class and class size. He was not going to dictate the best way to educate the children. Randy asked Dr. Nelson why he didn't guide them? In my school, we knew there was going to be a reduction in force; can't ask the taxpayer to "suck it up". He believes it is Dr. Nelson's job as director of the Unit to give advice; can't substantiate class of 14 or 15. Randy further stated if he was a School Board member, he would be comparing; does believe the kids are being adequately educated. Classes are 20 in his Middle School. Randy stated "I beg the School Board to look at the numbers." He suggested on personnel, it is hard to reduce the staff; can't justify keeping your staff; not by reducing maintenance. He suggested fixing the buildings and do what needs to be done. Dr. Nelson stated there has been staff reduction, 17 personnel from the staff.

POINT OF ORDER by Deb Deschenes. Deb stated to Randy that she understood where he was going. His point came in loud and clear, but until she could bring it to the School Board; need to give them an opportunity. Deb continued that Randy was making it sound like they were ignoring him; they haven't had a meeting yet. Randy stated even when you put it to the School Board, they just "pooh-pooh" you. There are guidelines, go by State guideline. He was glad that Deb was bringing it back. Randy was astounded that as a School Board, you should have had those figures in advance. Deb Deschenes responded "maybe so, and if you know anything about me I am not 'pooh-poohed', give us the opportunity to meet." Randy further stated reduced the aides, but didn't significantly reduce your budget.

Betty Boucher asked why the School Board is not looking at maintenance the same way this Committee is looking at maintenance. She has asked full Board to leave the maintenance budget alone, but when cuts, it is up to the School Board where that cut is. The only thing we have is figures in Warrant Articles. She wanted to know about the other grammar schools. Micro-managing, if going line by line, bottom line: need to know where to cut. Chairman Stacey stated be very careful what is cut from the budget, or we are going to end up with another Kennett High School. Betty further stated that when making recommendation, leave maintenance budget alone. Jim Hill stated he was not telling the Committee that the Elementary schools are crumbling down. The \$60,000 rotating fund gives fresh paint, shiny floors and they are trying to keep it that way. He was willing to take anyone on a tour if asked. Elementary schools look nice.

Karen Umberger asked Dr. Nelson in order to make sure she understood what was said about Elementary principals and maintenance, is it all maintained to include these things or just for a few of these things and you stay out of it. Trying to decide what kind of maintenance are they responsible for. Dr. Nelson stated more than day-to-day; larger items you see here have become more of a District problem. I have to say principals have done a good job in day-to-day maintenance.

Russ Seybold stated one of the things you have done over a period of time is showing us the need to replace the school - a lot of progress made - you are looking ahead. John Fuller is well maintained; went to Kennett High School and was surprised, it was eye opening; not taking care of the school; asbestos tiles in the high school not acceptable. You need to take care of those things; take care of the environment that the students are in. Facilities are safe and clean environment. Jim Hill stated they have replaced almost every roof in the Conway School District. He would like to be able to say in 2015 it is going to taper off; but by the time we get the air quality done, the roofs will need to be done. Dr. Nelson stated if you looked at Table 2, you will see what is forecasted for next year. It is anticipated that we will be requesting the same thing for John Fuller next year.

Betty Boucher asked what happens if the lights go out; school automatically unlocked anyone can enter and do whatever they want. Jim Hill stated if someone cut the wire? Betty stated "yes" or a tree knocked down. Jim Hill stated that is part of the program, a call that goes out to police to advise that building is at risk.

Karen Umberger stated this is off the Warrant Articles. I asked for and received librarian job description; surprised me that the librarian reported to the Assistant Superintendent; not clear about that particular arrangement.

Randy Davison stated he felt overwhelmed when 2 additional librarians added; now you have over 1,300 students with 1 librarian. This District never had a full-time librarian. Would have supported one, but asking for 2 when Elementary budget is \$2,500 over State average was a lot to absorb. The state standards have a librarian at Elementary level; not in alignment to have a librarian at each school but to have two for each; the teacher's got to bring their class in. Martha Cray stated they need to have people who are very skilled, part of the full school program; that was their decision. Karen Umberger asked if the website was out of date and Martha Cray stated "no". Karen further stated the website doesn't say that.

Chairman Stacey asked whether there had been 3 librarians at some point. Martha Cray stated several years ago they did. Cheryl Kovalik stated the skills are different, multi-media involved now. Chairman Stacey added combined with teachers teaching computer classes and at the library to cover media. Martha Cray stated technology is entirely different.

Karen Umberger stated you are still 1 librarian short. If you take the entire School District, short one librarian. Dr. Nelson stated that is accurate, only one serves both Middle and High School.

Russ Seybold stated drop out rate down. My concern is what we do with a student who is excelling; take them out of conventional classroom

to work at their own rate? Is there a provision to end that. Martha Cray stated that is one of the pieces to enhance.

Betty Boucher stated she noticed only 6 votes at same time. Deb Deschenes stated voted at two separate times, one with full Board and one with a member absent.

Betty Boucher asked if the equipment was going to be put out to bid; same with the mower. Jim Hill stated no that is gone, that is dead.

Chairman Stacey asked if the parts could be saved and Jim Hill responded they would cannibalize what they could. Betty Boucher stated equipment not leaving school grounds? Jim Hill stated goes back and forth to different schools. Betty asked no personal use? Jim Hill stated yes and no; when getting the plowing done, may go home and get lunch. There were instances when he expected someone to take it home; would not be used to plow his own driveway.

Bob Drinkhall stated we are looking at over 20% increase if all passes. Talk about maintenance will be on-going. I have been asking for and did not receive the cost of new High School operating budget, would like to question that; point where we will be in 2007 with tax rate. Bob stated he happened to know one item very well: water/sewer was \$11,000 about year ago, he did a study for what income is going to be for the Precinct and came up with \$61,237. Based on \$14,971 given to him, he didn't understand how they could say different. It is considerably more than that. Jim Hill stated with those numbers they did not know where school was going to be at the time. He would take Bob at his word. Dr. Nelson stated \$11,000 is additional, is not standing by itself. Bob further stated if you take \$15,000 from your current bill, subtract \$51,000 from it, you come up with considerably more than \$11,000. Road maintenance, is that included. Dr. Nelson replied "no". Dr. Nelson stated the figures you have were done years ago before we knew where we were going to be. Is there some way we can get more accurate? Dr. Nelson stated road maintenance is shared with Kennett Corporation. Bob stated there are costs and I would like to get a true idea come school opening. Custodians \$25,000? Dr. Nelson responded it was correct back in 2003. Bob asked could that be updated to what is actually paid. Bob stated he would like to see where we are going to be.

Jim Hill asked when does this group vote. Chairman Stacey stated on the 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>. Jim Hill stated he didn't want to make a promise he couldn't keep to get quotes. He knew today what it costs, but he didn't know if he could get an accurate figure. Bob Drinkhall stated even if you can give us an estimate then I would have some idea. We have to somehow decide what we can support and this will help decide. Jim Hill stated those items that I can do I will, maybe bullet some items.

Randy Davison stated he was hoping from this Committee that the School Board comes back with a new figure that is more realistic;

hoped they will come up with a new number. Don't support librarian; sure State wouldn't mind sharing librarian; guidance counselors 1 full time per 500 students; one Elementary has two guidance counselors; Middle School has 297 students.

Karen Umberger asked about advanced education at the Junior High School. Could someone tell me when the first time we enter into the ability for advanced placement courses is. Martha Cray stated advanced placement is a specific approach, do not have below High School. Middle School groupings have more support. Karen further stated that she felt very strongly that they really need to focus from Kindergarten on for those children that have exceptional abilities and not bore them. She could very well support that kind of a program. When I don't hear that, I get concerned about other things going on.

A question was raised concerning the health insurance. Dr. Nelson stated generally when you budget health insurance increases, they don't charge you the maximum, somewhere between. Jim Hill stated he thought last 4 years they have charged an average of 22%. This year maximum of 18% or 19%, obviously below what we have had. I would be reluctant trying to get a handle on it. Budget \$3M, actually \$2.7M, actually had a surplus; lot of money for other items; already added to the budget. Phil Dighello asked how did it go last year? Jim Hill responded that last year was 12%, actually came in with 3%. Phil further stated if you always budget the maximum, you will always have a surplus and where is it going. It's a lot of money. Jim Hill stated none of that surplus spent but returned. Phil further stated he would suggest that the Budget Committee be provided with the difference between what was budgeted and actual number; same about dental surplus. There was an increase for substitute teachers around \$70,000. Deb Deschenes stated what they did was adjust pay rate, it was so low they couldn't attract any substitute positions; brought ours up to \$75.00 from \$60.00 to maintain or even attract substitutes.

Bill Aughton stated they need to think carefully about where money is coming from, population not an ATM machine, if you are passionate you want the best, but in our area the median is \$28,000, don't know how many have houses, but median housing is \$187,000. When passionate, have responsibility to provide the best for the taxpayers of Conway. Taxpayers are going to have to dig deep in their pockets, low income families can't afford it; urge you to take another hard look; anything you can, cut down.

Russ Seybold stated averages don't tell us the whole story. Jack is doing great job on his budget and has right idea, but my concern is what do we do with the individual who excels? We need to provide the environment to get these kids on the Harvard list. If we are doing an adequate job that is well and good, but that hasn't gotten them to break through. We need to cultivate those students. We need to provide that environment whatever side of the tracks they come from.

There should be the dual need to keep the schools in good repair. Looking at a 20% of budget increase, these are tough things.

Betty Boucher stated to Jim Hill that she wanted to revisit the dump truck and the mower for \$75,000 - were price questions asked. Jim Hill responded that was a long time ago and that's what the price was; couldn't exceed, didn't want to take a chance.

Bob Drinkhall stated on the dump truck, have you considered keeping and having the High School salvage it? Secondly, from 1979 to 2005 taxes have increased 278% overall. Need to determine what has cost the new High School to increase in cost. Current square footage? Dr. Nelson responded 196,500. Bob continued with who can attempt to break it down. Dr. Nelson responded original 120 based on projects at that time. Bob further stated there must be someone who knows that figure. Karen Umberger stated that they do a square foot cost based on what it will cost. If you buy a house, they give you \$200.00 per square foot. That is how they figure it out. Bob Drinkhall stated there must be someone who can come up with that figure. Karen stated that the person is probably far down the food chain. To be able to go to one particular place, they don't do it that way.

Maureen Seavey stated Pine Tree School has \$23,000 that is not going to be there another year. Does that come out of default budget? Will we see it in breakdown.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Stacey stated the bond public hearing was on Monday night. Will make sure to get requested information for meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Stacey reminded Committee members that we meet Monday night, the 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at Conway Elementary in the Cafeteria on the Town. Karen Umberger stated she asked Earl Sires to come as changes had been made. Chairman Stacey continued that the public hearings were on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Russ Seybold asked when the Committee would be getting updated from the Town. Chairman Stacey advised that the Committee just did. Russ further asked about an update on the School? Deb Deschenes stated we will talk about them on Monday night.

Chairman Stacey advised the Committee that the Eastern Slope Airport Authority was moving into the Town budget; out of non-profit.

**Motion made by Karen Umberger, seconded by Bob Drinkhall, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 PM. Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Iris A. Bowden, Recording Secretary