

**Minutes of Meeting  
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

October 11, 2005

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:00 p.m. in the meeting room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen Larry Martin (Chair), Karen Umberger, David Weathers, Gary Webster, and Mark Hounsell; Town Manager, Earl W. Sires; and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Martin led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

The Board reviewed and signed various documents contained in the signature folder.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The Board reviewed and approved the manifest dated 10/13/05.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was agreed that consideration of the minutes of 9/13/05 and 9/9/05 would be carried to the next meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF TRAFFIC PLANNING ALTERNATIVES  
FOR NORTH-SOUTH ROAD

Mr. Sires first reviewed discussions held by the Board regarding traffic planning alternatives for the North-South Road over the previous few weeks. Mr. Sires reviewed when the road was built; commercial development proposed for the area, zoning voted on for the area, discussions on how to manage traffic in the area, etc. Mr. Sires next reviewed that an idea was presented for roundabouts on the North-South road and an analysis was done and this meeting has been schedule to get public input on the proposal.

Public Works Director, Paul DegliAngeli, introduced Peter Hedrick an engineer with Gorrill-Palmer who has been retained by KGI to study the traffic problem. Mr. DegliAngeli next gave an overview of the analysis given at last by Mr. Hedrick at the previous meeting. Mr. DegliAngeli further reviewed maps of where proposed roundabouts would be located along the north south road and also of proposed commercial development locations. Mr. DegliAngeli further showed a comparison of a roundabout and a circle overlaid on the North-South road. The comparison showed the roundabout is much smaller.

John Wacker questioned the interior size of the roundabout. Mr. DegliAngeli advised the interior radius is roughly 62 feet.

Phil Gaeta commented that the Town of Derry has a roundabout and he feels it is horrible.

Richard Lake questioned what is the consideration for the timid driver for entering and exiting these roundabouts? He feels they are nothing but a bottleneck. He also questioned why we are building these for developers. Mr. DegliAngeli advised the costs of these roundabout are borne by the developers. Mr. DegliAngeli further explained that the models of the roundabouts work better than lights. Further, with regard to timid drivers, this is subjective, and we don't have data on timid drivers. The data we do have shows 50-70% less accidents and so perhaps they could be better for a timid driver as speeds are slower with a roundabout.

Luigi Bartolomeo questioned the rules on a roundabout – who has the right of way? Mr. DegliAngeli explained that people in the roundabout have the right of way. Mr. Hedrick next showed a moving traffic model on an overhead projector and there was a short discussion as to the traffic patterns, stacking, etc.

Phil Gaeta spoke again about the one traffic circle in Derry, New Hampshire. He stated the community is the same size as Conway and the traffic is bad. He also feels that it should be considered that many people are coming from other areas and may have never used a roundabout and are not familiar with them. Mark Hounsell commented that he is also familiar with the Derry roundabout and agrees that it is worth avoiding.

After further brief discussion, Mr. Martin closed the public hearing at 5:10 p.m.

**Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to proceed with the planning and construction of roundabouts on the North-South Road.** Mr. Hounsell stated that he prefers to see a single roundabout but understand that would require a public taking and he further understands that two will help with the traffic flow. Mr. Weathers commented that this Board has been asked to look at future traffic, and we don't want lights and there seems to be no other alternative. The model seems to work nicely and he would rather see a roundabout than sit at a traffic light. Mr. Martin questioned if we need to add something for the right lanes. There was brief discussion and Mr. Webster agreed to modify his motion. **Mr. Weathers withdrew his second and Mr. Webster withdrew his motion. Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers to design and build the roundabouts as presented.** Mr. Lake stated that he felt any motion should also include language to state that funding is by the developers. There was brief discussion. **Mr. Weathers withdrew his second and Mr. Webster withdrew his motion. Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to design and install the roundabouts as presented including funding by developers. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

At 5:20 p.m. the Board took a brief recess. The Board reconvened at 5:32 p.m.

#### CONWAY VILLAGE LIGHTING

Mr. Sires reviewed discussions held recently regarding pedestrian safety, crosswalks, lighting, etc., in Conway Village. Mr. Sires advised that he again met with Kathleen Lewis of PSNH last week to talk about street lighting in Conway Village and relamping. Mr. Sires distributed and reviewed information regarding relamping and streetlight conversion to the Board. Mr. Hounsell questioned when PSNH will replace

the light bulbs. Mr. Sires advised that Ms. Lewis still says it will be done sometime this fall and he will contact her again tomorrow to confirm same. There was brief discussion. **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell that we pursue the relamping as soon as possible of the entire Village.** Mr. Hounsell stated he does not want to do just Main Street he wants to do the whole village. Conway Village resident, Barbara Freeman, stated that she also spoke with Kathleen Lewis who told her that we are the customer and PSNH will provide what we ask for but the town needs to ask for it. Ms. Freeman also spoke about the gentleman who was struck and killed by a motor vehicle after a church dinner one evening and reiterated the need for the lighting. There was further brief discussion and a vote was taken. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Joe Quirk advised that a grant has been applied for in Conway to bring period lighting to Conway Village.

There was next discussion regarding a light at the church. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, that we authorize the installation of a light at the church to address the unsafe situation.** There was a lengthy discussion regarding the cost for the light, the action the church was going to take to improve the lighting situation and that they would be educating people not to jaywalk, and also that the crosswalk was being moved. Mr. Martin suggested the motion be amended to add that staff look into, as cost efficiently as possible, replacing the light in front of the church in question. **Mr. Hounsell amended the motion, seconded by Ms. Umberger, to instruct staff to look into, as cost efficiently as possible, replacing the light in front of the church in question. The motion carried 3-2-0.**

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONDITIONAL TRANSFER OF CABLE FRANCHISE  
FROM ADELPHIA TO TIME WARNER

Mr. Sires reviewed the town had received a letter regarding the upcoming cable transfer from Adelphia to Time Warner Cable and that the town had 120 days to respond to the letter from receipt. Mr. Sires also reviewed that since receiving the letter the town has joined a coalition of other towns also involved in the transfer and have also been meeting with area towns to discuss issues involving the transfer of the cable contract.

Mr. Sires next advised that some issues have been resolved with Adelphia such as the internships in the school, future technology, and line extensions. However, one issue that remains is the sharing of the PEG access channel. Mr. Sires reviewed that the most recent letter written explained this issue still remains. The Town received a letter from Time Warner stating their refusal to acknowledge this issue. Mr. Sires next reviewed that Rodney King and Chap Hanley of Adelphia did meet with the Town this past Friday to discuss the issues.

Mr. Sires next advised that the coalition of towns has recommended a resolution be considered by this Board. Time Warner has objected to the adoption of the resolution and also indicated that any resolution may be challenged in court. Mr. Sires next reviewed a copy of the resolution with the Board.

**Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, that we review and strengthen our position on the PEG channel and submit for conditional approval.** The Board agreed to move item #13 to item #1. The Board discussed putting a time limit of six months for Time Warner to work with the Town on the Resolution. Mr. Sires stated

he has some concerns with putting a time frame on this as Adelpia wants to continue with the Town. **The motion carried 3-2-0 with Mr. Hounsell and Mr. Martin opposed.**

The Board agreed that paragraph 13 would be moved to #1 and next discussed revised language for the paragraph. The Board agreed the first sentence of the paragraph remains the same and add "Outstanding issues shall include but not be limited to...". **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, to add a sentence to include but not be limited to, issues surrounding the sharing of the channel, can it be partitioned and distributed, and if so how, and if can not be partitioned, how then do seven towns share one channel and then a second set of questions would have to do with technological approaches to solving the sharing, i.e, can the channel be digitally split such that each community can have its owns service within the channel 3 broadcast and can broadcast of the signal be restricted at certain times to certain communities, or portions of the community, etc.** Mr. Sires advised he would have the amended the version ready by tomorrow afternoon. **The motion carried 4-1-0, with Mr. Martin opposed.**

#### TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Fuel – Mr. Sires reported he met with Jim Hill of the SAU9 to talk about fuel cost control, etc.

Insurance Rates – Mr. Sires reported the Town received the insurance rates for next year and there is a 7.2% increase.

Ad Hoc Committee – Mr. Sires reported an Ad Hoc Committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, October 12, 200 at 9:30 a.m.

Adelpia – Mr. Sires reported a meeting is scheduled with Adelpia representatives tomorrow, October 12, 2005 at 11:30 a.m. Also, an Adelpia breakfast meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday morning in North Conway.

#### BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

East Conway Water Situation – Mr. Webster comment that he recently spoke with some people regarding the East Conway water situation. The folks in East Conway are disappointed with the foot dragging that is going on and have expressed concerns such as if hey are not home they don't get water delivered. Further, some folks are older and have concerns with winter coming. Mr. Webster next reviewed that the Town of Conway is having a meeting with the Governor in November and felt this would be a good time to have this issue heard at that meeting. Mr. Webster stated he hoped they could bring someone from the PUC to get some of the East Conway water issues answered. Mr. Hounsell stated he felt Mr. Webster made a valid point but that the Governor has asked for this meeting so that he could be brought up to speed on traffic issues but that he would like to sit with Gary and talk about the East Conway water issues.

Conservation Commission – Mr. Weathers reported a Conservation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at the Whitaker Homesite.

Bone Marrow Typing Drive – Mr. Martin reported that the friends and family of Jane Baily Infinger, who has been diagnosed with leukemia for a second time, have organized a Bone Marrow Typing Drive for Saturday, October 15, 2005 at the Pine Tree School in Center Conway. The blood test is free to see if you are a match.

PUBLIC COMMENT/MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION  
RSA 91-A:3:II(c)/TAX MATTERS

At 7:00 p.m., **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II(c) to discuss tax matters.** Included in the non-public session would be Town Manager, Earl Sires, Town Clerk Rhoda Quint, Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell, and several taxpayers. **The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

At 7:28 p.m. the Board returned to public session. A motion to seal the minutes was made and carried in non-public session.

ADJOURN

At 7:29 p.m., **Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell  
Executive Secretary