

**Minutes of Meeting  
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

October 25, 2005

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:06 p.m. in the meeting room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen Larry Martin (Chair), Karen Umberger, C. 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 10/27/05.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes was carried to the next meeting.

REQUEST BY CARROLL COUNTY KENNEL CLUB TO USE CONWAY RECREATION GYMNASIUM FOR DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Conway Recreation Director, John Eastman, Kristine Bontaites, President of the Carroll County Kennel Club (CCKC), Dorothy Lindblade of the CCKC, as well as other unidentified members of the CCKC were present for discussion.

Mr. Sires reviewed the CCKC has used the Conway Recreation Center for several years to conduct dog obedience classes. Mr. Sires next explained that a new gym floor has now been installed at the Recreation Center and there are concerns with impact to floor, hygiene, etc, and the Town has asked the CCKC to look for another place to have the obedience classes. Mr. Sires next reviewed the policy of the Board of Selectmen for the Community Building Facility Plan which states that the facility is not to be used for an ongoing activity by a particular group unless an exception is given. Mr. Sires next reviewed that the CCKC has sent a letter to the Board requesting that they be allowed to continue to use the facility.

Kristine Bontaites advised that the Club has used the Conway Recreation Center for several years and that most people who attend the classes are from the valley and it is a good location for them. Ms. Bontaites advised that they clean up after the dogs and hope that the Board would continue to allow them to hold classes at the Recreation Center. They currently have about 20 people waiting to hear if they will be holding classes.

Mr. Weathers questioned if they are dry mopping or if they are using disinfectants. Ms. Bontaites advised they dry mop if no accidents and disinfect in there is an accident but they rarely have accidents. Mr. Eastman spoke about the finish on the gym floor. Ms. Umberger questioned how many classes are held by the CCKC. Ms. Bontaites advised they have six-six week courses and 2 classes per night. Also, they stop during the winter and they hold classes outside in the summer. Mr. Hounsell questioned the nails of a dog scratching the gym floor. An unidentified member of the CCKC explained that at the beginning of the class they do go over nail clipping and they could require nail clipping. Ms. Bontaites pointed out that the dogs are also not running around free and are under control. Mr. Martin questioned if the program offered is not just for Conway residents. Mr. Bontaites replied in the affirmative that it is not just for Conway residents. Mr. Martin pointed out that he understands that the facility may be convenient but that it is primarily for kids and some kids may be allergic to dander. Mr. Hounsell stated that the Conway Recreation Center is for Conway citizens and that \$18,000 has been spent for a new floor and he has concerns with the floor. Mr. Hounsell stated they would need to have a mandatory nail clipping policy or suggested maybe they can purchase some type of a mat. There was next further discussion of health issues, scratching of the floor, and suggestions for other places in town where the CCKC might be able to hold the obedience classes. **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that we ask the Carroll County Kennel Club, that they attempt to find another place; however, if they come back and have demonstrated that they have tried, that we would consider a request on a class by class basis. The motion carried 3-2-0 with Mr. Martin and Mr. Webster opposed.**

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF DEED FOR LAND FOR  
CONNIE DAVIS WATSON PARK AT THE CORNER OF ROUTE 16  
AND PINE STREET IN NORTH CONWAY

Chet Lucy, Cindy Russell and Connie Briggs were present for discussion.

Chet Lucy presented a proposed Deed to the Board for signature and stated that he hoped there were no more glitches. Mr. Sires explained that at the last meeting there was a concern that the deed should mention land and building and he does not see that information in the deed presented today.

There was next a brief discussion concerning the taxes. Ms. Russell advised that the River Run Company had stepped in and acquired the property to help while the fundraising was still going on. Mr. Briggs commented that all taxes owed at the time of closing were paid; however no taxes have been paid since the transfer to River Run on May 02, 2005. There was further brief discussion. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that any taxes acquired from May 20 to this date be abated.** Mr. Hounsell stated he has concerns with the language in the article that there be no costs to the taxpayers, but he doesn't think it reasonable to put undue burden on a third party either. Ms. Umberger read aloud the warrant article regarding the property and stated she agrees with Mr. Hounsell and further added that the group has met all of the conditions and the reason we didn't accept the property in May or June is that we, as the Board of Selectmen, did set a requirement to accept the property after they demolish the building over the summer months. Mr. Webster stated that he is okay with this so long as it is completed by today. Mr. Webster further questioned discussion previously held regarding the blacksmith building and if there is going to be work continuing on this building. Ms. Russell stated that it is the will of the Committee to continue to work on

the blacksmith building and, also to add picnic tables, interpretive signage, a sign on a boulder, etc. The Committee would like to follow through and finish the project. There was a discussion about the blacksmith shop with the Board and also had further discussion regarding the taxes. **Mr. Webster withdrew his second and Mr. Hounsell withdrew his motion. Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell, to conditionally approve the Deed with the addition of the blacksmith shop. The motion carried 3-2-0, with Mr. Weathers and Mr. Martin opposed.**

#### POLICE FINANCIAL REPORT

Police Chief Wagner, and Police Commissioners, Bob Porter and Paul Whetton, joined the meeting.

Chief Wagner advised they will get a grant from the Department of Justice for \$11,000 and, also, will come up with \$8,200 from the labor line. Chief Wagner advised the potential was there to overexpend the bottom line without this grant; however with this grant they will stay within budget.

Chief Wagner next reported on fuel. Chief Wagner advised they are in need of a fuel drop and are only going to get enough to last to the end of the year. They estimate they will need \$8,500 worth of gasoline.

#### DISCUSSION OF DRIVEWAY AND BUILDING PERMIT ISSUES

Building Inspector, David Pandora, Public Works Director, Paul DegliAngeli, and Planning Director, Tom Irving, joined the meeting.

There was a discussion regarding driveway and building permit fees. The Board asked that staff put together ideas and bring back a proposal to the Board.

#### MOUNT WASHINGTON VALLEY SKI TOURING ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

Mr. Sires advised another week is needed to finalize a draft of the agreement with the Mount Washington Valley Ski Touring Association. The Board agreed to reschedule this agenda item for another meeting.

#### NON PRECINCT FIRE AGREEMENT

Mr. Sires distributed a copy of the existing non precinct fire agreement to the Board for review. Mr. Sires reviewed that last year the Board and Precincts agreed to the roll over option.

There was brief discussion. The Board agreed the precincts should be notified and that this matter should be put on a future agenda for discussion.

#### TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Third Quarter Report – Mr. Sires distributed his third quarter report to the Board for review. It was agreed that this report would be discussed at the next meeting.

Budget Reviews – Mr. Sires reported that budget reviews are being conduct with department heads this week.

MWVEC – Mr. Sires reported a MWVEC meeting is scheduled for tomorrow morning.

#### BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Road Striping – Mr. Webster commented that a lot of the striping on state roads did not get done this year.

Motorcycle Title – Mr. Webster commented that on August 30 of this year he bought a motorcycle and he still has not received the title from the State of New Hampshire. The State bought a title program that is not working.

Conservation Commission – Mr. Weathers reported the Conservation Commission will meet on November 9.

Infrastructure Committee – Ms. Umberger reported the Infrastructure Committee meeting scheduled for today was canceled and has been rescheduled for November 8.

Budget Committee – Ms. Umberger reported the Budget Committee met last week. Dick Vitale was sworn in as the new member of the committee.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT/MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments for media questions.

#### NON-PUBLIC SESSION / RSA 91-A:3,II(c) REVIEW OF SEALED MINUTES FOR THE YEAR 2004

The Board agreed to continue this agenda item to the next meeting.

#### ADJOURN

At 6:33 p.m. **Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell  
Executive Secretary