

Minutes of Meeting CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

November 1, 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, Gary Webster, and Dave Weathers; Town Manager, Earl W. Sires; and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell.

Selectman, Mark Hounsell, was not present.

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 11/03/05.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Umberger noted typographical errors to be corrected on pages 3, 5 and 7 of the regular minutes of 9/20/05. The Board agreed. **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers that the minutes of the regular meeting of 9/20/05 be approved as amended, and the non-public meeting of 9/20/05 as written. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

It was agreed by the Board that consideration of the minutes of the 9/27/05 meeting would be carried to the next meeting.

RECREATION REPORT

Recreation Director, John Eastman, joined the meeting.

Mr. Eastman first reviewed softball programs with the Board. Mr. Eastman next reviewed that the lights at Whitaker field in North Conway were hit by lighting this past summer and the repair work has been completed. Mr. Eastman next reviewed that O'Brien field at the Conway Recreation is complete and the lights are completely operational now. In the spring there will be a dedication of the field just before a ballgame and Mr. O'Brien's family and friends will be invited to attend. Mr. Eastman next reviewed visits to the Recreation Department over the summer including trips, playground visits, etc. Mr. Eastman reviewed the swim program with the Board. Mr. Eastman reviewed work of the Parks crew at the various cemeteries throughout the town. Mr. Eastman reviewed that the Babe Ruth Baseball Tournament was held at Whitaker this year. Mr. Eastman reviewed fall programs with the Board including

bowling, flag football, ballroom dancing, scrabble, bingo, etc. Lastly, Mr. Eastman advised that the Recreation Department's website is update daily by the Assistant Recreation Director, Mike Lane. The website includes standings, schedules, cancellations, permission slips, updates, etc.

DISCUSSION OF EVENTS IN NORTH CONWAY IN SUMMER OF 2006

Mr. Sires advised that the merchants association in North Conway would like to see North Conway Village stay open for events during the upcoming construction period. They have written a letter asking about the schedule for construction.

The Board discussed the letter received from the NCVA Events Committee. The Board agreed a letter should be sent reminding them that event holders should be sure to get the event permit applications in to the Town Office well in advance of the date of the events they are planning to hold for consideration and to let them know that there may be additional requirements due to the construction.

MOUNT WASHINGTON VALLEY SKI TOURING ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

Mr. Sires distributed a draft agreement to the Board for review. Mr. Sires reviewed the agreement is between the town, school, and businesses that form the Mount Washington Valley Ski Touring Association (MWVSTA).

Mr. Sires recommended removing language in the agreement regarding a trust account that turned any money over to the town that was made through the organization. Mr. Sires asked that the Board further review this Agreement and that same be brought back in two weeks for further discussion. The Board agreed.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Report – Mr. Sires reported that Conway's 2004 Town Report received the third place award from the Local Government Center.

NHMA Committee on Government Affairs – Mr. Sires reported he has been asked to be on the NHMA Committee on Government Affairs. **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that Earl Sires be on this committee. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

Crosswalks – Mr. Sires reported that the crosswalks were done today including the one in Conway village. Also, a new test pattern was done on Mechanic Street.

Tax Bills – Mr. Sires reported that tax bills usually go out by November 1 but they may be as late as November 15 or 16 this year. The DRA visited Conway late this year and, also, the DRA had to train staff and had apportioning problems with different parts of town. We are hoping to have the rate info back by Thursday or Friday.

Budget – Mr. Sires reported that he has completed budget reviews with department heads and will have the proposed 2006 budget available to the Board soon.

Grant from State Trails Bureau – Mr. Sires reported the Town received a \$7,000 grant for a recreation bridge at Pudding Pond. Rob Adair and other local volunteers built the new bridge. Mr. Sires reviewed a picture of the new bridge with the Board.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Eastern Slope Airport Authority – Mr. Webster reported there is an Eastern Slope Airport Authority Board meeting tonight.

Conservation Commission – Mr. Weathers reported there is a Conservation Commission meeting November 9, 2005 at the Whitaker Meeting House at 6:30 p.m.

School Committee – Ms. Umberger advised the School Committee is selling Kennett Eagle stuffed toys for \$10 to help fund the track.

Infrastructure Committee – Ms. Umberger advised an Infrastructure Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2005.

Meeting Schedule – Mr. Martin advised the Selectmen will not be meeting on November 8, 2005. The next meeting of the Board will be held November 15, 2005.

PUBLIC COMMENT/MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

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

At 5:20 p.m., **Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3,II(c) for a review of sealed minutes for the year 2004. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

The Board returned to public session at 5:35 p.m. No motion was made to seal the minutes of the non public session.

ADJOURN

At 5:36 p.m., **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary