

**Minutes of Meeting  
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

February 13, 2007

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:10 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen Larry Martin (Chair), David Weathers, Karen Umberger, 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 documents in the document folder.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

The Board reviewed and signed the manifest dated February 15, 2007.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

It was agreed that consideration of the minutes of 1/9/07 would be carried to the next meeting.

NON PUBLIC SESSION #1: NH RSA 91-A:3,II (d)/ACQUISITION OF LAND

At 4:11 p.m. **Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to go into non public session under NH RSA 91-A:3,II(d) to discuss acquisition of land.** Mr. Martin advised that Town Attorney, Peter Malia, Town Manager Earl Sires, Tax Assessor, Tom Holmes, Town Engineer, Paul DegliAngeli, and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell, would be going into the non public session. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

At 5:01 p.m. the Board returned to public session. **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to seal the minutes of the non public session until August of 2009. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

**Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that regarding the appraisals the town commissioned regarding the piece of property along the North-South Local Road, those appraisals will be made available for public disclosure on June 1, 2007. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Weathers abstaining.**

REVIEW OF PLANNING AND ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES

Planning Director, Tom Irving, joined the meeting. Mr. Irving reviewed the Planning Zoning Articles on the 2007 Warrant with the Board.

## BUDGET

Default Budget – Ms. Umberger reviewed that \$8,672,916 is the amount recommended by the Budget Committee for the Default Budget. **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to support \$8,672,916 as the Default Budget. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Warrant Articles – The Board next considered articles for the 2007 warrant.

Operating Budget Article - **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to recommend Article 6, Operating Budget, in the amount of \$8,706,590, to post to the warrant. The motion carried 4-1-0 with Mr. Hounsell voting in the negative.**

Collective Bargaining/Town of Conway and AFSCME#93 Department of Public Works Article - **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers to recommend and post the Collective Bargaining article to the warrant. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Collective Bargaining/Conway Police Commission and AFSCME Local 3657 Police Department Article - **Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to recommend and post the Collective Bargaining Agreement article for the Town of Conway Police Commission and Police Department. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Emergency Ambulance Service Article – **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to recommend and post the emergency ambulance service article to the warrant. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Maintenance of Town Buildings Article – **Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to recommend and post the article for maintenance of town buildings for \$125,000 to the warrant. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

PEG Expendable Trust Article – Mr. Sires reviewed that the amount in the article is the number the Town has been advised we will receive from the Cable Company, however, we have not received the check yet. This amount can be amended on the floor at the Deliberative meeting if necessary. **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to recommend and post the article to the warrant for the PEG Expendable Trust Fund. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Capital Reserve Fund for Police Vehicles Article – **Ms. Webster moved seconded by Ms. Umberger to recommend and post the article for the Capital Reserve Fund for Police Vehicles to the warrant. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Recreation Revolving Fund Article – **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to recommend and post the Recreation Revolving Fund article to the warrant. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Discontinue Swift River Covered Bridge Capital Reserve Fund Article – **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to recommend and move the article regarding discontinuing the Swift River Covered Bridge Capital Reserve Fund to the warrant. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

911 Recording Equipment for Police Department Article - **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell, to recommend and post the article for 911 Recording Equipment for the Police Department to the warrant. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Terms of Compensation for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Article – **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to recommend and post the article for the terms of compensation for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector article to the warrant. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Non Precinct Fire and Rescue Agreement Article – **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to recommend and post the article for the Non Precinct Fire and Rescue Agreement to the warrant. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Seavey Street Property/Transfer from Town of Conway to North Conway Water Precinct Article – **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to recommend and post the article regarding the transfer of property on Seavey Street from the Town of Conway to the North Conway Water Precinct to the warrant. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Conway Public Library Repairs and Maintenance Article – **Ms. Hounsell moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, to recommend the petitioned article for Conway Public Library Repairs and Maintenance. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Tri-Country Community Action Article – **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger to recommend the petitioned article for Tri County Community Action in the amount of \$12,000. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Gibson Center for Senior Services Article – **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger to recommend the petitioned article for the Gibson Center for Senior Services in the amount of \$32,000. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Center Conway Cemetery Article – **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to recommend the petitioned article for the Center Conway Cemetery in the amount of \$2,000. The motion failed 2-3-0.**

Vaughan Community Service Article – **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger to recommend the petitioned article for Vaughan Community Service in the amount of \$3,000. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Ms. Umberger abstaining.**

North Conway Day Care Article – **Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to recommend the petitioned article for North Conway Day Care in the amount of \$5,000. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Ms. Umberger abstaining.**

Starting Point Article – **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell, to recommend the petitioned article for Starting Point in the amount of \$2,886. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Mount Washington Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross Article – **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger to recommend the petitioned article for the Mount Washington Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross in the**

**amount of \$\$7,298. The motion carried 4-1-0 with Ms. Umberger voting in the negative.**

White Mountain Community Health Center – Ms. Umberger noted that the amount presented in the budget request was different than what appears on the warrant article. The budget request was for \$35,565.00 and the Warrant Article amount states \$38,635.70. Mr. Sires presented a copy of the petition and it was verified that the amount appearing on the warrant article matched the amount that appeared on the petition received from the White Mountain Community Health Center in the amount of \$38,635.70. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to recommend the petitioned article for White Mountain Community Health Center in the amount of \$38,635.70.** The Board briefly discussed the difference in the amounts received in the budget request and petitioned article and it was felt that an adjustment could be made on the floor at the deliberative session to the amount. Ms. Umberger suggested that White Mountain Community Health Center be contacted and made aware of the discrepancy and, further, it should be explained that they should plan to attend both the Budget Committee's public hearing and the Deliberative Meeting. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

North Conway Community Center Article – **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to recommend the petitioned article for the North Conway Community Center in the amount of \$70,000.** Mr. Weathers commented he would still like to see the North Conway Community Center work more closely with the Town of Conway's Recreation Department. **The motion carried 4-1-0 with Mr. Hounsell voting in the negative.**

Eastern Slope Airport Authority Article – **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to recommend the petitioned article for the Eastern Slope Airport Authority in the amount of \$12,000.** Mr. Hounsell stated he feels this article was turned down so many times it has lost its welcome; however he will vote to support it this year. Mr. Webster stated that he will be voting to support the article but is also acknowledging on the record that he is the Board's representative to the Eastern Slope Airport Authority. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Conway Village Area Chamber of Commerce Article – **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell, to recommend the petitioned article for the Conway Village Area Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$2,600.** Ms. Umberger noted this is the first year the petitioned article is for specific items and can support it this year as it is for beautification of the area. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Children Unlimited Article – **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to recommend the petitioned article for Children Unlimited, Inc. in the amount of \$10,000. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Tri County Community Youth Alternatives – Mr. Sires advised that a budget was received for this non profit; however no petition to put this on the warrant has been received as of 5:00 p.m. today, which is the deadline for receiving petitioned articles.

Mr. Sires next briefly reviewed there are two road acceptance petitioned articles on the warrant; however these do not require that a recommendation be placed next to the articles on the warrant.

Mr. Sires next reviewed a new petition was received regarding abandoning a portion of Burbank Road. Burbank Road is located in Center Conway, New Hampshire. Mr. Sires advised that a discontinuance notice requires notice to all abutters. This petition was received February 12, 2007 and staff is doing research on this issue.

Police Budget – Mr. Sires reviewed two letters received from the Police Commissioners with the Board. The police requested to move line items and adjust their budget. After brief discussion, it was not clear if the request was for 2006 or 2007. It was agreed that this information would be clarified and Mr. Sires would advise the Board accordingly.

### VIEW TAX

Tax Assessor, Tom Holmes, joined the meeting. Mr. Holmes advised that he was invited to be on a television program to discuss the New Hampshire view tax issue and wanted the Board's position before proceeding. Mr. Sires advised that we usually do not do things of this nature; however Mr. Holmes is a resource in this community and need to have both sides of the issue out there for discussion. Ms. Umberger pointed out that Mr. Holmes has been on the NH Assessing Standards Board, is well respected in the state for his ability and knowledge, and gives the facts. After further brief discussion the Board agreed it would be appropriate for Mr. Holmes to do the television program but suggested that Mr. Holmes put out a disclaimer that the Town of Conway does not have an official position on the matter. The Board agreed they support Mr. Holmes doing this program.

### TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Goals – Mr. Sires distributed a copy of Town Manager Goals for the Boards review. It was agreed that this would be discussed at a future meeting.

### BOARD REPORTS

Conservation Commission – Mr. Weathers reported there is no Conservation Commission meeting this month.

Olympic Lane – Mr. Hounsell questioned if the Town had heard back from the School regarding Olympic Lane. Mr. Sires advised that as of this afternoon, the Town had not heard from the School regarding Olympic Lane.

Budget Committee – Ms. Umberger reported that the Budget Committee's public hearings on Precinct, Town and School Budgets, are scheduled for tomorrow evening, February 14, 2007 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Umberger further noted that due to the weather that is forecasted for tomorrow, the Budget Committee will let everyone know by 2:30 p.m. or so via mail, radio, etc, should the meeting need to be rescheduled.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

Mr. Carkhuff questioned the motion made after the non public session regarding the appraisals. Mr. Hounsell referred to the RSA regarding disclosure and explained this was the appropriate way to handle this issue.

NON PUBLIC SESSION #2: NH RSA 91-A:3,II (d)/ACQUISITION OF LAND

At 6:07 p.m. **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, to go into non public session under NH RSA 91-A:3,II(d) to discuss acquisition of land.** Mr. Martin advised that Town Manager Earl, Sires, Sut Marshall, Tom Deans, and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell, would be going into the non public session. **The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

At 6:45 p.m. the Board returned to public session. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster to seal the minutes of the non public session. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

NON PUBLIC SESSION #3: RSA 91-A:3,II(c)/TAX MATTER

At 6:47 **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to go into non public session.** Mr. Martin advised that Town Manager Earl, Sires, Tax Collector, Rhoda Quint, and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell, would be going into the non public session. **The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

At 7:04 p.m. the Board returned to public session. **Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to seal the minutes of the non public session. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

ADJOURN

At 7:05 p.m. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell  
Executive Secretary