

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

February 23, 2006

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:25 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen Larry Martin (Chair), Karen Umberger, Dave 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 documents in the signature folder.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

The Board reviewed and approved the manifest dated February 23, 2006

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to approve the minutes of 1/10/06 regular and non public meetings, and 1/17/06 regular meeting, as written. The motion carried 5-0-0.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS
"MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH"

George Cleveland, Executive Director of the Gibson Center for Senior Services, joined the meeting.

The Board presented a Proclamation declaring the month of March as "*March for Meals Month*" and Ms. Umberger read same aloud. (A copy is attached). **Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to declare this proclamation. The motion carried unanimously.** The Board signed the Proclamation.

CONSIDERATION OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE IN AN AMOUNT
LESS THAN \$5,000/MULFORD FUND

Connie Briggs joined the meeting. Mr. Briggs explained the grant funds have been provided by the Mulford Fund to finish off the project in the Connie David Watson Park. **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that we accept the \$2,500 from the Mulford Fund to be turned over to the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

CONSIDERATION OF 2006 WARRANT

Mr. Sires reviewed that the Deliberative Portion of Town Meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Kennett High School. Mr. Sires advised that Voting Guides will be available at the Conway Library, North Conway Library, Webster's Store and Town Hall prior to the Deliberative meeting.

Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that we post the Warrant. Ms. Umberger questioned if the DRA had been consulted regarding the Eastern Slope Airport Article. Mr. Sires advised the article could be worded either Separate or Special, currently it is worded as a Separate article but it could be made a special article. Ms. Umberger questioned if the Board wanted to change the article from Separate to Special and also advised that the Budget Committee asked to change it. The Board held brief discussion. Mr. Hounsell state he was in favor of keeping it the way it is. Mr. Webster pointed out if we changed it at this point would it affect the Budget Committee vote on the warrant, etc. After further brief discussion, **Mr. Hounsell amended the motion, seconded by Mr. Webster to approve and post the warrant. The motion carried 5-0-0,**

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Shedd Woods – Mr. Weathers reported that he and Paul Pinkham met at Shedd Woods recently and have come up with some recommendations that they will present at the next CDRC meeting.

Budget Committee – Ms. Umberger reported the Budget Committee met Tuesday, February 21, 2006 to vote on warrant articles. Ms. Umberger reported to the Board how Budget Committee voted.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Tax Rate Projections - Mr. Sires distributed a copy of tax rate projections and reviewed same with the Board.

Shedd Woods – Mr. Sires reported the Town received \$37,000 in compensation from the NHDOT for land they had taken from Shedd Woods last year. Mr. Sires next advised that Paul Pinkham, Chair of the Conservation Commission, has asked that the money be put into the Conservation Acquisition Fund instead of the Town general fund. Mr. Hounsell stated he would like to have discussion on this before making a decision. Ms. Umberger stated she would like to know how much is in the fund, how much land we have purchased in the past, etc., before making a decision on this request. It was agreed by the Board this matter would be put on a future agenda for further discussion.

BOARD ASSIGNMENTS FOR TOWN MEETING

The Board agreed to the following assignments for discussion purposes as the upcoming Town Meeting:

Warrant Articles - Article 4 Operating Budget - Earl Sires; Article 5 Collective Bargaining - Dave Weathers; Article 6 Emergency Ambulance Service - Mark Hounsell; Article 7 Maintenance of Town Facilities - Gary Webster; Article 8 PEG Expendable

Trust Fund -Karen Umberger; Article 9 - Revolving Fund for Police - Police Commission; Commercial Duty; Article10 Revolving Fund for Recycling -Karen Umberger; Special Waste; Article 11 Capital Reserve Fund for Police Vehicles - Police Commission; Article 12 Discontinue the Traffic and Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund - Karen Umberger; Article 13 Discontinue the Long Term Solid Waste Disposal Capital Reserve Fund - Karen Umberger; Article 14 Discontinue the Survey of Streets and Tax Maps Capital Reserve Fund - Karen Umberger; Article 15 Eastern Slope Airport - Gary Webster and Earl Sires; Article 16 Playground Equipment at Conway Recreation Center - Larry Martin; Article 17-28 Petitioned articles.

Operating Budget – Executive -Karen Umberger; Elections - Rhoda Quint; Finance - Karen Umberger; Assessing - Gary Webster; Legal - Larry Martin; Employee Benefits - Karen Umberger; Planning & Zoning - Larry Martin; Gov't Buildings - Gary Webster; Cemeteries - Larry Martin; Insurance - Larry Martin; Police - Police Commission; Ambulance - Mark Hounsell; Fire - Dave Weathers; Inspections -Gary Weathers; Highway -Dave Weathers; Solid Waste - Karen Umberger; Health - Larry Martin; Welfare - Gary Webster; Parks & Rec - Dave Weathers; Conservation Commission -Dave Weathers; Library - Library Trustees; Patriotic Purposes - Gary Webster; Debt Principal - Karen Umberger; Debt Interest - Karen Umberger; Interest on TANS - Larry Martin; Capital Reserve Funds - Karen Umberger.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

ADJOURN

At 5:02 p.m. **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary