

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

February 28, 2006

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, 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.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The Board reviewed and approved the manifest dated March 2, 2006.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, to approve the minutes of 1/24/06 as written. The motion carried 5-0-0.

PUBLIC HEARING / TO RENAME WORCESTER HILL ROAD TO
HURRICANE MOUNTAIN ROAD AND CHANGE E911 ADDRESSES

Planning Assistant, Holly Meserve, was present for discussion. There were also several members of the public present for this discussion.

Mr. Martin read aloud the public hearing notice as posted and opened the public hearing at 4:03 p.m.

Mr. Sires prefaced the matter and explained that Hurricane Mountain Road is located in the Town of Bartlett, however, a portion of it is used for access for a few residences in Conway, and is known by the name Worcester Hill Road for Conway residents (although the actual roadway itself is still located in the Town of Bartlett). E911 wants one name for the entire road for emergency purposes.

Mr. Hounsell questioned if since this road is in Bartlett they get to name the road. Ms. Meserve stated that this is her understanding. Jac Cuddy spoke stating that residents on the Conway side wanted the name Worcester Hill Road.

Ms. Umberger questioned if any correspondence was received from Bartlett on this matter. Ms. Meserve advised we have not received correspondence from Bartlett; however a letter had been received from the State. Ms. Meserve provided a copy of the letter from the State and the Board reviewed same.

Herbert Hunt stated he thought this was a state road. Ms. Umberger also thought it was a state road. Mr. Weathers stated he thought the road was state maintained. It was agreed this information would have to be verified.

Sheila Hunt stated she has lived on the road for thirty one years. Her address used to be Hurricane Mountain Road and 911 asked to change same t Worcester Hill Road and now she is being asked to change it yet again. She thinks it is inconvenient to change it again. Ms. Hunt also stated that she thinks the confusion starts regarding this road due to a sign at the vista that says Hurricane Mountain Road and Hurricane Mountain Road doesn't start until the four corners. She thinks the sign should come down and there would be less confusion.

Mr. Weathers stated that if the road name was changed this time to Hurricane Mountain Road this would be the end of changing the name for the E911 system.

There was next a brief discussion regarding sending a letter to the Bartlett Board of Selectmen seeking comments on the matter.

Citizen, Maureen Soroghan, stated she lives on Worcester Hill Road and opposed the road name change. Ms. Soroghan also stated she agrees the sign is confusing at the Vista.

Ms. Umberger stated it is her understanding that Worcester Hill Road was named for a family that used to live in a yellow house on the road.

After further brief discussion, the public hearing was closed at 4:22 p.m.

The Board agreed that the Town would contact the Bartlett Board of Selectmen regarding the road name and reschedule this matter for further discussion in the future.

CROP ZONE

Jac Cuddy, Executive Director of the Mount Washington Valley Economic Council joined the meeting. Mr. Cuddy explained that the Community Reinvestment Opportunity Program (CROP) is a business incentive to help revitalize a particular area. Mr. Cuddy explained that Concord needs to have the governing body of a town designate an area and then the DRA will formally designate it and businesses in that area will be eligible for this incentive. Mr. Cuddy further explained that this encourages businesses to use an area that would not necessarily be a desirable area for a business. Mr. Cuddy next distributed further information to the Board on the CROP Zone Program and encouraged the Board to designate any areas in town that could be eligible for the program. After a short discussion, **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that we move forward with this in conjunction with any affected precinct. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF AMBULANCE CONTRACT

Mr. Sires advised that he received e-mail communication from Chief Wade advising that the Conway Village Precinct Commissioners have not reviewed the proposed Ambulance contract yet and do not have a response today. This is still in the negotiation state.

Mr. Martin asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

The Board next held discussion as to whether the draft contract would be available for the public to review for the Town Meeting scheduled for March 8, 2006.

After discussion, the Board agreed this document is public at this point but agreed. The Board further agreed the document would be marked draft. Further, if no meeting is held next Tuesday (the day before the Deliberative Session) then the document would also be made available as a draft for the Deliberative Session as well.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Auditors – Mr. Sires reported that the Auditors will be here March 6,7 and 8, 2006.

Town Meeting – Mr. Sires reviewed the Deliberative Portion of Town Meeting will be held on March 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Kennett High School.

Eastern Slope Airport Authority – Mr. Sires reported a meeting of the Eastern Slope Airport Authority is scheduled for next Tuesday evening, March 7, 2006.

Voter Guide – Mr. Sires reviewed that Voter Guides are available at the Conway Library, North Conway Library, Webster's Store and Town Hall in preparation for Town Meeting.

Town Report – Mr. Sires reviewed that for the cover of the 2005 Town Report we had considered a four season theme. We are now considering using a picture of a local veteran with the Board's approval. The Board approved.

Valley Vision Coverage of Town Meeting – Mr. Sires reported Valley Vision will be taping the Deliberative Portion of Town Meeting for broadcast on Valley Vision. Mr. Sires further advised that Valley Vision will also be covering North Conway Water Precinct's Annual Meeting and offered to offer to any other precinct to advise if they would also like their Annual Meetings covered by Valley Vision as well.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Town Meeting – Mr. Hounsell commented that there does not seem to be a lot of interest in Town Meeting and we need to recapture the interest in the meeting. Mr. Hounsell stated that he would like people to think about how important this community is to them and how important government is to them and come to the Town Meeting.

Budget Process - Mr. Webster commented that it takes six months to get ready for Town Meeting, putting budgets together, meetings, etc. Mr. Webster further commented that a lot of time is put into this process and he feels it should be streamlined in the legislature as it is a lot of work for all the committees involved and it uses up resources that could be used in other places.

Conservation Commission – Mr. Weather reported the Conservation Commission received two Dredge and Fill applications for review.

Basketball Tournament – Mr. Weathers reported that the Conway Recreation basketball tournament is scheduled for this weekend.

School Building Committee – Ms. Umberger reported the School Building Committee will meet on Thursday, March 2, 2006 at 6:30 pm at John Fuller and will be talking about the Middle School.

Town & School Meetings – Ms. Umberger commented that she echoed what Messrs. Hounsell and Webster stated about the Deliberative Sessions of Town Meeting and added that it is the voters' opportunity to tell us what they like and don't like and what to send to the ballot. Ms. Umberger further reminded everyone that the School's Deliberative Session is scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Kennett High School. Mr. Martin also echoed the sentiments of his fellow Board members regarding participation in Town Meeting and added that Town Meeting is your right and people need to be part of it.

Candidate Filing Period – Mr. Martin reviewed that the deadline for signing up for office is Friday, March 3, 2006. Mr. Martin reviewed the positions available on the various Boards.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

David Carkhuff of the Conway Daily Sun stated that on the newspaper blog people think the airport caters to the rich and, also, talk about the fact that some of the other towns don't support it. David Carkhuff asked for views on this subject. Mr. Sires spoke about the functions and benefits of a regional airport.

ADJOURN

At 5:15 p.m., **Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary