

**Minutes of Meeting  
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

March 28, 2006

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:05 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 various documents contained in the signature folder.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The Board reviewed and signed the manifest dated March 30, 2006.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to approve the minutes of 2/7/06 regular and non-public, and 2/14/06 regular meeting as written. The motion carried.**

It was agreed that consideration of the minutes of the meetings of 2/16/06 and 2/23/06 was carried to the next meeting.

TOWN COUNSEL OPINION ON ARTICLE 6: AMBULANCE SERVICE

Mr. Sires first reviewed that last week the Board voted to ask Town Counsel, Peter Malia, for an opinion on Article 6 as amended at Town Meeting.

Attorney Malia reviewed his written opinion regarding this matter with the Board. (Copy attached).

Mr. Martin asked for questions or comments from the Board. Mr. Weathers questioned if this article does not pass and there are negotiations for a one-year extension – if this is a three party agreement. Attorney Malia advised that in his opinion this is correct as that would be the same terms as presently exist and he would say all three parties. There were no further Board questions or comments.

Mr. Martin next called for questions or comments from the public. Mike DiGregorio commented that his intent at Town Meeting was in no way to hamper the town to negotiate dollar figures with the contractor. His intent was to have the same service we have now. He didn't agree with the RFP but didn't want to tie into any dollar figures and just wanted the same service and that was his intent.

There were no further public comments on this subject and the discussion was closed at 4:14 p.m.

### NORTH-SOUTH ROAD ROUNDABOUTS

Town Attorney, Peter Malia, Town Engineer, Paul DegliAngeli, and Rock Development Representatives, Rob Barsamian and Roger Williams, were present for discussion.

Mr. Barsamian presented a drawing made to scale of his proposals for alternative plans for road improvements to the North-South Road to the Board and reviewed same.

Mr. Barsamian discussed the idea of the town taking property by eminent domain so that certain improvements could occur. Mr. Barsamian advised that they would still help with making the improvements and also, whatever the amount is for the taking, they will pay for the taking.

Plan A proposed a roundabout at Common Court and to relocate the Common Court Connector; a left turn lane northbound on the North-South Road at Mountain Valley Mall Boulevard; alterations at the Mall driveway exit only right turn; and improvements at intersections at Route 302 in accordance with NHDOT driveway permit.

Plan B proposed no roundabouts. Plan B also proposed revising the existing Common Court Connector for right turn only entering the North-South Road and to widen the North-South Road at Common Court Connector to provide a northbound left turn lane

There was discussion regarding the plans presented and the variations of each. Mr. Barsamian explained from a development hat he is trying to give solutions and is willing to put up sureties.

Mr. Hounsell reviewed discussions held previously by this Board in this matter as well as the motions that were made. Mr. Hounsell reviewed there was a solid position to protect the parkway. Mr. Hounsell stated he felt this Board needs to be consistent in what we do but also understood the need to be flexible. He saw the presentation by developers but is not willing to give up the position made previously in this matter.

Ms. Umberger stated she does not like solution as presented today as she doesn't feel it moves the traffic as well; however, personally, she has no problem with one roundabout.

After further discussion, **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to go with Option A to maintain the roundabout and to include the improvements down the North-South Road including the Mountain Valley Mall Exit and the Route 302 North-South Road improvement and if there is a requirement for eminent domain proceedings then we go forward with that.** There was brief discussion. Mr. Hounsell advised he would be voting against the motion because the deal has changed. Mr. Webster advised he would like to see discussion on this with Attorney Malia and that he doesn't agree with eminent domain. After further discussion, **Ms. Umberger amended the motion, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to go with Option A to maintain**

**the roundabout and to include the improvements down the North-South Road including the Mountain Valley Mall Exit and the Route 302 North-South Road improvement and if there is a requirement for eminent domain proceedings then we go forward with that and that we direct staff to proceed with that and consult with the lawyer and get all of these things in writing before final action. The motion carried 4-1-0 with Mr. Hounsell opposed.**

#### NORTH CONWAY VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Mr. Sires advised that he and Public Works Director, Paul DegliAngeli, attended a meeting yesterday in North Conway and talked about the upcoming construction in North Conway Village. The meeting was well attended.

Mr. DegliAngeli next provided an explanation of the phases of work that will be done in North Conway Village to the Board. Mr. Sires advised that a message was also conveyed to business owners at the Village Association meeting as to how this work was going to be done in phases and that it is a comprehensive project and hard to predict when and where exactly something was going to be done in front of each business.

Mr. Sires next suggested that we pursue asking the school to allow the use of the John Fuller School parking lot for the summer. The Board agreed. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, that we write a letter to Conway School Board asking to use John Fuller parking lot from end of this school year to beginning of next school year. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

#### DISCUSSION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAILER

Mr. Sires reported he met recently with a State representative regarding emergency management and she will be providing us with a template for a new plan in the near future. Further, this representative talked about locating an Emergency Management Trailer in Carroll County and if the Board would like to have it in Conway, then we could move forward with same. Mr. Sires next reviewed the trailer needs to be kept in a heated and secure location. Mr. Sires further reviewed that the purpose of the trailer is to be there when local resources are exhausted and the State of NH prepositions these around different parts of the state. Mr. Sires advised that Conway Village is willing to house the trailer but it could also be housed at the town garage or at the old Center Conway Fire Station, which is also heated and secure. There are options as to the location should the Board decide to move forward with having this located in Conway. There was a brief discussion by the Board. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, that we vote to inform the state that the Town of Conway would be amenable to hosting one of these trailers.** The Board all agreed that Earl Sires can sign for this. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

#### DISCUSSION OF COUNTY BUDGET

Mr. Hounsell advised that he had requested this item be placed on the agenda. Mr. Hounsell further requested that this matter be rescheduled for next week's meeting. The Board agreed.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Schiaivi Property – Mr. Sires reviewed that negotiations are ongoing through the state with regard to attempts to acquire this property.

Mechanic Street – Mr. Sires reported that there will be an item on next agenda regarding the worked planned on Mechanic Street in North Conway.

Events in Schouler Park - Mr. Sires advised that due to to the upcoming construction planned for North Conway we will be putting an advisory notice on event permits.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

School Building Committee – Ms. Umberger reported a School Building Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Meals on Wheels – Ms. Umberger reported that Gary Webster, Dave Weathers and she participated in the Meals on Wheels program last Thursday and it was an interesting and rewarding experience. Ms. Umberger further commented that she is thankful for the dedicated volunteers in this program.

Pine Tree Students – Ms. Umberger reported that students from Pine Tree School came over to Town Hall to interview her and several members of the town staff for a school project. They tape recorded and videotaped interviews and took some still photos as well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

ADJOURN

At 6:17 p.m. **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell  
Executive Secretary