

Minutes of Meeting CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

January 9, 2007

At approximately 2:30 p.m., Selectmen, Larry Martin, David Weathers, Karen Umberger, Gary Webster, and Mark Hounsell along with Town Manager, Earl Sires, met with the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Carl Nelson, and toured the new High School on Eagles Way in Conway, New Hampshire. The tour concluded at approximately 3:30 p.m.

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:11 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 contained in the signature folder.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

The Board reviewed and signed the manifest dated January 11, 2007.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO CHAPTER 113 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN PERTAINING TO SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

At 4:12 p.m. Chairman Martin opened the public hearing pertaining to proposed changes to Chapter 113 of the Code of the Town of Conway pertaining to Solid Waste Disposal.

Chairman Martin asked for public questions or comments. There were none and the public hearing was closed at 4:13 p.m.

Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that we accept the changes that are in Chapter 113 dealing with Electronic Waste. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE IN AN AMOUNT LESS THAN \$5,000 / \$685 TO CONWAY POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR K-9 VESTS

Conway Police Department Lieutenant, Joseph Faia, joined the meeting.

Lt. Faia reported to the Board that a citizen, Bob Nelson, whose dog was shot and killed is donating \$685 to the Conway Police Department toward the purchase of K-9 vests. Lt. Faia advised this would be about half the cost of this item. The Board

questioned if the Police would be using town funds to cover the costs for the rest of this item. Lt. Faia advised when the time came to purchase this item town funds may be used if needed or they will use other donations.

Lt. Faia next pointed out that the exact amount received from Mr. Nelson is \$685.83. **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers. To accept \$685.83 from Robert Nelson to go toward the purchase of a K9 bullet proof vest. The motion carried unanimously.**

MOUNTAIN TOP MUSIC CENTER / APPLICATION TO USDA
REQUEST FOR EVIDENCE OF LOCAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Ellen Schwindt of the Mountain Top Music Center appeared before the Board.

Ms. Schwindt provided information to the Board regarding plans for a project to renovate the old Conway Fire Station for use as a teaching facility to offer music classes. Ms. Schwindt advised that she is submitting a grant request to the community facility program that is part of the USDA's rural development division to cover costs for furnishings in the building. Ms. Schwindt requested evidence of local community support from the Board to go along with the application. After brief discussion with the Board, **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, that the Board of Selectmen express its support for this application and whatever means necessary and allow the Chair of the Board of Selectmen to sign the application.** Mr. Hounsell advised that this came up at the Fire District meeting last year and received overwhelming support. Mr. Weathers suggested to Ms. Schwindt that she also get a letter from the Fire District. Mr. Martin pointed out that we are not competing for these same funds. **The motion carried 5-0-0.** The Evidence of Community Support form was signed and a copy of same is attached hereto.

BUDGET

Finance Director, Lucy Philbrick, joined the meeting. Ms. Philbrick distributed updated budget sheets for Police, Fire & Ambulance and budget totals to the Board and same were reviewed by Mr. Sires with the Board.

Warrant articles – Mr. Sires distributed a copy of proposed warrant articles to date along with a copy of a sheet estimating the tax impact and reviewed same with the Board.

There was discussion regarding the non precinct fire article. There were changes suggested by the Board and Mr. Sires advised he would make the changes and bring the article back to the Board for review and consideration. Bob Barriault spoke on his opinion about the validity of the formula for the non precinct fire agreement. The Board agreed that the numbers should be looked at and this should be brought back for further discussion next week.

Public Works Director, Paul DegliAngeli, joined the meeting to discuss the proposed warrant article for the fence at the transfer station. Mr. DegliAngeli advised that Todd Frechette has asked to secure the area of the Transfer Station due to thefts of materials such as metals and lumber. The Board held brief discussion and were generally not in support of the warrant article for the fence. The Board made

suggestions such as looking at a door on the shed, setting the area up differently, asking the police for surveillance and posting the property.

The Board next held brief discussion on the article regarding the transfer of property located on Seavey Street. Ms. Umberger suggested adding language that if the property ceases to be used by the North Conway Water Precinct that the property reverts back to the Town. The Board agreed. Mr. Webster pointed out that there is a value in the article and this language does not need to be included. The Board agreed it should be struck.

The Board next agreed they will wait to vote on articles until a future meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to approve the minutes of 11/14/06 regular and non public sessions as written. The motion carried unanimously

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

At 5:30 p.m., **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, to go into non public session under NH RSA 91-A:3,II(d) Acquisition of Land.** Mr. Martin advised that Tax Assessor, Tom Holmes, Public Works Director, Paul DegliAngeli, Town Manager, Earl Sires, Recording Secretary Karen Hallowell, and the landowner would be included in the non public session. **The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

At 5:55 the Board returned to regular session. A motion to seal the minutes of the non public session was made and carried in non public session.

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

At 5:56 p.m., **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to go into non public session under NH RSA 91-A:3,II(d) Acquisition of Land.** Mr. Martin advised that Tax Assessor, Tom Holmes, Public Works Director, Paul DegliAngeli, Town Manager, Earl Sires, and Recording Secretary Karen Hallowell, would be included in the non public session. **The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

At 6:30 p.m. the Board returned to public session. A motion to seal the minutes of the non public session along with the appraisals and attachments discussed in non public session was made and carried in non public session.

Mr. Hounsell suggested that the subject matter discussed in the non public session be an agenda item for the Board at the next meeting. Mr. Weathers suggested that the Town Manager prepare a letter with the Board's position for the Board to review and consider for the next meeting. After brief discussion, **Ms. Umberger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Webster, directing Town Manager to draft a letter to Mullins outlining the Town's position on road improvements.** Mr. Hounsell questioned what the position is. Ms. Umberger stated that we need a roundabout, that we have an alternate solution to the roundabout with a right turn lane and that we want them to reconsider their position about not want to swap land. Ms. Umberger suggested

Mr. Sires put a letter together for discussion next week. The Board agreed a letter would be drafted for review and consideration. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

TOWN MANGER REPORT

North Country Council - Mr. Sires reported the Town received a letter from North Country Council asking if the Town wanted to be a member of the Council. The information is available if the Board would like to review same. Mr. Sires advised he does not recommend becoming a member of the council at this time.

BOARD REPORTS

Budget Committee – Ms. Umberger reported the Budget Committee requested her to bring back the topic of recreation fees to the Board. The Budget Committee asked that the Board revisit the motion they made for the administrative position at 24 hours per week instead of 19 hours per week as 24 hours per week is eligible for benefits. Ms. Umberger next reported there may be some other things the Budget Committee may want the Board to think about as well. Ms. Umberger requested that the subject of recreation fees be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for discussion.

Conservation Commission - Mr. Weathers reported the Conservation Commission will meet tomorrow night, January 10, 2007, at the Whitaker Meeting House. The Committee will be reviewing a standard dredge and fill application for a dock at Conway Lake.

High School Tour – Ms. Umberger briefly commented on the tour of the school taken prior to the start of the regular meeting and thanked Dr. Nelson for the tour. Ms. Umberger advised that Valley Vision was there to film the tour. Ms. Umberger further advised that on January 26, 2007 a public tour of the new school is scheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

ADJOURN

At 6:47 p.m., **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by rm. Webster, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary