

**Minutes of Meeting  
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

January 30, 2007

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:12 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 February 1, 2007.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

**Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to approve the minutes of 12/19/06 as written. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Consideration of the minutes of 12/28/06 was carried to next meeting

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO ZBA

Chairman Martin reviewed a letter from a citizen, Cynthia Briggs, expressing interest in serving on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Mr. Sires advised there are currently three (3) vacant alternate positions available on that Board. **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to accept Cindy Briggs' request to be an alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The motion carried 5-0-0.** Mr. Martin requested that a letter be sent to Ms. Briggs or contact be made as appropriate.

VALLEY VISION MOA

Mr. Sires first reported that no check has been received from Time Warner Cable TV as of this date. Mr. Sires next reviewed that the Selectmen have typically voted to put all money received into a trust fund for voter approval.

Doug Poor, Valley Vision Station Program Coordinator and Station Manager, along with John Roberts, Valley Vision Board member, and Loretta Schulte, Revenue Coordinator for Valley Vision, were present for discussion.

Mr. Poor distributed information to the Board from Valley Vision and reviewed same. Mr. Poor advised that Valley Vision would like an additional \$1,000. Mr. Poor also asked the Board to consider contacting Time Warner to ask that Madison TV not be

shown in Conway as it takes away from Conway viewing and the same with Fryeburg. Mr. Poor also reviewed that Madison has not been contributing to Valley Vision for two years now. Mr. Poor further advised that Valley Vision has been fielding complaints about audio, etc., about Madison TV.

There was a next a brief budget discussion which included discussion regarding a speaker mixer for Valley Vision.

There was next discussion regarding the Town of Bartlett non participation in Valley Vision. Mr. Poor advised that in his discussions with Mike Edgecombe of the Augusta office of Time Warner Cable he was advised that Time Warner does not have agreements with Bartlett and Jackson. The Board next held discussion as to whether the Town should pursue having Valley Vision a Conway only station. It was agreed that Mr. Sires could speak with Time Warner and then the Board could have further discussions regarding this matter in the future.

There was next discussion regarding the money to be received from Time Warner. It was agreed that an amount did not have to be voted on this week. Further it was agreed that should the Board vote on an amount before receiving the check and the check was received in a different amount an adjustment could be made a town meeting. There was next further brief discussion concerning the mixer and speakers and it was agreed that Douglas Poor would come back with information regarding this matter.

#### DISCUSSION OF FEES TO BE CHARGED TO EATON AND ALBANY FOR PARTICIPATION IN CONWAY REC

There was discussion regarding a letter from Eaton regarding a fee quote for their residents to participate in the Conway recreation program. Mr. Sires reviewed the formula for contribution with the Board. Ms. Umberger questioned if the money would be put back into facilities. Ms. Philbrick pointed out this would need a warrant article to do this. **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that we send the 2007 recreation contribution payment plan to Albany and Eaton.** There was a brief discussion and the Board expressed hope that this plan will be accepted so that Eaton children could participate in the recreation program. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Ms. Umberger requested that the Board give future consideration to whether the contributions should be put into facilities.

#### BUDGET DISCUSSION

Warrant articles - Public Works Director, Paul DegliAngeli, joined the meeting to discuss warrant articles concerning roads and subdivisions with the Board.

Mr. DegliAngeli advised that with regard to the petitioned article concerning Heather Hill Road, Highpoint Road and Grandview, this subdivision is not yet complete. These roads are in phases 1, 2 and 3 of a 7 phase plan. The town will not consider roads in an uncompleted subdivision due to wear and tear of construction equipment, etc, and he would not recommend accepting these road at this time. Mr. DegliAngeli further advised that there is an auction scheduled for next week on land in this subdivision and building could begin again.

Mr. DegliAngeli next advised that with regard to the petitioned article concerning Jefferson Road and Lincoln Circle in Lincoln Estates, this was recently built and meets all town requirements.

Mr. Webster questioned if the warrant articles pass and building begins again in the area of Hales, can the Town require a bond. Mr. DegliAngeli advised that he would look into this matter.

There was next a brief discussion regarding the Board voting on these petitioned articles for roads. Mr. Hounsell stated he felt the Board's votes should be reflected on the warrant. Mr. Weathers stated he felt the votes should appear. Mr. Webster agreed and added the votes should appear to educate the voters. After further discussion it was agreed that the Board would wait for an answer on the matter as to whether a recommendation can be placed with the article before taking any action.

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

At 5:30 p.m., **Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to go into non public session under RSA 91-A:3,II(d) to discuss acquisition of land.** Mr. Martin advised the Board had three matters to discuss. Carl Thibodeau and Bayard Kennett would be included in part of the non public session along with Town Manager, Earl Sires, and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell. **The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

The Board returned to public session at 6:10 p.m. **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to seal the minutes of the non public session. The motion carried unanimously.**

BUDGET DISCUSSION – CONTINUED

Warrant Articles – The Board agreed to wait until next week to vote on warrant articles until after the session to review non profit budgets.

Ms. Umberger pointed out that this Board has not yet heard from the police regarding the Union Contract and asked that they come in to discuss.

Ms. Umberger next reviewed that once this Board receives the letter from the Budget Committee, this Board needs to discuss the Recreation Administrative position.

Mr. Hounsell questioned if there is a Default Budget figure yet. Mr. Sires advised there is a proposed figure and it has been passed on to the Budget Committee for review.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Intervale Scenic Vista – Mr. Sires distributed a letter to the Board regarding the design of the rest area from the NHDOT and reviewed same with the Board. The letter explains the design was never to be a truck stop. There were concerns raised that the largest trucks couldn't get into the rest area.

Committee Appointment – Mr. Sires reported he has been appointed to the Community Development Advisory Committee by the Governor. The Board congratulated Mr. Sires on his appointment.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS

Olympic Lane – Mr. Hounsell stated he would like to know the school's intentions with regard to Olympic Lane. He would like to know exactly what their plans are as we have not yet heard from them if they are going to do something.

NHDOT Issues – Mr. Hounsell advised that he spoke with Representative Tom Buco who will be meeting with the NHDOT in the near future. Mr. Buco wanted to know if there are any messages this Board would like him to convey to NHDOT Commissioner Murray. The Board agreed they would like to get things going with the Intervale Scenic Vista. Also Mr. Webster stated he wanted to know where it came from that they made the Vista area so that busses and trucks cant make it into the driveway. Mr. Webster pointed out there are no other places for trucks to stop on the way north. After brief discussion, **Mr. Hounsell moved that we have the Town Manager write a letter expressing our disappointment in the manner of how this project is proceeding and regarding the inaccessibility of busses and trucks in the Intervale Scenic Vista.** There was no second to the motion. There was brief discussion that this was not addressed at a CDRC meeting. It was agreed that further discussion would be held.

Non Profit Budget Reviews – Ms. Umberger reviewed that the meeting scheduled with the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen to review the non profit budgets is scheduled for Saturday, February 3, 2007 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Town Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments and media questions.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell  
Executive Secretary