

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

May 1, 2007

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 3:47 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen, David Weathers (Chair), Mark Hounsell, Larry Martin, Gary Webster, and Howard C. Dickinson; Town Manager, Earl W. Sires; and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Weathers 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.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

The Board reviewed and signed the manifest dated May 3, 2007.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

It was agreed that consideration of the minutes of 3/27/07 would be carried to the next meeting

NON PUBLIC SESSION / RSA 91-A,II(e) / LITIGATION MATTERS

At 3:50 p.m. **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson to go into non public session under RSA 91-A,II(e) to discuss litigation.** Town Attorney Peter Malia, Town Manager, Earl Sires, Planning Director, Tom Irving, Code Compliance Officer, Jim Yeager, and Recording Secretary, would be included in the non public session. **The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

At 4:35 p.m., **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell to return to public session. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

A motion to seal the minutes was made and carried in non public session.

NON PUBLIC SESSION / RSA 91-A,II(c) / TAX MATTER

At 4:36 p.m. **Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to go into non public session under RSA 91-A,II(c) to discuss a tax matter. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

At 5:45 **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell, to return to public session. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

A motion to seal the minutes was made and carried in non public session.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO ZBA
AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to appoint Paul Pinkham and Dan Lucy to the Conservation Commission for three-year terms. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to appoint Phyllis Sherman and Jeana Hale to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for three year terms. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION FROM SWIFT RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGARDING RAILROAD CROSSING BRIDGE

Bob Parrish of the Swift River Local Advisory Committee and Russ Seybold of the Conway Scenic Railroad joined the meeting.

Mr. Parrish and Mr. Seybold presented drawings of proposed plans for modifications to a railroad crossing bridge to correct some erosion problems at the bridge and adjacent areas. Mr. Parrish reviewed a diagram with board. Mr. Parrish further advised they will be applying for funds through the State with matching funds to come from Conway Scenic Railroad. Mr. Parrish and Mr. Seybold advised they are not looking for funds from the town just support for the project.

After the presentation, there was no action taken.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Emergency Management – Mr. Sires reported there was a telephone conference yesterday with Mr. Pope, State Director of Emergency Management and Governor Lynch regarding the process for which assistance can be applied for concerning the recent floods. Mr. Sires further advised that Carroll County is not eligible for reimbursement but that we are continuing to pursue eligibility. Mr. Sires next reported the Town did prepare a list regarding expenditures and damage to roads in the Town. Mr. Sires next reported a meeting was held in Concord with the Director of Health and Human Services regarding All Health Hazards Planning project. Mr. Sires advised there may need to be an intergovernmental agreement drawn up and he will keep the Board advised on this matter.

Safety Plan – Mr. Sires reported that he will be meeting with Margaret Marschner tomorrow regarding the Safety Plan and also plans to meet with Chief Wagner soon regarding same.

Kearsarge Metallurgic – Mr. Sires reported he will be meeting with Dick Golert of the EPA at Kearsarge Metallurgic tomorrow to talk about the current status of the site.

Budget Committee – Mr. Sires reported a Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

BOARD REPORTS

Meeting Schedule – Mr. Webster advised he would be out of town next week. The Board discussed the option of not having a meeting on May 8, 2007. Mr. Weathers advised that the Board would be notified by Thursday, May 3.

Crosswalks – Mr. Hounsell requested an update on when the crosswalks in Conway Village will be striped. Mr. Sires will advise.

NH Retirement System – Mr. Hounsell advised he distributed information regarding the NH Retirement System. Mr. Hounsell further advised that Representative Tom Buco is available to discuss this information at a future Board meeting.

Infrastructure Committee – Mr. Hounsell commented that two weeks ago he asked that the Infrastructure Committee be set up differently. Mr. Hounsell stated that if we look at the Master Plan it speaks to this directly. Mr. Hounsell next stated that he and Mr. Dickinson went to North Conway and Conway Village precincts and asked them to designate representatives and next week they will meet with the other precincts. At this time he would like to ask the Board to sanction this at this time. There was a brief discussion. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, that the Board of Selectmen establish this Infrastructure Committee and that the Committee be composed of Crow and Mark and one Commissioner of each Precinct and that their role is to make occasional recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.** Mr. Sires pointed out that it is important to have staff be included as ex-officio members. **The motion carried 4-1-0 with Mr. Webster voting in the negative.** Mr. Webster stated he is not comfortable with a weighted vote of the Board of Selectmen and still thinks we need to look at the original committee before moving forward with this.

Boy Scout Camporee – Mr. Weathers reviewed the Town has received an application for a Boy Scout Camporee event in Whitaker Woods. Mr. Weathers advised that during the event application process the subject of campfires was of concern. He has been advised by the event applicant that fire is only going to be in the field behind John Fuller School and there will be no campfires at all in Whitaker Woods.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

ADJOURN

At 5:45 p.m., **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary