

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

May 15, 2007

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:06 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen, David Weathers (Chair), Mark Hounsell, Lawrence Martin, Gary Webster, and Howard C. Dickinson; 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.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

The Board reviewed and signed the manifest dated May 17, 2007.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve the minutes of 3/27/07 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF MASONIC LODGE CURB CUT
IN NORTH CONWAY VILLAGE

The Board held brief discussion regarding a curb cut in front of the Masonic Lodge in North Conway. Mr. Sires advised the area recently was curbed, however the DOT has held on doing the sidewalks for now. The Masonic Lodge presently still has a driveway. After brief discussion, Mr. Sires advised the Town would be requesting to have the curb tipped down so that the Lodge can use the driveway as they need same for deliveries and to access the building. The Board was okay with this

TREE PLANTING AT THE SCENIC VISTA

There was discussion regarding the NHDOT plans for trees at the Scenic Vista. Mr. Sires stated that Mr. Goucher of the NHDOT advised that trees will be planted and when grown you will see under the canopy of trees toward the view. The Board expressed concerns with the plan. Mr. Sires further advised that Ed Bergeron, Chair of the Intervale Scenic Vista Subcommittee has advised that he has not yet seen the final landscape plan. Mr. Sires suggested that if the Board has concerns they could be forwarded to that Committee. The Board discussed whether there should be no trees or if the trees should be clustered. After a discussion, it was agreed by the Board that a letter would be drafted to send to the subcommittee suggesting to protect the view and to maintain the view with as few trees as possible.

FIRST RIVER BRIDGE – CONDITION OF RIP RAP

Mr. Weathers reviewed the condition of the rip rap at First River Bridge. Mr. Weathers explained the area has not had any work done in many years and now needs attention to protect the banking. Mr. Weathers advised the character and integrity of the rip rap is not the same as it is over 30 years old. It was advised that the Town Engineer, Paul DegliAngeli, would like to take a look at this area to determine what needs to be done. Mr. Weathers suggested a letter be sent to NRCS after Mr. DegliAngeli reviews the area. The Board was in general agreement.

CONSIDERATION OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE IN AN AMOUNT LESS THAN \$5,000 NH RSA 31:95-B,III(B) / \$1,500 FROM DOROTHY CLOUGH TO THE TOWN OF CONWAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF A FLAG POLE, FLAG AND PLAQUE AT REDSTONE PARK

John Eastman joined the meeting. Mr. Eastman advised that he received correspondence from Dorothy Clough. Mrs. Clough's late husband was a longtime Fire Chief in Redstone and she would like to donate a flagpole, flag and stone in honor of her late husband and place it in the park in Redstone. Mrs. Clough does not want to rename the park, but would like to remove some old trees and have the flag pole location moved. Mr. Eastman further advised that residents have come in and expressed they would also like to see the pole moved back to where it used to be located. Mr. Eastman next reviewed a letter with the Board from Mrs. Clough's son, Gerald Clough, regarding this same matter. Mr. Eastman next reviewed the wording Mrs. Clough would like to see on the plaque would state that it be in memory of Gerald M. Clough. Mr. Sires next spoke about the removing trees in the park advising that normally the Town does not like to cut down trees, however, at this location they are ready to go as they are buckling the sundial, etc., Mr. Eastman further advised that Mr. Clough used to mow and take care of the park and now the town takes care of the park.

The Board held discussion. Mr. Hounsell pointed out that this is a Veteran's Park. Mr. Martin expressed concern with a single person being named on the plaque at the park and suggested that all veterans and fireman would be more appropriate instead of naming one single person. Mr. Dickinson questioned if the amount donated would be sufficient to do what was requested. Mr. Eastman advised that at this point he does not think he would need to spend more than the donation, however, as for the plaque this would be up to Mrs. Clough. Mr. Sires advised that his understanding is the plaque is a small piece of granite that would sit on the ground. There was further discussion regarding the proposed donation by Mrs. Clough and the dedication. **Mr. Hounsell moved to divide the question. The motion was seconded by Mr. Martin and carried unanimously. Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell, this flag pole be dedicated in memory of Gerald Clough, June 3, 1924-July 4, 2004. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that in accordance with RSA 31:95-B,III(b) that we accept the gift of \$1,500 from Dorothy Clough for the purchase of the flagpole, flag and aforementioned plaque at Redstone Park.** Mr. Weathers stated that if the estimate for the items is more than the donation that staff should advise. **The motion carried unanimously.** The Board next asked that Mr. Eastman bring a revised figure to the board before doing the work at the park. Mr. Eastman advised that they wanted the work done by July 4 to commemorate his passing if possible.

SUMMER SCHEUDLE

Mr. Weathers reviewed a proposed summer schedule with the Board. (See attached). **Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Webster to accept the schedule. The motion carried unanimously.**

UPDATE ON NORTH SOUTH ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT / RIGHT HAND TURN AT COMMON COURT

Public Works Director, Paul DegliAngeli, joined the meeting. Mr. DegliAngeli advised that the Mountain Valley Mall Boulevard access to North-South Road is closed. Mr. DegliAngeli advised he will be meeting with Hannaford representatives on Thursdays to discuss this situation. Hannaford has expressed they would like to see the road open but this is not possible as we can not safely do this during construction.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Bypass – Mr. Sires distributed a copy of a draft letter prepared for the Board to send to NHDOT Commissioner O'Leary regarding keeping the bypass components on track. **Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to send the letter as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

North Country Council – Mr. Sires reviewed a letter received from the North Country Council with the Board regarding the Transportation Committee and its membership. The letter states Conway hasn't appointed a person to the committee. The letter also states that Mr. Webster used to attend when he was a Selectman. Mr. Webster clarified that he never sat on this committee as a Board of Selectmen representative; he went for the railroad.

Mr. Hounsell stated that the North Country Council is not an organization the state should rely on to prioritize projects and they should rely on engineers and traffic analysts and not a political body. Mr. Dickinson suggested confronting Councilor Burton with the Board's feelings on this matter. It was agreed that a letter should be drafted to send. Mr. Webster suggested finding someone who knows the process and how this is broken down into regional planning areas and this might help to get a better understanding.

Community Development Advisory Committee – Mr. Sires advised he attended his first meeting with the Community Development Advisory Committee recently. Mr. Sires reviewed this committee advises on who get CDBG money and distributes money from the federal government. Mr. Sires further advised that while attending the meeting he was also there for the Town of Conway as an applicant for \$500,000 on behalf of the Conway Village Fire District (CVFD) for a water system. Mr. Sires next advised there was a mix up and no one was present from the CVFD to talk about the application and so the application was turned down but they are eligible to go back again in a few months.

Emergency Management – Mr. Sires advised the local emergency operation plan draft is done and is scheduled for a review forum next week. Mr. Sires next advised a table top exercise is planned for June 8 and any additions or changes will be made to the plan and then it will be before the Board for consideration.

Mr. Sires next advised that the Pandemic Flu Plan is done and has been submitted to the state. An educational forum for the community is planned for May 23, 2007 at the Gibson Center in North Conway. Phase two of the plan will begin soon; however, there needs to be a discussion first as this may go to the county level.

Legislative Bulletins – Mr. Sires distributed copies of the legislative bulletins to the Board for review.

NHDES – Mr. Sires reported the Town received a letter from Commissioner Burack regarding the Saco River Advisory Group. Mr. Burak is asking the Board to nominate three people to this committee. Mr. Sires asked the Board to consider this and if they would like to nominate three people this could be discussed again at a future meeting.

BOARD REPORTS

There were no Board reports or comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

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

At 5:28 p.m. Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, to go into non public session under RSA 91-A,II(e) to discuss a litigation matter. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

At 5:49 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 of the non public session was made a carried in non public session.

ADJOURN

At 5:50 pm., **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary