

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

May 29, 2007

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:04 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen Larry Martin (Chair), David Weathers, Gary Webster, Mark Hounsell 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 31, 2007.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell, to approve the regular and non public minutes of 4/3/07, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the minutes of 4/17/07 and 5/1/07 was carried to the next meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF LOSS PREVENTION
AND SAFETY PROGRAM MANUAL

Mr. Sires reviewed proposed changes made to the Loss Prevention and Safety Program Manual as suggested by the Board at a previous meeting. The Board was okay with the changes. Mr. Sires advised that he will now forward same back to the Police and Library Boards to adopt and then bring same back for formal adoption by this Board.

MOUNT WASHINGTON VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (MWVCC)/4TH OF JULY

Mary Seavey of the MWVCC advised she was here to ask the Board if they would entertain waiving fees for the MWVCC public event application for Fourth of July plans. Ms. Seavey stated there should be no charges for this event due to all that has gone on with construction etc. There was a discussion concerning fees by the Board. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, that all entities included in the North Conway Village Festival July 3-8, 2007 shall make application to the town for a public event permit and all fees shall be waived for the North Conway Village Festival for July 3-8, 2007 only.** Mr. Dickinson advised he was not in favor of waiving the fee as it is not a large amount of money. **The motion carried 3-2-0 with Messrs.**

Weathers, Hounsell and Webster voting in the affirmative and Messrs. Dickinson and Martin in the negative. Recreation Director, John Eastman clarified and the Board agreed that this does not include any toilet charges, staging, etc, and pertains to the application for license for public event only. Ms. Seavey understood and agreed.

UPDATE ON FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION PLANS

Recreation Director, John Eastman, joined the meeting to update the Board regarding the Town's plan for the Fourth of July celebration. Mr. Eastman advised the fireworks and entertainment have been booked for the fourth. The fireworks this year will be choreographed to music. Mr. Eastman reviewed the parade route with the Board and also advised that Miss New Hampshire is the grand marshal for the parade. Mr. Eastman next advised that the vendors are also ready and there is one final meeting scheduled with the vendors to review information. Mr. Eastman next advised that a schedule of activities is available on line.

UPDATE ON SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS

Recreation Director, John Eastman, provided the Board with a brief update on registrations to date for summer recreation programs. Mr. Eastman advised there have been 115 registrations as of today. Early registrations are going very well, they are not quite at half but more than normal for this time of year. Mr. Eastman next advised there have been no complaints as of yet and that he has had supportive calls from people interested in contributing to the scholarship program.

Mr. Eastman next briefly advised on the swim program noting that the price has remained the same for residents and the costs has been raised for non residents.

UPDATE ON NORTH-SOUTH ROAD

Public Works Director, Paul DegliAngeli, joined the meeting to update the Board regarding construction on the North-South Road. Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed that the southern roundabouts curbing is almost complete on the islands and the drainage and pavements are in. The top pavement is expected in the next week. Mr. DegliAngeli advised that, at this point, they are on schedule for a completion date of June 15.

Mr. Webster questioned if there will be added signage with the new roundabout and will the speed limit need to change on the road. Mr. DegliAngeli advised the speed limit for the roundabout is 15 mph and there will be customary warning signs for approaching and entering the roundabout.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Calendars – Mr. Sires pointed out that that the larger calendars have been provided in the conference room as requested by a Selectman.

Emergency Management – Mr. Sires reported a All Health Hazards Forum was held last Wednesday evening at the Gibson Center in North Conway. Approximately 35 people attended. Representatives from almost all of the eight area towns involved attended. Mr. Sires next reported a table top exercise is scheduled for Friday, June 8, 2007 at Conway Village Fire.

Special Event Application – Mr. Sires reported the application for Special Event discussed at the last meeting for the Harley Owners Group (HOG) is now looking at blocking some parking spaces on a side street instead on Norcross Circle where busses park and this would be easier to block off. If the Board is okay with this option staff would look into this with the event holder. The Board was okay with looking at this option.

Evergreen Communities LLC/Jay Waterman – Mr. Sires reported that Jay Waterman of Evergreen Communities LLC is looking for a letter of support from the Board of Selectmen. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that we do not provide a letter of support.** Mr. Webster stated his concern with putting out a letter of support is that this Board only received a brief presentation on the project, there has been no Planning Board presentation yet, etc., and he feels there needs to be more research done and more presentations made on this matter. Mr. Webster further added he does not view this as workforce housing for this communities at the figures that were presented. Mr. Martin stated he follows along with Mr. Webster's statements in this matter and also is surprised that it isn't limited to applicants of this area. Mr. Weathers and Mr. Hounsell also added they agreed as well. Mr. Hounsell also stated he felt that studies were needed regarding impact fees for schools etc. The Board next briefly discussed restating the motion in the affirmative. **Mr. Webster withdrew his second and Mr. Hounsell withdrew his motion. Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, to forward a letter of support. The motion failed 0-5-0.** The Board agreed that Town Manager, Earl Sires, would send along a note to Mr. Waterman advising this Board would not be sending a letter of support.

Legislative Bulletin – Mr. Sires distributed copies of the recent legislative bulletin to the Board for review.

Fair and Equitable Magazine – Mr. Sires reported that that Assessor, Tom Holmes, has article published in Fair and Equitable Magazine this month.

BOARD REPORTS

Infrastructure Planning Committee – Mr. Dickinson reported that he and Mr. Hounsell met this past Thursday with the Planning Board to discuss the Infrastructure Planning Committee. The Planning Board took and vote and appointed Bob Drinkhall as their representative to the Infrastructure Planning Committee. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for June 6, 2007.

Valley Vision – Mr. Webster advised that an editing station is now at Valley Vision. Anyone interested in providing video can do so and Valley Vision will show you how.

Workforce Housing – Mr. Webster commented that with regard to workforce housing he would need to hear from other people and would need to hear other support for the project. Mr. Webster further commented that he does not feel that it makes sense to go right out and endorse this project right away without more information. Mr. Hounsell agreed and added that more discussion needs to be held as well.

Olympic Lane – Mr. Hounsell commented that with regard to Olympic Lane he has heard that the school may be making claim to Olympic Lane now saying that it is their road. Mr. Hounsell stated he feels this needs to be settled once and for all and he has no reason at this point to think it is not the Town's road. Mr. Hounsell next advised he would like to see a deed for the road.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

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

Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to go into non public session under NH RSA 91-A,II(e) to discussion litigation matters. It was noted the non public session would include Town Attorney, Peter Malia, Town Manager, Earl Sires, and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell. **The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

The Board returned to public session at 5:35 p.m. A motion to seal the minutes was made and carried in non public session.

ADJOURN

Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Dickinson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary