

Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

January 29, 2008

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:20 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen C. David Weathers (Chair), Mark Hounsell, Larry Martin, Gary Webster, and Howard C. Dickinson; Town Manager, Earl W. Sires; and Recording Secretary, Holly Meserve.

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 January 31, 2008.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell, to approve the minutes of 12/18/07 regular meeting and non public meetings as written. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO
CHANGE SIGNAGE AT DIANA'S BATH

Mr. Sires stated that Terry Miller of the Forest Service sent a letter to Chief Edward Wagner regarding the current signs along the West Side Road at Diana's Bath. Mr. Sires stated that the Forest Service would like the Board of Selectmen to send a letter to the State requesting the replacement of the existing eight signs with four signs that just states "No Parking" instead of "No Parking on Pavement".

Mr. Sires stated that the Forest Service believes the current signs encourage parking along the shoulder of the road and they would prefer the signs to just state "No Parking". Mr. Sires stated that it has become a popular site, especially in the summer, and often there are more people than parking spaces even though they have expanded their parking lot. Mr. Sires stated that the police would continue to enforce it the same way they are currently enforcing that area.

Mr. Weathers asked what Chief Wagner thinks. Mr. Sires stated it doesn't seem to matter either way to him. Mr. Hounsell stated that it is fine the way it is. Mr. Martin agreed with Mr. Hounsell. **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, for the signage to remain as it is at the entrance of Diana's Bath on the upper end of West Side Road. Motion unanimously carried.**

CONSIDERATION OF INVESTMENT POLICY

Lucy Philbrick, Finance Director, appeared before the Board. The Board reviewed the Annual Investment Policy. (A copy of same is attached hereto). Ms. Philbrick submitted new copies and stated that she added additional accounts to the ones that were in the packets given to them earlier.

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell, to reaffirm the policy on investments of public funds. The motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF QUESTIONNAIRE
FROM EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Mr. Sires reviewed the answers to the questionnaire from Plodzick & Sanderson with the Board.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST BY NHMA FOR 2008 CONTRIBUTION
FROM THE TOWN TO SUPPORT LITIGATION AGAINST ADDITIONAL
RETIREMENT COSTS OF THE NH RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Mr. Sires stated that they have requested \$1,304.69. **Mr. Martin moved to send the money to fight this battle.** Mr. Weathers stated since there was no second the motion failed.

CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC WORKS
UNION AGREEMENT RATIFICATION

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to ratify the agreement. Motion unanimously carried (5-0-0).

CONSIDERATION OF WARRANT ARTICLES

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF CONWAY AND AFSCME #93, LOCAL 859, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to put on the warrant as written. Motion unanimously carried (5-0-0).**

MAINTENANCE OF TOWN BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES CAPITAL RESERVE FUND – Mr. Sires stated that this has gone up \$50,000 this year to generate needed funding for the service garage. Mr. Webster asked if the

project as envisioned included the generator as part of the grant and if granted, would the money would be reduced or was the generator something we wanted, but had not priced out. Mr. Sires answered the latter.

Mr. Webster asked if these articles had all been before the Budget Committee for comment. Mr. Sires stated that the Board could wait to act on them. Mr. Martin stated the Board could not go through these articles until after Saturday when the Budget Committee has reviewed the non-profits.

Mr. Hounsell moved to formally forward Articles 5 through 13 with our recommendation of support to the Budget Committee. Mr. Webster stated what appears in the recommendation line is how the Board votes at the end. Mr. Webster stated that the Board has voted in principal, but wait for the final vote until they come back from the Budget Committee.

Mr. Dickinson stated that the articles the Budget Committee squabbled about were the increase in the stipends for Board of Selectmen and the Supervisors of the Checklist. Mr. Dickinson stated that they came to no conclusion. Mr. Hounsell asked if we are the Selectmen and prepare our warrant, but he would yield to the rest of the Board. Mr. Webster stated that the Articles have already been sent to the Budget Committee and the motion would only confuse the issue. Mr. Martin stated that he doesn't think the Board of Selectmen take their final vote until after the Budget Committee's final recommendation because if they change something the Board of Selectmen has to discuss it amongst themselves.

Mr. Martin stated that the Board of Selectmen representative to the Budget Committee has said there was considerable discussion regarding Articles 12 and 13. Mr. Dickinson stated the Supervisor of the Checklist should meet with the Budget Committee and explain how the figure was determined. Mr. Dickinson stated that he tried to explain to them what she had explained to us. Mr. Hounsell stated that he has no problem waiting for the Budget Committee, but the Board needs to vote on them separately at some point. The Board agreed to wait.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

There was no report.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

OLYMPIC LANE: Mr. Dickinson asked about Olympic Lane. Mr. Weathers stated that it is on the agenda for next week. Mr. Dickinson asked if he and Mr. Hounsell should speak with the Principals and find out what we could on the situation and to have it clear what the needs are. Mr. Hounsell stated he doesn't think that should be done given the vote from last week. Mr. Hounsell

stated if we can is different than should we, and the should we should take place after if we can. Mr. Hounsell stated he doesn't think we should talk to anyone.

BYPASS MAPS: Mr. Hounsell stated that there should be a ceremonial removal of the bypass maps in the meeting room. Mr. Webster stated that two of the three phases should be removed.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: Mr. Weathers stated that he is attending a public hearing this hearing on behalf of the Conway Conservation Commission in regard to a new crossing for the Conway Scenic Railroad.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

ADJOURN

Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly L. Meserve
Recording Secretary