

**Minutes of Meeting  
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

February 19, 2008

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:17 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen C. David Weathers (Chair), Larry Martin, Gary Webster, Mark Hounsell 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 February 21, 2008.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was agreed that consideration of the minutes would be carried to the next meeting.

SCHOULER PARK EVENT SIGN

It was agreed that discussion on the agenda item concerning the event sign in Schouler Park would be carried to the next meeting.

CONSENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF CONWAY AND NORTH  
CONWAY WATER PRECINCT RELATING TO TOWN EASEMENTS FOR  
RECREATIONAL TRAIL IN THE VICINITY OF KENNETT HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Sires distributed a copy of a proposed Consent Agreement between the Town of Conway and North Conway water precinct regarding town easements for a recreational trail in the vicinity of Kennett High School and briefly reviewed same with the Board. Mr. Sires explained this agreement would allow the North Conway Water Precinct to install pipe in the area.

The Board held brief discussion and agreed they would like to have Mr. Kelley from Attorney Dewhurst's office come in and give further explanation regarding this proposed agreement. Mr. Hounsell stated that due to a lack of information on this matter he is making a **motion to table**. **The motion was seconded by Mr. Martin and carried unanimously.**

### CONSIDERATION OF 2008 WARRANT

Mr. Sires asked the Board to consider the warrant for signing and posting later this week. Mr. Sires asked the Board for a motion to sign the Warrant out of session. Mr. Sires next reviewed that there are three articles that still need consideration by the Board.

Mr. Sires distributed a draft warrant to date for the Board's review. Mr. Sires reviewed the Budget Committee made changes to the operating budget at their most recent meeting and this is reflected on the draft warrant. Also the article on the draft warrant dealing with a request for \$20,000 for a review of the sign ordinance (#12 on the draft) is being struck from the warrant at this time. Mr. Sires explained this article can not go on the warrant at this time as it was not on the draft warrant at the public hearing last week.

The Board first reviewed the petitioned article concerning Jefferson Road and Lincoln Circle. Public Works Director, Paul DegliAngeli, joined the meeting and reviewed this is the second year this was petitioned. Mr. DegliAngeli next advised that this road was recently constructed and is up to town road standards. Mr. Hounsell questioned if this road goes through to another road. Mr. DegliAngeli advised that it does not, it is purely a subdivision road. Mr. Hounsell questioned the length. Mr. DegliAngeli advised he did not have the exact information on hand but would estimate it at ¼ mile. Mr. Martin questioned if there would be a burden as far as costs or trucks. Mr. DegliAngeli advised that every time a road is accepted costs increase as there will be more salt, plowing, paving, etc. Mr. Hounsell questioned if staff had a recommendation on this matter. Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed that during his 15 year tenure staff does not make recommendation on matters such as this and only advises if it meets town standards and, in this case, it does. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that the Board of Selectmen place its recommendation on this article on the town warrant.** Mr. Hounsell stated he feels they have complied and brought the road to town standards. Mr. Webster agreed and added that they have gone through the process and these folks have every right to do this. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

The Board next reviewed the petitioned article for Holly Ridge Road, etc. Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed this matter has been before the voters before. Mr. DegliAngeli next advised that this subdivision is 50% built out and there continues to be some problems with the subdivision and there is a new owner now. Mr. DegliAngeli further explained the reason we don't accept roads while construction continues is that there will be dump trucks and gravel, etc over the roadways. Mr. DegliAngeli further advised there is also a pending design for a water system in this area and some of the pipe is in the road. Potentially, there may be a need to work on the infrastructure. Mr. DegliAngeli stated that for these reason these roads don't meet the town criteria at this time. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that the Board of Selectmen place a not recommended statement on Article 30 of the town warrant. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

There was next a brief discussion by the Board regarding whether they should place a position at this point on the petitioned article concerning Burbank Road. It was pointed out that if further information is received, the Board's position could be clarified

at town meeting. The Board agreed no recommendation would be placed on the Burbank Road petitioned article at this time.

Operating Budget – Mr. Sires advised the Budget Committee has considered a new figure for the proposed operating budget of \$9,173,865. The Budget Committee supported increasing the Budget \$100,000 for snow removal, etc, however, the new budget figure reflects the Budget Committee's lack of support for an additional police officer. The Budget Committee recommends \$9,173,865 as a proposed operating budget and \$8,999,023 for the default budget.

Police Chief, Ed Wagner, stated that he is in favor of one full time police officer. Chief Wagner stated that he takes offense to the reasons given by the Budget Committee for not supporting the additional officer. Chief Wagner further added that to accuse that the Police Department went on a fishing expedition during the New Year's Eve is a total slap in the face to the Police Department, to the Police Commission, and to all the men and women who serve in that capacity. Chief Wagner stated they do not go on fishing expeditions and they uphold the laws of the state. Chief Wagner next explained that two years ago the Police Department was going to ask for an additional police officer and held off. Chief Wagner explained that crime is going up and is getting worse. Chief Wagner urged the Board of Selectmen to continue to support the new police officer position.

Mr. Hounsell stated he is in agreement with the Chief. The Board explained the proposed budget at this time is the Budget Committee's number and the Board supports the rest of the budget but also supports the additional police officer. The Board held brief discussion. The Board agreed they would support the budget as it is now. The Board suggested that Commissioners speak in support of the officer at the Deliberative Session of Town Meeting and try to get the money restored. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that the Board of Selectmen go on record that they support the new full time position for the Police Department. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

**Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that we recommend the Budget Committee figure for Article 4.** The Budget Committee's figure is \$9,173,865. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Article 14 and Article 27 – The articles for Elderly Exemption from Property Tax and Exemption for the Disabled were briefly discussed. It was discussed that you can get one not both exemptions. Mr. Hounsell asked if the Budget Committee took positions on these articles. Mr. Dickinson advised the Budget Committee took a position on Article 14 but not Article 27. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that we do not recommend Article 27.** Mr. Hounsell stated we need more information on this. Mr. Dickinson suggested just leaving it blank. Mr. Hounsell stated that this is a money article and the Board should place a recommendation with the Article. Mr. Sires Stated that the Board places recommendations on articles that raise and appropriate, although this article does have financial impact. Mr. Webster pointed out that Tax Assessor, Tom Holmes and others will speak to this article at the Deliberative Portion of Town Meeting. Mr. Hounsell stated that he could not support this right now as it does have an impact and it would be helpful for the public to hear from us on these types of things. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

**Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to post the warrant and authorize signature out of session. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

There was no Town Manager Report.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Dickinson commented that he appreciated the Board's support with regard to it being okay to vote on articles at the Budget Committee meeting as he is the Board's representative.

Mr. Martin commented on being at 15 days with no cigarettes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

Casey Conley of the Conway Daily Sun questioned where the Warrant would be posted. Mr. Sires advised the Town Warrant would be posted at the Center Conway Post Office, North Conway Post Office, Conway Post Office, Town Hall, Conway Community Building and Kennett High School.

ADJOURN

**At 5:05 p.m., Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell  
Executive Secretary