

## **Minutes of Meeting CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

April 1, 2008

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:03 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 April 3, 2007.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to approve the minutes of 2/12/08, 2/18/08, 2/19/08, 3/4/08 regular & non public, and 3/11/08 as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Sires advised that Administrative Assistant, Jean Simon, is sitting in on the meeting today to cross train for minute taking.

### PRESENTATION TO SELECTMAN GARY WEBSTER

Mr. Weathers advised this was Mr. Webster's last meeting as a member of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Weathers presented Mr. Webster with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Board of Selectmen for his nine years of service on the Board. Mr. Dickinson presented Mr. Webster with a Selectman's Badge.

Mr. Sires stated that on behalf of himself and the town staff, we have all enjoyed working with Mr. Webster immensely. The Board members all thanked Mr. Webster for the pleasure of working with him.

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL 8 VOTING DAY

Mr. Webster advised that he will be on vacation that day and will not be available.

The Board members agreed to following schedule for April 8 voting day at the polls: Mark Hounsell 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Howard Dickinson 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.; and, Larry Martin 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It was unclear to the Board members if Mr. Weathers could work the polls since he was up for reelection and therefore no assignment time was given.

VALLEY VISION

Equipment Request – **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, that we approve the funding of the purchase of camera at \$3,506 but to also include letter of notification that is the extent of what we have available until the next contract The motion carried unanimously.**

Revised Memorandum of Agreement – Mr. Sires distributed a copy of the revised Valley Vision Memorandum of Agreement to the Board for review with changes made as suggested at last meeting. Mr. Sires advised this agreement will be sent for signature after town meeting.

PAVERS IN NORTH CONWAY

Mr. Sires reviewed that we were asked to re-agenda this matter once financial information was received from the Mount Washington Valley Preservation Association. Mr. Sires advised the information has been received and they have asked that it be kept confidential. Per NH RSA 91-A, **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, that this information be kept confidential until such time that we have been told that it can not be. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Hounsell stated he would like to further question whether or not the funding coming in for the pavers would only be used within the Town of Conway and not surrounding communities. Mr. Hounsell further added that if this money is being raised then why is the Town of Conway not doing it.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Report – Mr. Sires reported the 2007 Town Report is in and copies are available at Town Hall, Conway Public Library, Gibson Center, North Conway Library, Conway, Intervale, Kearsarge, and North Conway, Post Offices; and Hannaford and Shaws Supermarkets and Webster's Country Store.

HB1645 – Mr. Sires distributed HB1645 Omnibus bill to the Board and briefly reviewed same. The bill deals with proposed retirement fund changes. Mr. Sires asked the Board to review this information for further discussion. Mr. Sires advised the Senate would be holding public hearings on this matter in the next several weeks.

Code of Ethics - Mr. Sires distributed a copy of a draft revised Code of Ethics for the board to review for discussion at a future meeting.

Methadone Clinic – The Board asked for information on the proposed Methadone Clinic. Mr. Sires advised he has put calls in to Community Health Care Inc which is out of Massachusetts. This organization has also been in contact with Conway Police Department and will be contacting the hospital and also intend to contact town. Mr. Sires further advised that we are trying to set up further contacts and will try to get a briefing in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Dickinson advised that he has no interest whatsoever in a methadone clinic in our valley. Mr. Dickinson also suggested the Conway Daily Sun put a teletalk question to the public on the issue - Do you think we have a heroin problem in the

valley? Mr. Dickinson stated he does not feel there is a need for this and we have enough social problems and once people find they can sustain their problem they will come here. **Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell that we do whatever we can to block the establishment of a methadone clinic in the Town of Conway and the Mount Washington Valley.** There was discussion by the Board. Mr. Dickinson felt the DHHS should also be contacted on the matter expressing the Board's concerns. Mr. Hounsell suggested adding this to the motion. **Mr. Hounsell withdrew his second and Mr. Dickinson withdrew his motion. Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson that the Board of Selectmen instruct the Town manager to contact the Department of Health and Human Services to express our concern relating to the introduction of a methadone clinic within the Town of Conway.** There was further discussion regarding the need of a clinic in the valley and also concerns of drawing people from other areas to Conway for the clinic. There was discussion of why, geographically, this site would be chosen instead of Maine or Massachusetts. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

#### BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Gary Webster – Mr. Webster stated it has been “quite a ride” and thank you very much for allowing him to serve as a Selectman. Mr. Dickinson urged Mr. Webster to come back and visit the Board from time to time.

Town Report – Mr. Martin commented that the 2007 Town Report is a good report; however, he is partial to another year's report where he appears on the cover. Mr. Dickinson stated he felt the Town has a good chance of winning the Town Report contest this year.

April Fools – Mr. Hounsell stated this is a good day that reminds us of what goes on the other 364 days of the year.

Meeting Schedule - Mr. Weathers reminded everyone the next meeting date is April 15, 2008.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

Casey Conley of the Conway Daily Sun questioned if any special permit was required for a methadone clinic. Mr. Sires advised they will have to come in and apply.

#### ADJOURN

At 4:40 p.m., **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell  
Executive Secretary