

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
December 9, 2008

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), C. David Weathers, Mark Hounsell, Howard C. Dickinson and Bob Drinkhall; 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.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Chairman Martin advised there were several adjustments to today's Agenda. Agenda Item 7-Consideration of Unanticipated Revenue, Item 9-Contract for CDBG Grant CVFD and Item 14-Non-Public Session regarding a driveway permit are being rescheduled for future meetings. There were no objections raised by the Board.

Mr. Martin also advised there is other information for review. Mr. Sires advised there is a letter from the Moderator, Ken Cargill regarding the upcoming election. Mr. Sires also advised there are letters received from the public regarding Valley Vision and one letter asked to be read to the public.

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 December 11, 2008.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of minutes was carried to the next meeting.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

There were no special event applications for consideration.

CONSIDERATION OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE LESS THAN  
\$5,000/RSA 31:95-B, III (B): \$200 FROM ROTARY TO CONWAY PD

This agenda item was rescheduled to a future meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF 2009 PROPOSED BUDGET

Executive - The Board agreed to take the following motion off the table: To adjust line item #0140 to \$8500. The Board briefly reviewed this was a reduction from \$9,000 to 8,500. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Elections – There was no changes to the elections budget.

Finance – The Board agreed to take the following motion off the table: To adjust line item #0455 to \$2,000. Mr. Sires advised seminars was reduced \$300. Mr. Sires commented we will try to take advantage of free training. Jim Lefebvre was in the audience and asked about video conferencing. Mr. Sires advised we can do courses through the computer we don't have video conferencing. We can ask about this through the college. There were no further comments. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Assessing - Discussion was held on this item until the Assessor, Tom Holmes could join the meeting.

Legal - The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #0570 to \$55,000. There was a review of the reduction of \$5,000 from the legal budget. Mr. Sires reviewed that \$60,000 was based on the fact that at the time we put the budget together some of the cases we not settled. We have just won a significant motion on a case and now it appears we may be able to reduce legal; however, we don't know what other cases will come up. Public comment: Karen Umberger questioned how much the Town planned to encumber from this years legal budget. Mr. Sires and Ms. Philbrick advised zero. Mr. Philbrick further advised the legal line has been overspent. No further public comments. **The motion carried 5-0-0.** Legal was reduced from \$60,000 to \$55,000.

Planning and Zoning - The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #0630 to \$1300. It was reviewed this was a reduction in training. Mr. Sires reviewed this was a \$200 reduction. There were no public comments. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Government Buildings - The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #0670 to \$5,500. It was reviewed this was a reduction of \$500. Ms. Philbrick advised this could be reduced \$1,000, from \$6,000 to \$5,000 **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall to amend the motion before us to change the number on 0670 from \$500 to \$1000 reduction to show a final number of \$5,000.** Mr. Sires commented on adjusting down for current conditions but, as always, we don't know what the future will bring on fuel costs and this can be discussed again at town meeting if necessary. There were no comments from the public. **The motion carried as amended 5-0-0.** Line #0670 adjusts from \$6,000 to \$5,000.

The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #0705 to \$32,000. Ms. Philbrick advised this line could go down to \$27,000. **Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, that we adjust line #0705, garage heat, from \$34,170 to \$27,000 a reduction of \$7170.** There were no comments from the public. **The motion carried as amended 5-0-0.** Line #0705 adjusts from \$34,170 to \$27,000.

The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #0735 to \$13,500. The Board reviewed this was a reduction of \$1,749. Ms. Philbrick reviewed no further reductions for this line. Ms. Umberger questioned what the town paid last year. Mr. Sires advised it varied. Ms. Philbrick advised the last delivery was \$2.47. No further public comments. **The motion carried 5-0-0.** Line item #0735 adjusts to \$13,500.

The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #0748 to \$1400. Ms. Philbrick advised this could be adjusted to \$1,300, **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, to adjust line #0748 to \$1300.** It was reviewed this would be a reduction of \$200 total. **The motion carried 5-0-0.** Line item #0748 adjusts to \$1,300.

It was agreed budget discussions would resume after hearing the next discussion.

#### DISCUSSION ON ELECTIONS AND POLLING PLACES

Moderator, Ken Cargill, discussed polling places for future elections with the Board. Mr. Cargill advised the calendar is being set by the school for the next year and we need to advise regarding the upcoming election locations. Mr. Cargill advised this spring the election will be held at the Conway Recreation Building and Mr. Cargill suggested that we don't want to change the location the following year unless we know it will be permanent. Mr. Cargill advised that in the 2009-2010 year there will be two elections and in 2010-2011 there will be three elections and he is not sure if the school can accommodate the three elections and he is wrestling with this to make sure the change is permanent. Mr. Cargill went on to state that he would like to request that the school include on the 2010-2011 calendar space for the town election at the High School. He would like to work with the Town Clerk and others over the next year to come up with a permanent schedule and if we can't come up with a permanent schedule the he would have to have the elections at Conway Recreation.

Mr. Klement, a member of the School Board, was present in the audience and suggested approaching the board to see if a teacher workshop could be rescheduled to accommodate the election and to ask for a permanent place at the high school. Mr. Klement suggested calling tomorrow as there will be a meeting Thursday to talk about the calendar. Mr. Cargill advised that he did speak with Carl Nelson who explained there are many things to consider logistically in planning this out.

There was next a discussion regarding the costs associated with having the elections at the Recreation Center and the High School and the additional costs associated with having the election at the High School. Mr. Dickinson advised he is opposed to changing the location if there are additional costs. Mr, Cargill advised of the election laws and also that the Recreation Center is no an appropriate location to hold the elections.

#### CONSIDERATION OF 2009 PROPOSED BUDGET (continued)

Assessing - Tax Assessor, Tom Holmes, joined the meeting. The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #0565 to \$42,279. The Board reviewed this was a reduction of \$340. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #0532 to \$0. The Board reviewed this was an adjustment from \$5500 to \$0 for assessing temps. Mr. Holmes reviewed there has been a summer intern since 1993 to cover the office so that he and Dale can go out into the field. Mr. Holmes further went on to explain that later he had found that they still didn't always get around to checking random properties and in 2001 they took a look at data and advised they needed to do something about this as well. Mr. Holmes reviewed the town does not have the strictest building permit enforcement, etc., and the intern has been trained and certified by the DRA now and checks measurements for exterior and/or interior changes. This person

increases the tax bases by finding things – he finds basements, decks, porches, garages, etc and this broadens the tax base and the position pays for itself. Also, the Assessing Department gets to visit people and he feels this instills public confidence that everyone is being assessed fairly and, further, this helps us to stay current so that we don't have to do all of this in one year. Otherwise, we would have to hire a company to do this work in one year. Mr. Holmes stated he feels it is wise assessment administration. Mr. Holmes further added that DRA will be here next year and will randomly check properties and, if a certain amount of properties are incorrect, they will mandate a revaluation of the entire town. Mr. Holmes advised he is asking the Board for reconsideration on this line item. There was next a public comment regarding support of the intern program that we have had during the course of the summer. Mr. Holmes next stated a lot of work was done in the past with the intern and we passed with flying colors and we can't risk not passing the next evaluation. Mr. Holmes stated he doesn't feel this is the place to make a cut. Bob Barriault was in the audience and questioned if this is someone who is already on with the town and does this work. Mr. Holmes advised this person is hired for the summer, no benefits, etc. Mr. Dickinson stated that he had previously made a motion regarding this line but now after listening to Mr. Holmes he feels it would be a mistake to cut this out. A vote was taken and the **motion failed 1-4-0 with Mr. Hounsell voting in the affirmative and Messrs. Drinkhall, Dickinson, Weathers and Martin voting in the negative.**

Police – Chief Wagner joined the meeting. The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #0870 to \$1,096,186. The Board reviewed this was a reduction of \$22,000. Chief Wagner reviewed number and statistics, incidents, criminal offenses, etc, and the increases to same with the Board. The Chief also review accident and other incidents with the Board. The Chief advised he can not agree with this cut of \$22,000. The Chief further advised that he came up with decrease of \$9,000 in the labor line total. There was brief discussion. Mr. Martin moved the question on the \$22,000 reduction. **The motion failed 0-4-0.**

**Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, that line item 0870 would be reduced by \$9,648.** There was discussion regarding dispatcher pay, holiday pay and the reduction. **Mr. Drinkhall withdrew his second and Mr. Hounsell withdrew his motion.**

**Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, that we amend the police labor figure from \$1,647,386 to \$1,637,736 resulting in a decrease of \$9,648.** Ms. Umberger requested further explanation. Mr. Martin advised that \$9,648 is being removed from the labor and the police will get together with staff to determine which lines. There was further discussion. (The Board agreed they needed to act on another motion that was tabled from the previous week before action on this motion). **Mr. Weathers withdrew his second and Mr. Dickinson withdrew his motion.**

The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #0880 to \$25,000. It was reviewed this was a reduction of \$10,000. **The motion failed 0-5-0.**

**Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, that the total labor figure be reduced from \$1,647,386 to \$1,637,736 for a savings of \$9,648.** Mr. Martin asked for public comments. There were none. Mr. Drinkhall stated this is less than the original cut the Board was looking for and he is not sure he goes for this and would like to see more of a cut. Mr. Hounsell questioned where is labor you could take it from. Mr. Drinkhall asked for suggestions to come from the police department internally and think that they need to share in pain of cutting. Chief Wagner explained \$20,000 not

negotiable as the town voted on this as something they wanted. Mr. Drinkhall again stated he would still like to see more reduction. The Chief stated they are sharing the burden and has made reductions. After further discussion a vote was taken and the **motion carried 5-0-0.**

**Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall to reduce the benefits budget from \$637,155 to \$631,463, a reduction of \$5,692. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #1130 to \$1800. The Board reviewed this reduction was from \$2,300 to \$1,800. **The motion failed 0-5-0.**

The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #1240 to \$2,600. **The motion failed 0-5-0.**

The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #1289 to \$0. **The motion failed 0-5-0.**

**Mr. Weathers moved to reduce the police Operations budget to \$500 to \$144,451. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #1305 to \$9,000. The Board reviewed this would be a reduction from \$11,000 to \$9,000. **The motion failed 0-5-0.**

**Mr. Weather moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, to reduce Police Vehicles budget from \$78,973 to \$69,873 for a savings of \$9,000.** Mr. Barriault questioned where is the source of savings? Chief Wagner replied gasoline. Mr. Barriault stated he reviewed figures and feels there should be a reduction of \$14,000. Ms. Philbrick explained the drops of gas are monthly. The Chief explained the average is 2100 a month and the drops are about four times per year. Police Commissioner Doherty added that you also never know what you will be paying for fuel and it is hard to estimate this number. There was discussion regarding the pricing. Mr. Drinkhall stated he thinks the price is now as good as it gets and will only go up from here. Mr. Hounsell commented that it would be dangerous to reduce this number and need to be budget wise on this item. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Inspections - The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #1365 to \$500. It was reviewed that this is a \$100 reduction from \$600 to \$500. Mr. Sires explained that we will try to find training and seminars at cheaper costs. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Highway - The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #1570 to \$135,211. The Board reviewed this reduction was from \$180,211 to \$135,211 and is a \$45,000 reduction. There was a discussion regarding the suggestion to reduce salt use on flat side roads. Mr. Sires advised that staff recommendation is to continue current treatment of all roads. There was further discussion regarding salt use, purchase and storage. There was also a discussion regarding sanding along with salt. Highway Foreman, Andrew Smith explained the use of sand and salt mixtures used on the roads to the Board. There was next brief discussion by the Board on the possible effect to emergency vehicles if there were a reduction of salt on the road. After further discussion, Mr. Hounsell stated that he cant grasp not salting some road and salting others. Further, he has no experience with salt and yields to staff on this matter. Mr. Martin stated he cant agree with not salting from an emergency response point of view

as time is of the essence and, also the liability aspect is also important. Mr. Martin further added that snow packs and turns icy and not everyone has four wheel drive and this could compound problems for some people. Mr. Martin stated he cant not support this cut. Mr. Hounsell next stated that if there were a number lower than this he may be able to support it; however, it if is in the budget and we don't need to spend it we wont. Mr. Sires state that also, like other commodity items, when we get to March we can always adjust the number at town meeting if needed. Mr. Dickinson agreed regarding the Town meeting adjustment and requested the Board be kept apprised of the numbers. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to amend wherein the \$45,000 reduction is changed to \$10,000. The motion carried 5-0-0. The final budget number is \$170,211.**

The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #1383 to \$0. Mr. Sires commented they were going to use the intern for data gathering and other task but can live with this cut. **The motion carried 5-0.**

The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #15300 to \$87,000. The Board reviewed this is a reduction from \$92,000 to \$87,000. It is a reduction for lighting of \$5,000. Mr. Sires commented this matter is being researched with the power company to find out more about turning off the lights. Need to look at this from a billing and contractual standpoint and some areas may be able to cancel the lighting and other areas different. Also, the Board have also asked to look at other areas throughout the town but this would require mapping, etc. The Board discussed whether to hold on this item or discuss take action and then if any changes could be changed at the deliberative session. The Board agreed to action. A vote was taken and the **motion carried 5-0-0.**

The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #1540 to \$103,000. Mr. Sires reviewed the town could not remove snow from sidewalk if the Board so chooses. It was clarified that this would pertain to the sidewalks in the area from Burger King to Artist Falls. Ms. Umberger stated she thought we had a contractor to plow those sidewalks and questioned if we can renegotiate the contract. Mr. Sires commented the contract is open and it can be negotiated. Mr. Klement commented if you don't plow the sidewalks people will have to walk in the street. Mr. Drinkhall stated this started out as a reduction of removal on the sidewalk. You can still remove the snow with a snow blower on the sidewalk. Highway Foreman Andrew Smith commented our contractor does have a snow blower but the problem is where to put the snow, he can't plug basins, can' put it in on business front walks or on residents front lawns, etc. There was discussion of Barnes to MacMillan. A vote was taken and the **motion failed 2-3-0 with Messrs. Drinkhall and Weathers in the affirmative and Messrs. Dickinson, Hounsell and Martin voting in the negative.**

The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #1560 to \$400,000. This was a reduction from \$415,760. There was no discussion. **The motion carried 3-2-0 with Messrs. Dickinson, Hounsell and Weathers in the affirmative and Messrs. Drinkhall and Martin in the negative.**

At 6:10 p.m. Chairman Martin called for a brief recess of the meeting. The Chair reconvened the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Chairman Martin noted that with regard to the Valley Vision matter, he knows there are people here to speak on this matter and advised this will be a warrant article and is not scheduled for discussion tonight. Mr. Martin noted comments on the matter will be accepted under the public comment period.

The Board next continued with the budget discussions.

**Executive – Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell, to reconsider the motion made on the Executive budget for item 0140 from \$9,000 to \$8,000. The motion to reconsider carried 5-0-0.**

Mr. Dickinson stated he would like to see the Executive budget line 0140 further reduced by \$6,500 to make it \$2,500 as he wants to withdraw from the Municipal Association. He feels we have the best Assessor, Planner, Attorney and an extremely astute Town Manager and all the other staff is outstanding as well. Further, when he went to the Municipal Association with four floor proposals he was criticized for not giving them enough time when we did everything according to their instructions. Mr. Dickinson stated he feels appropriate not to join this year and see how we do. Mr. Hounsell stated slight Mr. Dickinson received was not personal and what he was doing was by a vote of this Board. Further, Mr. Hounsell stated the health insurance is through NHMA at this time and if we lose NHMA we lose the insurance package. Mr. Sires reviewed we must be a member to be part of the insurance pool and advised we have saved by being a member over the last few years. There are only 2 or 3 options and we have done quite well over the last few years with insurance and will have a decrease. Mr. Sires further added the NHMA also offer free training, ie. Driving courses, financial management, risk management, etc. Mr. Sires suggested the board address the issue directly with the NHMA regarding the treatment of Mr. Dickinson by writing a letter. **Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell, that we reduce line 0140 from \$9,000 to \$8,500. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Mr. Hounsell requested that the Board open the meeting to public comments on budget items at this time since there were many here to speak to the Valley Vision and other matters. The Chair agreed.

Public Comments – Ms. Umberger commented on Capital Reserve Accounts. Ms. Umberger asked the Board to consider taking Capital Reserve Accounts that are part of the budget and make them warrant article to be considered alone by the voters. Ms. Umberger felt this allows voters to make decisions individually and feels strongly about this.

Ms. Umberger next commented she hear the Board is considering removing the bike lanes that were planned. Ms. Umberger commented she feels this is foolish to do this as this was planned on and others will be doing work at the same time and this should all be done at once. Also the work planned is to people can walk, bike, etc. Kearsarge Road is heavily traveled with bikes and pedestrians. Ms. Umberger commented she feels the Board of Selectmen should reconsider the removal of this item. Ms. Umberger pointed out that she has sent the Board an email on this matter and asked they review same.

Bob Barriault commented on Capital Reserve Funds. Mr. Barriault stated he is diametrically opposed to the view expressed by Ms. Umberger to put them in a separate article. If you look at the CRFs we have now they are based on the needs of the future such as closure of a landfill etc. If you have a specific article each year that is subject to the whims of the voters it will vacillate as to whether it gets funded year to year. It helps you see what your are committing yourself to for the future.

Dick Klement commented on the Teen Center. Mr. Klement commented he does not have children that use the facility. Mr. Klement commented how much crime

do you think is prevented by having a facility and where they are supervised by an adult rather than left to their own whims or with someone who doesn't have good ideas.

Karla Ficker, Board member from Valley Vision, presented a letter from Dorthea Seybold who asked that her letter be read into the record. (See attached). Ms. Ficker spoke on behalf of and in favor of Valley Vision. Ms. Ficker further stated she learned a lot about this area by watching Valley Vision. Ms. Ficker next stated she is sensitive to where the Board is as to having to make decisions on the budget, but not regarding Valley Vision. Ms. Ficker stated that Valley Vision people are already doing things on their own to keep it going and can't take a budget cut.

Ruth Reny commented she is a frequent watcher of Valley Vision and enjoys it very much. Remember When others are important programs. She would be very unhappy if Valley Vision wasn't continued.

Jeff Flint advised he is the former station manager of Valley Vision and a resident of Conway. Mr. Flint stated he feels Valley Vision is a tremendous asset to the community. Mr. Flint commented that twenty years ago government was closed and then the Conway Daily Sun and Valley Vision came along and without those two things the town would be different and we don't want to go back to that. Valley Vision has value.

Suzanna West advised he is a taxpayer and lives in Center Conway. She can't imagine the Valley without Valley Vision. There is information for tourists and enjoys it herself. Ms. West stated it would be a sad day if Valley Vision were to disappear.

Bob Barriault commented not fair to put all on taxpayers but also feels need this media to disseminate information to the public due to lack of attendance at meetings. Mr. Barriault further stated he feels the Valley Vision Board needs to town the line and doesn't believe there is not fat in their budget. You can always find fat in the budget and we all need to do our part to cut expenses.

Bill Edmunds, Station Manager for Valley Vision, commented that a reduction to \$50,000 from \$90,000 would mean no sports unless the submitted by the school itself. Sponsorships help but don't fund all. Valley Vision would have to reduce staff to one person and only to government meetings. Could also move to where they don't have to pay any rent. There was further discussion with Mr. Edmunds on the budget and ways to cut, etc.

Bob Bernhardt, Board member for Valley Vision, commented many programs are geared toward people who cannot get out. He is not against cuts and invited the Board to go through their books and show them where to make cuts. Mr. Bernhardt advised they have gone through and can't find any cuts.

Rick West, Board member for Valley Vision, agrees with Bob Barriault that cuts can be made and they have to find them. The single most visible person on sports programs on Valley Vision hears a lot from the general public and the public considers what Valley Vision does valuable and appreciates the work they do.

Cindy from the public stated Valley Vision important part of the community and asked this be put to the voting public. Mr. Martin advised this will be a warrant article.

Mr. Barriault stated what the voters vote on is the peg fund and not what goes to Valley Vision and questioned if what the Board is talking about is a reduction in to the PEG fund. The Board replied in the affirmative.

Chairman Martin closed public comments at 7:08 p.m.

Mr. Hounsell stated he proposed for people to think about raising the franchise fees from 3% to 5% and there would be money for Valley Vision and money to put in the general fund.

Mr. Sires explained the fees received from cable. The money is for use of the town rights of way and can be used as the town sees fit as it can with any other fee it collects.

Mr. Drinkhall commented –didn't we frown on other towns for no supporting and now we are proposing to do the same. There was further discussion on PEG fees.

Mr. Sires next read into the record letters from Theresa Kennett and Dot Seybold as requested (see attached copies).

The Board next continued with Budget discussions.

Solid Waste - The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #1650 to \$297,645. It was reviewed this is a reduction of \$27,000 from \$324,645 to \$297,645. Mr. Sires advised he looked into the contract as requested by the Board and can reduce hours; however, would have to have two days off in a row per contract. Mr. Drinkhall questioned if the employee have had this overtime for then years. Mr. Philbrick replied in the affirmative. Mr. Drinkhall stated this would then be a cut in pay. Mr. Martin stated Mr. Drinkhall touched on the first reason as it is part of the employee's income and the second issue becomes the problem of negotiating the contract due to this overtime. Also, any day you go to the facility there is a line. After further brief discussion, a vote was take and the **motion failed 1-4-0 with Mr. Hounsell voting in the affirmative and Messrs. Drinkhall, Dickinson, Weathers and Martin voting in the negative.**

Welfare - The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #1810 to \$40,000. The Board reviewed this is an increase of \$5,000 from \$35,000 to \$40,000. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Parks & Recreation - The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: that the Teen Center as an independent program be eliminated and the figure become \$50,000 less on the bottom lineor \$241,305. There was a brief discussion on this motion. Mr. Sires questioned if there is a way so that we can fund it for at least Thursday and Friday. Crow stated if we increase franchise fee we could use it to fund teen center. There was further discussion. **Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, to amend the figure from \$50,000 to \$40,000.** Mr. Hounsell stated this leaves \$20,000 for Teen Center and all agreed. **The motion carried as amended 5-0-0.**

The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #1824 to \$510. The Board reviewed this is an \$80 reduction from \$590 to \$510. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #1825 to \$395. The Board reviewed this is a \$60 reduction from \$455 to \$395 for seminars and development. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Patriotic Purposes – The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #2010 to \$6,000 less and that the Town funding of the fireworks display at Schouler Park be eliminated. The Board reviewed this is a reduction of \$6,000 from \$7,500 to \$1500. Mr. Sires advised he spoke with Mr. Eastman who advised we should plan to not have entertainment and to have fireworks. Mr. Sires explained easier to plan the latter half and raise funds for just fireworks. **The second and the motion was withdrawn.** Line 2010 goes back to the original amount of \$7,500.

Conservation Commission - The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #2110 to \$17,250. The board reviewed this was a \$1500 reduction. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Debt Service - The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #01-4722.163-2150 to \$2,500. There was no discussion. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Capital Reserve Funds – The Board removed the motion from the table as follows: to adjust line item #2200 to \$30,000, #2210 to \$88,500, #2239 to \$94,500, #2240 to \$63,000 and #2260 to \$171,500. Mr. Sires distributed a worksheet to the Board and reviewed same.

The Chair called for a brief recess of the meeting at 7:42 p.m. The Chair reconvened the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

The Board continued to review the worksheet concerning Capital Reserve Funds.

With regarding to line #2260, Mr. Hounsell questioned if this does away with the bike lane. Mr. Sires confirmed this anticipates not doing the bike lane and other things. Mr. Sires further confirm that this schedule also point that this contemplates never doing the bike lane because now is the time to do it and it as this is when the work was scheduled. **The Board voted on each of the items in this motion separately. The Board acted on Line Item #2260. The motion carried 4-1-0 with Messrs. Drinkhall, Dickinson, Hounsell and Weathers in the affirmative and Mr. Martin in the negative.**

There was next discussion regarding line #2240 wherein there was a reduction of \$27,000 in the solid waste vehicle replacement fund. Mr. Sires reviewed the scheduled. **The Board acted on Line Item #2240. The motion carried 5-0-0**

At 8:00 p.m. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, that the rules be suspended so we can continue the meeting. The motion carried 4-1-0 with Messrs. Drinkhall, Dickinson, Hounsell and Martin in the affirmative and Mr. Weathers in the negative.**

The Board next discussed line #2239 of the CRF wherein the motion was to reduce the line by \$40,500. Mr. Sires reviewed the schedule. **The motion carried 3-2-0 with Messrs. Dickinson, Hounsell and Weathers in the affirmative and Drinkhall Mr. Martin in the negative.**

The Board next discussed line #2210 wherein the motion was to reduce the line by \$34,500. Mr. Sires explained the fund is for the expansion of the landfill. There was a brief discussion. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

The Board next discussed line #2200 wherein the motion was for a reduction of \$13,000. Mr. Sires explained this CRF is for putting money aside to fund closure and post closure in 20 to 30 years. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

The Board next briefly reviewed the bottom line is approximately 9.2 million which is a reduction of \$383,000 from the proposed budget and under last years budget as well.

Mr. Dickinson commented on the bonding for the new garage and stated he has concerns about this matter. Mr. Martin advised the Board will discuss this matter next Tuesday and a proposed warrant article.

#### CONTRACT FOR CDBG GRANT – CVFD

This agenda item was rescheduled to a future meeting.

#### TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter – Mr. Sires reported Congresswoman Shea-Porter contacted the Town advising she would like to meet with the Board of Selectmen. There was brief discussion and the Board agreed to the date suggested by the Congresswoman of December 19 at 3:00 pm at the Town office.

NH Retirement Fund – Mr. Sires reported Representative Bucu advised he can have the Executive Director of the Fund come up and that we can invite neighboring town to participate in a discussion regarding the NH Retirement Fund. Mr. Hounsell stated felt that if the Fund Director would like to speak with us he can meet with the Town and if other communities would like they can meet with him, they can have him come up on their own.

#### BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Bike Lanes/Kearsarge Road – **Mr Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell, that we rescind the Public Hearing on Bike Lanes. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Mountain Garden Club – Mr. Martin reported a thank you letter was sent by the Town to the Mountain Garden Club for the wreaths donated for the front doors of Town Hall.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Casey Conley of the Conway Daily Sun asked for the line by line adjustments. Mr. Sires advised a copy of what is being prepared for the budget committee can be copies to him as well.

NON PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3,II(c)/TAX MATTER

At 8:15 p.m., **Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to go into non public session under RSA 91-A:3,II(c) to discuss a tax matter. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

The Board returned to public session at 8:19.p.m.

NON PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3,II(c)/DRIVEWAY MATTER

This agenda item was rescheduled to a future meeting.

ADJOURN

At 8:20 p.m. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell  
Executive Secretary