

Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
January 27, 2009

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:06 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.

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 29, 2009.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to approve the minutes of November 18, 2008 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of December meeting 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 IN AMOUNTS LESS THAN \$5,000 NH RSA 31:95-B, III (B) / A) \$200 ANONYMOUS DONOR TO CONWAY POLICE DEPT DARE PROGRAM; B) \$600 FROM ANONYMOUS TO CONWAY POLICE DEPT FOR RAD PROGRAM; C) \$1,000 FROM WALMART TO CONWAY POLICE DEPT FOR RAD PROGRAM; D) \$3,087.60 FROM THE STATE OF NH TO TOWN OF CONWAY FOR LEOP

Lt. Perley and Corporal Aimee Parent of the Conway Police Department joined the meeting to discuss the unanticipated revenue.

\$200 anonymous donor to Conway Police Dept DARE program - Lt. Perley advised that \$200 was received from a regular donor to the DARE program. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers to accept the \$200 for the DARE program. The motion carried unanimously.**

\$600 from an anonymous donor to the Conway Police Dept for RAD program and \$1,000 from Walmart to Conway Police Dept for RAD program - Lt. Perley next advised that two donations were received for the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) program. \$600 was from an anonymous donor and \$1000 was a grant applied for and received from Walmart. Corporal Parent is heading the program and is here to discuss

same with the Board. **Mr. Hounsell moved seconded by Mr. Drinkhall that we accept \$600 from an anonymous donor to the Conway Police Department for the RAD program and \$1,000 from Walmart to the Conway Police Department for the RAD program.** Corporal Parent explained RAD program to the Board. Corporal Parent explained the program teaches preventative measures women can do to prevent aggression. The program teaches techniques and there is also a simulation. The program is very empowering for women. Mr. Dickinson questioned how someone would apply to get into the program. Corporal Parent advised anyone can call or email her to apply and get on the list. Mr. Martin questioned if there was any charge for the program. Corporal Parent replied in the negative. Corporal Parent next advised this is a nationwide program and the Conway Police Department does not charge anything and all costs are covered. Lt. Perley advised that Chief Wagner did not want the cost to stop any woman from taking the course. Mr. Sires questioned how many people are on the waiting list now. Corporal Parent advised there are 3 or 4 presently on the waiting list for the program. There were no further Board comments. Chairman Martin asked for public comments. Theresa Kennett advised she took the course and that it was extremely helpful. Ms. Kennett added that it was an amazing experience and anyone who takes this will benefit greatly from the program. Jim Lefebvre asked how often this program will be held. Corporal Parent advised they would like to do three or four a year. Mr. Lefebvre asked if the money covers the costs. Corporal Parent advised it covers the costs of the materials. Mr. LeFebvre questioned the officers time for the program. Corporal Parent advised it takes approximately one hour to set up and an hour to study. **The motion carried unanimously.**

\$3,087.60 from the State of NH to Town of Conway for LEOP - Mr. Sires advised this amount was received from the State of New Hampshire for the emergency management exercise that took place at KHS. Mr. Sires advised this is the last of the monies to be received for that exercise. Mr. Sires recommended accepting this amount as general revenue as the project has been over for some time now. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to accept the \$3,087.60 from the State of New Hampshire as general revenue as the project has been over for some time. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

CARROLL COUNTY TRANSIT PROJECT

Theresa Kennett joined the meeting. Ms. Kennett explained the Carroll County Transit Project to the Board and the need for same. Ms. Kennett explained that the state has designated Carroll County as Region 11 and that entitles us to make our own decision regarding transportation needs. A study was done which concluded a transportation system was needed. They will get state and federal money for the project but they will also need local funding for this project as well. Ms. Kennett next advised that there will be a council that meets every month for this project and she is asking that this Board appoint a member.

Ms. Kennett next reviewed bus routes with the Board for the first year and the second and third year of the project. Ms. Kennett advised that initially the plan is to run five days per week and then expand to weekends.

Ms. Kennett next distributed a budget for the project and reviewed same with the Board. There was brief discussion with the Board.

Cindy White from the public commented voiced support for the program.

Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to advertise that the Board of Selectmen invites any Conway citizen, desiring to serve as the Conway Board of Selectmen representative to the Carroll Count Transit Program (CCTP), and that a letter be sent to the CCTP stating that in no way will any future appointment, or this advertisement to this position, be construed as the town of Conway's (town) and/or the Board of Selectmen's acceptance of any new, expanded, or modified program or responsibility to the town, and that the town retains all rights and privileges granted to it by the New Hampshire Constitution, specifically PART FIRST, ARTICLE 28-a, commonly known as unfunded mandates, until such time that the town's participation with the CCTP is formally accepted by an actual and proper vote of the town's legislative body." There was a brief discussion. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN OF CONWAY EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Fire Chief, Steve Solomon, joined the meeting.

Mr. Sires requested the Board of Selectmen officially appoint an Emergency Management Director and also approve a contract between the Town of Conway and a Director. Mr. Sires briefly reviewed the proposed contract with the Board. Mr. Sires next reviewed that Ed Duffy was involved with emergency management planning, public health emergency planning, etc and further the County has been consolidated into one region and we have contracted this work out to a contractor.

Mr. Sires next advised that Chief Solomon has done emergency management work before and the other Chiefs in town are support of Chief Solomon taking over this position. Julia Chase from the State of NH Office of Emergency Management is supportive of this as well.

Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, to appoint an emergency services director and approve the contract for services and to appoint Chief Steve Solomon to the position of Emergency Services Director as per the Agreement. Chief Solomon spoke about his involvement in emergency management since in town. Chief Solomon advised that he had also been in involved with planning when he was in Tamworth. Chief Solomon stated that he would like to see us ground our planning a little and would like to see us plan events that could actually happen -- this is aspect he would take. Mr. Hounsell questioned if this is an annual appointment. Mr. Sires advised the appointment is ongoing until the Board changes the appointment but the contract changes and goes to the end of the calendar year. Mr. Hounsell question if the appointment of Chief Solomon should coincide with that date? Mr. Sires advised the contract also has a rollover clause or you could chose to do appoint yearly. **Mr. Hounsell amended the motion, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, to appoint an emergency services director and approve the contract for services and to appoint Chief Steve Solomon to the position of Emergency Services Director as per the Agreement and that the appointment of Chief Solomon be for three years. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Weathers abstaining.**

DISCONNECTION OF ROUTE 16 STREET LIGHTS

Mr. Sires reviewed the proposed budget includes a reduction in street lighting from the area of Burger King to Artist Falls Road. Mr. Sires advised the Town has been in contact with a representative of the utility company and they are ready to do this if the

Board is ready to proceed. The savings will be \$6-7,000. Mr. Martin advised there are 36 lights from Artist Falls to the LL Bean driveway. Mr. Sires next advised there is no fee to disconnect the lights but should there is a charge of \$125 per hour to reconnect the lights. Mr. Martin advised it would be approximately 8 to 9 hours to reconnect the lights. Mr. Sires stated that the Board should be aware of this information before they flip the switch and wanted to make sure before we do this and, further, if we do turn these lights off, you have to do this for at least eleven months. **Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to disconnect from Artist Falls to LL Bean, approximately 36 lights.** Mr. DiGregorio asked about the lights that presently need to be fixed. Mr. DiGregorio questioned if someone could make a list of these. Mr. Martin advised they would be fixed first. **The motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Martin abstaining.**

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Valley Vision Memorandum of Agreement – Bill Edmunds, Valley Vision Station Manager, and Mike DiGregorio, Selectmen's Representative to Valley Vision, were present for discussion. Mr. Sires advised a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Valley Vision and the Town had been prepared for the Boards review and, also, Valley Vision members were here today to further discuss the Valley Vision budget. Mike DiGregorio and Bill Edmunds. Mr. Edmunds distributed a revised expanded budget as requested. There was a brief review of the revenue sheet with the Board. There was also brief discussion regarding Fryegurg's share with the Board. Mr. Dickinson thanked Mr. Edmunds for providing he additional budget information as he had requested.

Mr. Edmunds next advised he will need to show MOA to his Board of Directors. Mr. DiGregorio also asked that this Board give him a chance to deliver this to the Valley Vision Board for review. There was a discussion regarding the items contained in the MOA, i.e. reporting requirements, etc. .

Mr. Drinkhall brought up the matter that the Budget Committee would like to see us full fund Valley Vision, as per the letter from the Budget Committee.

There was further discussion. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to accept this draft of the MOA and forward it to Valley Vision for consideration.** Mr. Dickinson pointed out that under Item 9 Payment Figures, we could have an amendment to send to them a draft with all the figures. Mr. Dickinson suggested sending it to Valley Vision and then they could come back and ask this Board about he figures. Mr. DiGregorio stated he thinks this should not be sent with the \$65,000 figure. Mr. Dickinson stated we have a representative here to the Vallev Vision Board and we should listen to his concerns. Mr. Dickinson felt we should send the agreement with the \$90,000 figure. 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.**

Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, to rescind the motion for \$65,000 for Valley Vision. The motion carried 4-1-0 with Messrs. Drinkhall, Dickinson, Weathers and Martin voting in the affirmative and Mr. Hounsell voting in the negative.

Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, that we amend item 9 "Payments" in MOA so that it reads... "payment under this agreement shall not

exceed \$90,000 to be paid in 12 equal amounts each month.” The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, that we send this as amended for Valley Vision's consideration and response and we request Valley Vision send someone to our next meeting who has the authority to enter into negotiations. The motion carried unanimously.

Warrant Articles – Mr. Sires reported the draft warrant articles to date have been reviewed by the DRA and we will be submitting them to town counsel for further review as well.

With regard to the Conservation Commission article, Mr. Sires reviewed this article is asking for authorization for the Conservation Commission to use monies from their account to donate money for purchasing property, easements, etc. and are asked the Board of Selectmen to place same on warrant

Capital Reserve for Buildings – Mr. Sires advised we don't have solid numbers for an article for this at this point but could bring something to a meeting in the future. Mr. Drinkhall stated he thought it was stated that if we could fund the garage and hold up to \$200,000 in the capital reserve fund, we also said we were in hopes we wouldn't have to spend that \$200,000 and, hence, we would have the \$200,000 in the capital reserve account. Mr. Drinkhall further added that as this Board will see in the Budget Committee letter, they want to see even less for the bond. Mr. Martin states he thinks we could build the garage for \$800,000 and release the attachment of the \$200,000 and that we are very public about what we are sitting here saying. Mr. Martin questioned whether we should take the other \$200,000 back. **Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to rescind the bond article motion.** Mr. Hounsell advised he will not be voting for this motion as he does not believe in voting for something that you may not end up having enough for. A vote was taken on the motion to rescind and the **motion failed 3-2-0 (motion to rescind requires 2/3 vote) voting in favor were Messrs. Drinkhall, Dickinson and Martin and voting in the negative were Messrs. Hounsell and Weathers.** Mr. Martin clarified \$200,000 in capital reserve funds is there if it is needed.

Mr. Sires next referred back to the original question on this subject – do you want staff to pursue information for a capital reserve article. Mr. Drinkhall stated he did not think it was necessary because we won't need to use the \$200,000. Mr. Hounsell agreed and stated he did not see the logic in a capital reserve article for this year. Jim LeFebvre stated that Conway Elementary recently has a failure of a fuel tank of \$75,000. If the town has a catastrophic failure, what would happen? Mr. Sires stated any major maintenance expense we would have to deal with in the confines of the budget and that is why we were thinking of putting something else in the CRF just in case.

Referring back to the bond, Mr. Weathers pointed out that we do have the final say on the bids and we don't have to accept any bids if they are too high and over the amount allotted for the bond.

It was next agreed by the Board that no article was needed and no action taken for the Capital Reserve.

Valley Vision – The Valley Vision representatives rejoined the meeting. Mr. DeGregorio advised they discussed the agreement and are not far away from an agreement.

With regard to the MOA, section 8-Report – Valley Vision is okay with reporting. They don't know if you don't like the report. There was a suggested to removing the words "and approving" from this section. All agreed.

Mr. DiGregorio next reviewed Section 8b(iii).and advised they don't know about getting Madison information. Valley Vision doesn't have access to Madison information. The Board agreed they were okay with scratching Madison and adding "other communities".

The Valley Vision representatives next discussed Item 9 in the MOA wherein they felt that "approval" again needed to be removed. There was discussion about "approval" of the invoice. It was agreed this language in paragraph nine would remain.

Mr. DiGregorio next questioned paragraph 17 of the agreement and stated he felt this should be taken out,. There was brief discussion with the Board and all agreed this could be removed.

Mr. DiGregorio commented on item #21 stating he felt that Exhibit A cover a lot of definitions and we should have legal counsel look at the definitions. He thinks it is more verbiage than is needed. Mr. Sires stated that if taking this out we should put something in under Exhibit A for educational and all agreed – add government/education under # on Exhibit A.

Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, that we send the modified MOA draft to Valley Vision Board of Directors for their consideration and they should return a signed copy to us and the Board of Selectmen will affix there signatures thereon. Mr. Sires pointed out that this is still contingent upon town meeting funding. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

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

At 6:44 p.m. Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to go into non public session under RSA 91-A,III(c) to discuss a tax matter. Mr. Martin advised the Town Manager, Mr. Sires, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Rhoda Quint, Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell, and one citizen would be joining the Board in non public session. **The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

At 7:00 p.m. the Board returned to public session. **Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell, to seal the minutes of the non public session. The motion carried unanimously.**

BUDGET – continued

Budget Committee Letter - The Board reviewed a letter received from the Budget Committee. (See attached).

The Board agreed that with regard to Item 1 of the letter, this will be presented at the Bond hearing.

With regard to Item 2 in the letter, Mr. Drinkhall stated we never looked at the difference. Mr. Hounsell stated he is convinced we are building a better building with a longer life, etc by going with steel. Mr. Weathers agreed. The Board agreed the answer to Item 2 is No. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, that we stay with steel. The motion carried 1-4-0 with Mr. Drinkhall in the affirmative and Messrs. Dickinson, Hounsell, Weathers and Martin voting in the negative.**

With regard to Item 3 in the letter the Board agreed they voted not to rescind.

With regard to Item 4 in the letter, the Board agreed no response was needed to this item.

With regard to Item 5 in the letter, it was agreed could have this at next meeting and that we could forward this request to the police department. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that we, the Board of Selectmen, will be forwarding the default budget as soon as we estimate same for the Budget Committee's consideration. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

The Board next discussed item 6 of the Budget Committee letter. Jim LeFebvre explained the Budget Committee wanted to know what else the Board of Selectmen would cut and they want what is already cut out. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall that on Item 6 we fail to understand the question.** Mr. Dickinson stated that all they have to do is look at what is requested and the budget we forwarded them. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

The Board next reviewed item 7 of the Budget Committee letter. Mr. Drinkhall stated the person who made the motion felt the \$4,000 wouldn't be enough. Mr. Sires suggested forwarded a copy of the contract voted on this evening. **Mr. Hounsell moved seconded by Mr. Drinkhall to forward the contract. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

With regard to item 8, **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, that we forward that request to the police commission. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Board next discussed item 9. **Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell to get some additional information from John Eastman and Earl Siores and come back with same. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

The Board next discussed Item 10. Mr. Hounsell stated some children use the center and some don't and some start at the center and continue and some do not. He does not agree with charging fees for the Teen Center and supports what this Board did with regard to the Teen Center. This program was cut to two nights per week. Mr. Dickinson stated he felt this was a perfect argument for the floor of the Deliberative Session. Mr. Weathers stated he felt John Eastman and Earl Sires should get together and look at the figures and numbers again. Jim LeFebvre stated he agrees with Mr. Dickinson and this should be argued on the floor at the deliberative session. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, that we respond to the Budget Committee by stating that the Board of Selectmen is not considering fees for the Teen Center.** Mr. Drinkhall stated he disagrees and feels should charge a fee for this and he doesn't think the whole town should have to pay for it. **The second was withdrawn and the motion was withdrawn. Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, that we are withholding any recommendation until we have**

additional information from John Eastman and Earl Sires. The motion carried 5-0-0.

With regard to item 11, **Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, that we forward this to the police department and school board.** There was brief discussion. **The second was withdrawn and the motion was withdrawn.**

Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson that we eliminate any funding for the School Resource Officer (SRO) from the Board of Selectmen budget. Mr. Sires explained this would still need partial funding because town meeting doesn't occur until April. Mr. Sires further reviewed that several years ago Chief Mullen came before the Board and explained the would like to maintain operational control over the officer an that it why it stayed in the budget and, also the school year is only nine months. There was further brief discussion. **The motion carried 3-2-0 with Messrs. Drinkhall, Dickinson and Hounsell voting in the affirmative and Messrs. Weathers and Martin in the negative.** There was further brief discussion on the issues. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to reconsider. The motion to reconsider carried 3-2-0 with Messrs. Drinkhall and Dickinson voting in the negative and Messrs. Hounsell, Weathers and Martin in the affirmative.** The Board further discussed the motion on the table. Mr. Weather asked why we can't put a request into the police department for the future year as to how they can handle this and ask them for some feedback on same. Mr. Dickinson stated he feels this is a school program and it should be in the school budget. Mr. Hounsell stated we should hear from the police first and should invite them in to discuss and ask them why it should not be taken out. Chairman Martin moved the question. The motion was reviewed. **The motion failed 2-3-0 with Messrs. Drinkhall and Dickinson voting in the affirmative and Messrs. Hounsell, Weathers and Martin voting in the negative.**

Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, that we ask the Police Chief to come before us to address this matter of the School Resource Officer funding. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board next reviewed item 12 of the budget committee letter and stated that this been taken care of already.

Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, to direct the Town Manager to write a letter to the Budget Committee. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Sidewalk Plowing – Mr. Drinkhall requested information on sidewalk plowing in North Conway. Do we pay for this by the storm, by the hour, or by the season. Mr. Sires advised we can get this information from the Public Works Director. Mr. Drinkhall advised he would like outside contractor information as well. Mr. Drinkhall stated the reason for his request is that after a recent Sunday snowstorm he noticed they were doing sidewalks on Monday and on Monday night the State puts the snow back on the sidewalks when plowing and then we plow it back into the street and pick it back up again, etc. Mr. Drinkhall stated he feels a snowblower would work much better for the sidewalks. Mr. Sires advised that he will speak with Mr. DegliAngeli on this matter and advise.

Bike Lane – Mr. Drinkhall reviewed that NCWP was in to talk about he bike lanes for Kearsarge recently and they are working on getting this put back into the project. Mr. Drinkhall next stated that he saw a NCWP meeting on Valley Vision and there was a statement made that this Board said that we would temporarily fund same while they

were getting funding and we never made this statement. Mr. Hounsell stated that he may have said it but it was not this Board and that he would support it if they were to get funding and it was in the works. Mr. Hounsell stated this was a wrong interpretation and that was his own personal statement and not this Board's statement.

PROPOSED LETTER AND RESOLUTION REGARDING
STATE COST SHIFTING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Mr. Dickinson reviewed the matter of a state cost shifting to local governments was discussed at the last meeting. He and Mr. Hounsell have crafted a letter and resolution for the Board's consideration. (A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto). **Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell, that the following resolution be included by the board of selectmen as a warrant article for consideration by the voters of 2009 town meeting.** Mr. Dickinson read aloud the proposed resolution as follows: **Whereas**, the constitution of New Hampshire, specifically Part First, Article 28-a, "The state shall not mandate, or assign any new, expanded or modified programs or responsibilities to any political subdivision in such a way as to necessitate additional local expenditures by the political subdivision unless such programs or responsibilities are fully funded by the state or unless such programs or responsibilities are approved for funding by a vote of the local legislative body of the political subdivision", and **Whereas**, from time to time the state has shifted the cost of certain programs that have previously been funded by the state, and **Whereas**, examples of such acts are recorded in both 1998 and 2007 sessions of the legislature, wherein the state did shift the cost of Medicaid from State Government to the property tax supported County Government, and **Whereas**, the state is currently facing a deficit of at least a \$200 million and may resort to relying upon the property tax payers of the state as means to cover either the deficit or the expansion, modification or newly established state programs. Therefore, be it **Resolved** that the people of the town of Conway, by vote of the 2009 town meeting, do express to the Governor, the members of the Honorable House and Senate, our objection of any legislation or provision of the state's operating budget that would result in the increase of local property taxes, and be it further **Resolved**, that this resolution and the outcome of the vote of this resolution by the voters of the town be provided to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the members of the legislature who represent the town of Conway, and the New Hampshire Municipal Association. **The motion carried 4-1-0 with Messrs. Drinkhall, Dickinson, Hounsell and Weathers in the affirmative and Mr. Martin voting in the negative.**

Mr. Dickinson next reviewed a draft letter prepared on this matter to the Governor. **Mr. Hounsell moved that we submit this letter. The motion carried unanimously.** All agreed the letter will be prepared and signed for signature out of session.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Rally in the Valley – Mr. Sires reported he, staff and Selectmen Dickinson met with a group a group planning the Rally in the Valley event and talked over a number of issues. There is a e-mail in the Selectmen's agenda packet today advising the group will be looking at alternatives for a location to hold the event other than Schouler Park and will advise the Town on same. At this point we now don't have an application but may in the future with a new location for the event. Mr. Drinkhall questioned if they will have to fill out an application for a new location. Mr. Sires replied in the affirmative.

Councilor Burton – Mr. Sires reported Councilor Burton will hold office hours at Town Hall on February 9 from 2:00-2:20 p.m. Mr. Sires stated he is hoping a couple of Selectmen will sit with him to discuss the stimulus package projects.

Expenditure and Revenue Reports – Mr. Sires advised the books were closed for 2008 and the Town was \$117,000 under budget. Mr. Sires advised these are unaudited numbers.

Repowering America – Mr. Sires distributed information from received from Repowering America. Repowering America is asking the Board to take a position on power, etc. Mr. Sires requested the Board take a look at this and advise how they would like to proceed.

Skateboard Park – Mr. Sires advised that a Conway Elementary School student, Thomas Blake, wrote to the Town about his concerns about not having a skate board park in town. The Board asked this be put on the next agenda.

At 7:56 p.m., **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to extend the meeting to 8:05 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.**

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Board of Selectmen Photo – Mr. Martin advised that the taking of the photo of the Board of Selectmen for the Town Report has been postponed to the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

Andrea Osmun questioned the savings on turning of the street lights. Chairman Martin advised \$5-7,200.

ADJOURN

At 8:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by order of the chair

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary