

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

September 15, 2009

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:03 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen, Larry Martin (Chair), Howard C. Dickinson, Bob Drinkhall, and Mike DiGregorio; Town Manager, Earl W. Sires; and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell

Selectman, C. David Weathers, was not in attendance.

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 September 17, 2009

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The consideration of minutes was carried to the next meeting.

CODE COMPLIANCE MATTER – CHAPTER 123 SITE PLAN
REVIEW REGS/123.23 LOADING / BOB & ANITA WALDO

Mr. Martin advised this agenda item was withdrawn from this meeting.

CARROLL COUNTY COLLABERATIVE

Cyndi Paulin of the Carroll County Collaborative joined the meeting.

Ms. Paulin advised they will be hosting forums to talk about the future of Carroll County. This will include non profits, government, faith based organizations, etc. Ms. Paulin advised she is here to invite anyone from the Board of Selectmen and also people from the community who are interested in getting involved in making the community a better place. Ms. Paulin held discussion with the Board on the goals of the group and advised that after they gather information in the forums planned they will then work on key strategies and put together a draft work plan and then have another forum where they will present same. Thereafter they plan to put together task forces to carry out the plan with community volunteers, various government members, civic organization members, etc.

Ms. Paulin advised a Conway forum will be held Tuesday, September 22, at Kennett Middle School. Further information on same can be found at www.carrollcountyuntied.com.

DISCUSSION OF RECREATION FIELD MAINTENANCE / JOHN EASTMAN

Parks & Recreation Director, John Eastman, was present for discussion.

Mr. Sires reviewed this is a follow up of a discussion held earlier in the summer regarding field maintenance and parks.

Mr. Sires next reviewed information about maintenance to Schouler Park to the ice rink and the weather with the Board. Mr. Eastman further explained this wasn't just an affect of the rink but the winter weather. Mr. Eastman further reviewed a hand out to the Board regarding maintenance and equipment used on Schouler Park to bring the Park back to the condition it is at present. Mr. Eastman advised that Greg George and the North Conway Country Club have given a lot of help to the town to bring the field to its current condition.

There was a general discussion about the condition of the grass in Schouler Park, the rink location, general maintenance, etc

Mr. Eastman next gave a general overview of other parks in town, Whitaker, Rotary, Hussey etc. Mr. Eastman also advised that the Mount Washington Valley Garden Club plants the flowers at Schouler Park, the island in Conway, etc and does a great job

DISCUSSION OF ICE RINK LOCATION / JOHN CANNELL

Mr. Cannell was not present for discussion. Recreation Director,

Chairman Martin suggested the Board still have a discussion on the matter. Mr. Martin asked the Board if they want to add \$3100 to the budget every year or if they would like to move the rink from its present location in Schouler Park. Mr. Drinkhall stated he felt the rink should remain in its present location –it is an institution. Mr. DiGregorio state he likes the fact that it is in the Park but feels it could be on the other side. Mr. DiGregorio stated he never understood why it isn't on the dirt; however, maybe someone has a good explanation as to why it can't be moved. Mr. Dickinson stated that last year he favored keeping the rink where it was; however it has occurred to him what about summer use. Mr. Dickinson suggested we could think of other ideas – horseshoes or some other recreational uses. Mr. Martin stated he understands what Mr. Drinkhall says about the ice rink being an institution but cant see spending money every year to replace the grass and thinks the rink should be moved to the ball field area. Mr. Martin further added he does not feel it would ruin the ambiance of the rink and by moving it we may only have to reclaim 1/3 of the grass. Mr. Drinkhall stated he is not opposed to moving the rink if not moving it out of the park.

There was discussion regarding costs attributed to park maintenance due to the skating rink and also the fact that the town does not have all of the equipment to bring the grass back to condition and that we can not always depend on the kindness of others to donate same. There was discussion regarding the North Conway Country Club helping out with the grass. Mr. Drinkhall asked if we could find out if they will donate the equipment again before we make a decision for this year. Mr. Dickinson stated the grass is only part of this, what about the lights, etc. Mr. Eastman stated the town pays for this up front and then we invoice the North Conway Community Center and the Outing Club and they reimburse the town for same. Mr. Drinkhall advised that he is pretty sure that the North Conway Water Precinct also donates toward the Outing Club as well. Mr. DiGregorio next advised that he would never agree to moving the rink

outside of Schouler Park but can't see asking taxpayers to fix it every year either. We should be looking at moving it to the dirt but also putting money in the budget in case it doesn't happen. Mr. Dickinson advised he would be in favor of moving the rink back if still in the park. Mr. Dickinson further added he would like to send a proclamation of appreciation to the North Conway Country Club. Mr. Martin asked Mr. Eastman to prepare wording for a Proclamation to the North Conway Country Club.

Mr. Martin next questioned if this Board was in favor of having Mr. Sires speak with Mr. Cannel to move the rink to the dirt area. Mr. Martin polled the Board and all were in favor.

CONWAY VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT/NORTH CONWAY WATER PRECINCT INTERCONNECT UPDATE

Mr. Sires advised that the manhole covers discussed at an earlier meeting have been lowered by the North Conway Water Precinct.

Mr. DegliAngeli reported the interconnection committee has pretty much wrapped up their work. Mr. DegliAngeli next gave a brief update to the Board.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed that Household Hazardous Waste day is scheduled for this weekend at the landfill

TASKER HILL BRIDGE

Mr. DegliAngeli reported the Town has received notice from the State of New Hampshire to close the Tasker Hill Bridge. The good news is that we have applied for bridge aid and will receive same in 2011. Mr. DegliAngeli next advised that recently the Town went out to the bridge with our consultants and came up with a different opinion on the bridge's condition that the state and will be meeting with state inspectors regarding this matter.

RALLY IN THE VALLEY REVIEW

Jack Dunbar, Assistant Director for the MWV HOGS, joined the meeting. Mr. Dunbar advised he wanted to come back before the Board to advise what a success they had with the Rally in the Valley Event. Mr. Dunbar reviewed that if the weather had been better he felt that they would have done even better. Mr. Dunbar advised that last year they gave away two scholarships and this year they were able to give three scholarships at \$2,000 each. Mr. Dunbar stated that after meeting with the Town and going through the event permitting process everything went smoothly. Mr. Dunbar advised they had good feedback from event attendees. Comments they received included that they had better facilities. The vendors will be back, they would like to have music again next year and, also, the fashion show was a success. Mr. Dunbar stated they would like to start planning for next year's event. Mr. DiGregorio asked if they planned to use the venue as last year and Mr. Dunbar replied in the affirmative.

There was next brief discussion regarding the event permitting process. Mr. Sires commented on Mr. Dunbar's involvement in the process which allowed everything to progress smoothly. Mr. Dunbar gave a good presentation and provided maps, directions, etc. Mr. Dunbar commented that if you follow the process, it goes smoothly.

If you follow the rules, people will be there when you need them and things will go smoothly.

The Board thanked Mr. Dunbar for coming in and giving an update

CONWAY VILLAGE AREA CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE: SEASONAL DECORATION APPLICATION

Laura Gorman of the Conway Village Chamber appeared before the Board.

Mr. Sires reviewed this process has been lengthy due to conflicting information received from PSNH. The Town has now revised the policy. Thereafter, the town received an application with more than one attachment at a time then PSNH said one hanging at a time. CVACC has to now fill out a new form and the town has to get a license from PSNH. Ms. Gorman advised she has now also been in touch with PSNH who advised her they make exception for more than one item on a pole. Mr. Sires stated this is frustrating because PSNH tells the Town one thing and other entities another thing but will only issue the license through the town.

There was discussion by the Board. It was agreed this would be worked on further to figure out the correct and consistent information

Ms. Gorman asked about insurance and fees. The Board advised the CVACC needs to provide insurance and fees to the town.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

GACIT Meeting – Mr. Sires advised a GACIT meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2009, at 3:00 pm at Town Hall.

TE Grant Application - Mr. Sires reported the TE Grant application went out yesterday to the NHDOT and to the NCC.

Noxious Weed Control – Mr. Sires reported there is an effort for noxious weed control on Bowling Hill road. Group will be pulling Japanese knotweed by hand for free. Mr. Sires suggested the Town may want to think about a weed control program in the future.

Boston Post Cane - Mr. Sires reported the Town received a nomination for the Boston Post Cane which is held at the Conway Historic Society. It is a surprise to the person, who does not know yet. Mr. Sires distributed information on the person, who turned 100 today. **Mr. Drinkhall moved seconded by Mr. DiGregorio that we give the Boston Post Cane to the person indicated. The motion carried unanimously.**

Parking on West Side Road – Mr. Sires reported a letter was received regarding parking on West Side Road in the area of Diana's Bath. Mr. Sires reviewed a discussion was held a few years ago and the Board decided to leave this area as is as people park on the shoulder. It is this person's property but the town holds the right of way and people; can park there. There was discussion by the Board. Mr. DiGregorio advised he would like to take a drive by the area first. There was no action taken on this matter.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Time Warner Meeting - Mr. DiGregorio advised the proposed contract has been sent off to the legal department for review. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for September 28. With regard to the PEG issue he has been in touch with all other sending towns with the exception of Eaton so far about getting involved with PEG TV.

Special Event Policy Review Committee – The Special Event Policy Review Committee will meeting on the 21st of September. At that meeting they will be looking at the application.

Budget Committee – Mr. Drinkhall reported the Budget Committee met on August 26 and went over the basic school budget process. The Budget Committee will meet again on September 23rd.

Garage Committee – Mr. Drinkhall reported the Garage Committee met on September 1 to tour the garages. The next meeting was September 8 to talk about segmentation of the plan. Also, at that meeting the committee agreed to 6,000 square feet for the size of the building. The Committee will meet again on Thursday to start review of the plans.

North Conway Country Club – Mr. Dickinson advised he would appreciate this Board signing a Certificate of Appreciate for the North Conway Country Club. **Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, to direct staff to compose a Certificate of Appreciation thanking North Conway County Club for their participation.** Mr. DiGregorio pointed out there was other businesses involved and to get this information from Mr. Eastman as well. **The motion carried 4-0-0.**

Engine Brake No Use Zone – Mr. Martin asked the Board to consider an engine brake no use zone on the north end of Route 16 just above the hospital. **Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, to install an engine brake no use zone on the north end of Route 16 above the hospital.** There was a brief discussion. **Mr. Dickinson amended the motion, by Mr. Drinkhall, to install an engine brake no use zone at the town line.** Mr. DiGregorio felt he needed more information on this subject. **The motion carried 3-1 with Mr. DiGregorio voting in the negative.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

Andrea Osmun of the Conway Daily Sun asked about the Boston Post Cane. Mr. Sire advised that staff will provide information.

Andrea Osmun requested information on Hazardous Waste Day. Mr. Sires provided information on same.

Selectman Dickinson left the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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

At 6:02 p.m. **Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to go into non public session under RSA 91-A,II(c) to discuss tax matter. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

At 7:14 p.m. the Board returned to public session.

Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, to seal the minutes of the non public session, the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary