

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

December 1, 2009

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:10 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen, Larry Martin (Chair), C. David Weathers, Howard C. Dickinson, Bob Drinkhall, and Mike DiGregorio; 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 December 3, 2009

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

It was agreed that consideration of minutes would be held until the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING: CHAPTER 141 ARTICLE II / PARKING
IN REFERENCE TO MOTORCYCLE PARKING ON NORCROSS
CIRCLE IN NORTH CONWAY NH

Mr. Sires briefly reviewed this public hearing is scheduled to take comments or motorcycle parking at Norcross Circle in North Conway.

Public Works Director, Paul DegliAngeli, was present and there were approximately 10 members of the public present.

Chairman Martin opened the public hearing at 4:15 p.m. Mr. DegliAngeli advised that he and Mr. Sires went to the north side of Norcross Circle and took measurements today. There was a bus parked there and the bus was 45 feet long. Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed there is a crosswalk from across Norcross (from the Met coffee shop corner to Shouler Park). Mr. DegliAngeli advised that he spoke with the bus driver about parking. Mr. DegliAngeli next advised there could either be enough room for motorcycle parking and a bus of 45 ft. The bus driver could pull up and then back into the space. The bus driver also advised that sometimes they come up in tandem and park two busses there and if motorcycle parking is added they will not be able to do so. Mr. DegliAngeli further stated that other possibilities for motorcycle parking are across the street from the Met or on the corner of Schouler Park by the Train Station.

Chairman Martin asked for questions from the Board. The Board questioned the space available, space standards how it would be marked, etc. Mr. DegliAngeli explained the area on the corner would fit approximately 12 motorcycles. Mr. DegliAngeli also explained that currently the area next to The Met is striped no parking, however it is not being enforced. The Board also questioned if the area across from the Met could be boxed and reserved for motorcycle parking. Mr. DegliAngeli advised this could be done but this would have to be signed and a stencil would have to be made up.

Chairman Martin asked for public comments. Dick Glines commented that in the last three years a lot has been done to make the Town of Conway a motorcycle destination and he feels motorcycle parking would be one more step. Mr. DegliAngeli questioned if it would be acceptable for motorcycle and scooter parking. Mr. Glines stated he didn't see why not. Mr. Glines further added that bikers like to be near their bikes and if they are in Horsefeathers or the Met, the corner (at Schouler Park near the train station) would be as far as they would like to park. Selectman DiGregorio questioned how often they go to these establishments. Mr. Glines advised the big nights are Wednesday and normally Friday nights in the summer. Mr. Glines added that he has seen 25 or 30 bikes on the high end and the normal number is around 12 or 13 bikes in the area. Mr. DiGregorio stated he felt this could be something the Board tries for a year and not be committed to it. Mr. Glines stated that if you free up parking on Norcross you free up more car parking. Ed Tolland stated that the parking on the corner (by the train station) is okay for those who live here; but for people who don't live here they won't see this parking. He feels it should be by Route 16 on Norcross and, also, in the winter a sign could be put up for regular parking. Howard Stanton advised that he owns the Met Coffee House and supports the efforts for the motorcycle parking as it would free up parking for cars. David Hassle stated he drives a motorcycle with a sidecar 6' wide. He drives a friend who is handicapped and hoped the Board would consider parking for both.

There were no further public comments and the public hearing was closed at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Martin questioned if we make a 16" wide box on both sides of Norcross would this satisfy both regular and handicap motorcycle parking. Mr. DegliAngeli advised we would have to stencil and sign as such. Mr. Weathers reviewed concerns about signage at the Park and reminded all that he does not know if this will be well received. Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed there also could not be automobiles parking on the Met side in the off season.

There was further brief discussion. **Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, that we direct staff to proceed to outline 16' by 16' motorcycle parking on either side of Norcross Circle and to take away one parking space and to add a 55' bus space and to amend Chapter 141 accordingly.** All agreed this will take place in the spring. **The motion carried unanimously.**

REVIEW OF 2010 BUDGET

Discussion of Capital Reserve Fund – Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed Capital Reserve Funds with the Board. Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed the condition of the equipment and

reviewed needs and costs. Mr. DegliAngeli also reviewed roadway construction plan and pavement maintenance plan.

Mr. DegliAngeli next reported on the blinking stop sign for the North-South Road. Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed the cost fore each is \$2,000 and to get them here with freight, etc, it will be \$5,000 per intersection and the Selectmen proposed this for two intersections. Mr. DegliAngeli stated that plan b is the Town could put two poles up and string a cable with a blinking red one side, yellow on the other and this would cost \$2,000. This is less money and less susceptible to damage. Mr. DegliAngeli briefly reviewed the statistics concerning issues at the intersection. Mr. DegliAngeli stated it seems like the issue is the –not seeing the road. Mr. DegliAngeli asked if the Selectmen would like to do the first suggestion, the alternate or to stay status quo.

There was discussion by the Board. Mr. Dickinson stated that he was leaning toward no action. Mr. Martin agreed and was in favor of staying status quo. Mr. Martin further added that if someone wants to see something happen, they can bring forward a petitioned article for the warrant. Mr. DiGregorio stated another option is, as he brought up before, a four way stop sign. Mr. DiGregoioo agreed he did not want to see any money spent for a blinking light.

Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, that we rescind the motion made concerning the blinking lights at the corner of Grove and Seavy on the stop signs so that we can do something else. The motion carried 5-0-0

Mr. DiGregorio questioned if anyone else was interested in four way stops at the intersections. The Board agreed this would require public hearings. Mr. Martin stated that in the past, there was no interest in stop stops along the North-South Road. Mr. DiGregorio stated that he felt that the Board should do something about the intersections. Other Board members felt there is a stop signs and it is the responsibility of the public to be careful and watch out for themselves. **Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, that we make Grove Street a four way stop sign intersection.** Mr. Weathers stated that he would like to take another look at the intersection, but agrees that from day one the people have said they didn't want the North-South Road to have stop signs. **The motion failed 1-4-0 with Mr. DiGregoioo in the affirmative and Messrs. Drinkhall, Dickinson, Weathers and Martin in the negative.**

Mr. DegliAngeli distributed information to the Board regarding immediate needs to maintain the public works garage. Mr. Sires recommended that we start funding funds for the maintenance of these buildings and to get back in the habit of not lettings things go. Mr. Sires stated it is a good idea to put something on the warrant this year. Mr. DegliAngeli advised the garage roof is leaking and we couldn't do the work this year but this needs to be done and we have put it in the plan for next spring.

Discussion of Revenues – Mr. Sires distributed revenue information to the board and reviewed same.

ENGINE / JAKE BRAKE DISCUSSION

Mr. Sires reviewed the Board of Selectmen asked staff to look into a possible ordinance regarding engine/Jake brakes. Mr. Sires provided the Board with information

regarding engine/Jake brakes along with a memo and sample ordinance. Mr. Sires stated if the Board would like they can instruct staff to approve and to look into this matter with NHDOT and the police. **Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to accept this as draft and direct staff to proceed with putting ordinance in place.** Mr. DiGregorio stated he was in favor and thought this would be something simple but after reading the information it now sounds to him that it may be older trucks making noise and this would fall on the DOT and will vote no. Mr. Drinkhall stated he thinks it is more the driver making the noise. Mr. Dickinson agreed. **The motion carried 3-2-0 with Messrs. Drinkhall, Dickinson and Martin voting in the affirmative and Messrs. DiGregorio and Weathers voting in the negative.**

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF QUITCLAIM DEED / BOUNDARY
LINE ADJUSTMENT/ TOWN OF CONWAY TO MACDONALD

Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to sign the deed. Mr. Drinkhall questioned if we were owed any money for this transaction. Mr. Sires explained this was paid back in 1998; however the paperwork was never signed. **Mr. Drinkhall amended the motion, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to sign the deed out of session. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Garage Committee – Mr. Sires reported there is a Garage Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting with Attorney & Budget Committee Chair – Mr. Sires reported the meeting with the Budget Committee Chair and the Town Attorney is scheduled for December 7, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

USDA Rural Development – Mr. Sires reported he has been in contact with USDA Rural Development and there may be \$200,000 available for the garage project and we will need to apply for the funds now. Mr. Sires further suggested this be discussed with the Garage Committee now as well. The Board briefly discussed how a warrant article would be worded should funds be awarded through a grant.

Safety Review Committee – Mr. Sires reported our Risk Consultant was in Town and did a review. The Risk Consultant understood that we were working on a garage project; however, he wrote a letter strongly recommending we resolve electrical issues at the garage.

Potter Road - Mr. Dickinson inquired about 25 mph speed limit signs for Potter Road. Mr. Sires advised the speed limit is 30 mph and we can put up signs for same. If Mr. Dickinson would like 25 mph signs and there is interest in reducing the speed limit we need to hold a public hearing. **Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, to have a public hearing for Potter Road to reduce the speed limit from 30 to 25 miles per hour. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Cardboard Bailer – Mr. Martin inquired about the cardboard bailer failure. Mr. Sires reported we were able to repair this piece of equipment in house. Mr. Sires further

advised; however, this is not mean this is not still an issue and this is something we are going to need to look at in future years.

BOARD COMMENTS

Garage Committee – Mr. Drinkhall reported the Garage Committee will meet on Thursday, December 3, 2009.

Road Scholar – Mr. Martin reported a letter of completion for Road Scholar II was received from the University of New Hampshire for James Shackford, Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

David Hassle stated the American Legion Post 95 had the Mobile Vet Center come to Town recently and was directed to Depot Road to part instead of Schouler Park. Mr. Hassle stated that he felt that usually a good day for the Mobile Vet Center is 50 Vets. At Depot Road they received 25. Mr. Hassle stated he would like a gentlemen's agreement from the Board to have the Vet Center located in town somewhere else next year. Mr. Hassle advised they don't know where they want to park the bus yet next year however. There was brief discussion regarding the bus parking at Depot Road and ADA parking. There was also brief discussion regarding alternate sites. The Board advised Mr. Hassle that if he does not know where they want to park the Vet Center at this time, they will need to discuss it with staff to determine a safe and appropriate place to park. Mr. Martin encouraged Mr. Hassle to contact staff in enough time to work out where they want to park the Vet Center when they bring this back to Conway.

Bart Bachman of the Conway Daily Sun asked about decision made for motorcycle parking made earlier in the meeting. The Board clarified same for Mr. Bachman.

NON PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A:3:II(e)/LITIGATION MATTER

At 6:15 p.m., **Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, to go into non public session under RSA 91-A:3:II(e).** The non public session included Town Manager, Earl Sires, Tax Assessor, Tom Holmes, and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell. **The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

The Board returned to public session at 6:30 p.m.

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

NON PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A,II(c)/GENERAL ASSISTANCE MATTER

At 6:31 p.m., **Mr. Weathers, moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, to go into non public session under RSA 91-A,II(c).** The non public session included Town Manager, Earl Sires, and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell. **The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

The Board returned to public session at 6:41 p.m.

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

ADJOURN

At 6:42, the meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary