

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

May 11, 2010

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:02 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen, Larry Martin (Chair), C. David Weathers, Bob Drinkhall, and Mike DiGregorio; Town Manager, Earl W. Sires; and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell

Selectman, Howard C. Dickinson, was not present.

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 May 13, 2010.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENT

Mr. Martin advised that a discussion item on the agenda regarding Polling Places will not take place this week. Mr. Martin further advised this agenda item will be replaced by Conservation Commission appointment requests.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The Board considered minutes of the following meetings: 2/16/10, 2/23/10, 3/3/10, 3/16/10, 3/30/10 & 4/6/10.

Mr. Drinkhall reviewed the minutes of 2/16/10, page 4, last line, and pointed out there was an incomplete sentence. The Board agreed to hold consideration of this set of minutes and have the Recording Secretary check the notes and make the correction. It was also noted by Board members that they did not receive a copy 3/30/10 minutes and consideration would be held to the next meeting.

Mr. Drinkhall offered the following amendments to the minutes of 2/23/10: Page 1, paragraph 3, it should read that David Weathers led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and not Larry Martin and, also page 5, paragraph 5, the amount of \$1,000 should be changed to \$15,315.96. **Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to accept the minutes of 2/23/10 as amended. The motion carried 3-0-1 with Mr. Martin abstaining.**

Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to approve the minutes of 3/3/10, 3/16/10 & 4/6/10 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION

- a) American Diabetes Association - American Diabetes Association Bicycling Event through Conway (Complete)
- b) Mt Washington Valley HOGS - Rally in the Valley (complete)
- c) North Conway Village Assoc/MWV Chamber of Commerce – North Conway Balloon Festival “Lifting Sprits 2010 (pending balloonist insurance and Parks Commission recommendation)

Mr. Sires advised that one more event application is being added for the Board's consideration today in addition to the three on the agenda. The application is for Rick Luciano/Merlino's Steak House for the Merlino's Outdoor BBQ during Rally in the Valley. Mr. Sires reviewed the application with the Board and advised the application is pending receipt of a copy of the liquor license and the fee and deposit.

Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to approve the event application for the American Diabetes Association for the American Diabetes Association Bicycling Event through Conway. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to grant the event application for the Mt Washington Valley HOGS for Rally in the Valley. Mr. Weathers asked for more information on what will take place and when. Event applicant, Dick Glines, reviewed the dates of the event and the activities planned such as the Fashion Show, Battle of the Bands, etc., with the Board. Mr. Glines reviewed that last year with funds raised from the event they were able to give two \$3,000 scholarships. **Mr. Martin moved the question. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

Mr. Sires next reviewed the Merlino's BBQ application is pending receipt of the fee, the deposit and a copy of the liquor license. **Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to approve the application for Merlino's Steak House for the Merlino's Outdoor BBQ pending receipt of the fee of \$200, the \$500 deposit, and the liquor license. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Sires next reviewed there is a application for the North Conway Village Assoc/MWV Chamber of Commerce for the North Conway Balloon Festival “Lifting Sprits 2010”. Mr. Sires advised this application is pending balloonist insurance. Mr. Sires next advised that a position recommending on this event has been received from the Parks Commission. **Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to approve the application for the North Conway Village Assoc/MWV Chamber of Commerce for the North Conway Balloon Festival “Lifting Sprits 2010”.** Mr. Weathers questioned the fee paid for the event as the last time the applicant was in to see the Board on this matter there was a question. Recreation Director, John Eastman, advised they have paid the for profit fee for this event. Mr. Weathers next asked about the other fields in the area the applicant had previously discussed using for their event. Mr. Eastman advised the applicant has permission from Kennett Middle School and the field behind the North Conway Country Club. Mr. Eastman next stated

the applicant advised they will have 3 balloons in the park at a time, they will have tethered rides and they will also take off for balloon rides from the park. Mr. Eastman advised they have spoke with Chief Preece of the North Conway Fire Department about safety and he had no concerns. Mr. Eastman next advised there were concerns regarding driving on the field at the park. Mr. Eastman advised there is an area that has been designated for this as they have to bring the balloon baskets in on a pickup or a trailer. They have been advised of one section they can use for doing this but then they have to move the vehicles off the field. Howard Stanten of the North Conway Village Association advised they have different sites at different places around town for the balloons to land. This all depends on the weather as to where they will land – which way the wind blows. Mr. Martin moved the question. **The motion carried 4-0-0.**

CONSIDERATION OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE IN AMOUNTS LESS
THAN \$5,000 / NH RSA 31:95-B, III(B) - \$500 FROM THE NATIONAL
RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION TO THE CONWAY PARKS
AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Recreation Director, John Eastman, advised that the National Parks and Recreation Association is offering \$500 to enhance summer programs for archery. The dollar amount can be spent on anything archery driven. Mr. Eastman advised they do have archery training for a staff member and he feels it would be a good idea to have someone trained and certified by the National Recreation and Parks Association. They could also use the funds to purchase targets. Mr. Eastman stated this is how they would like to use the money. Mr. Eastman next advised that he would have to give detailed receipts to the National Parks and Recreation Association with the results of the grant. **Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to accept the revenue as described. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

REVIEW OF LETTER OF INTEREST REGARDING KEARSARGE
METALLURGICAL SUPERFUND SITE

Mr. Sires reviewed a letter received from Steven Johnson of the Moat Mountain Brew House expressing interest in the Kearsarge Metallurgic site. He would like to acquire the site if the Board is open to this idea. Mr. Sires next reviewed that the town was notified of one other party that was interested in the site on a previous date. Mr. Sires next reviewed that the site is at a point where it can now be turned back to the town if the town was to accept same.

Mr. Sires next stated that the Board can think about whether this is something they want to do at this point. Mr. Sires reviewed that the prior Board was concerned with taking the property. Mr. Sires stated the town could try to work something out so that the transfer occurs the same day and this is something the Board can think about.

Mr. Martin reiterated that the Board does not have to act on this today. Mr. Weathers stated he was concerned previously about the town owning the property; however, he would like to see it back on the tax rolls. Mr. Weathers stated he would like to know the length of time between the town owning the property before we can turn it over to a new owner. Mr. Martin stated we would need to have language to cover the town to make sure the transaction occurs. Mr. Drinkhall cautioned that if the town signs

something ahead of time and a buyer backs out for any reason then we are struck with the property.

The Board requested that Mr. Sires look into the process of acquiring and selling the property and the Board's concerns.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE POLLING PLACES / RHODA QUINT

This item was removed from this agenda and will be brought to a future meeting for discussion.

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Weathers reviewed a memo from the Conservation Commission concerning vacancies and requested reappointments. (See attached). Mr. Weathers explained that the requested appointee, Karla Allen, is interested in serving on the committee and has forestry experience. Mr. Weathers stated the requested appointment for Karla Allen is for two years. Mr. Weathers also asked that the Board reappoint Paul Pinkham and Dan Lucy for three years, Linda Kearney for two years and, also, appoint Conrad Briggs as an alternate for a two year term. **Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, that we appoint Karla Allen for two years to the Conservation Commission, reappoint Paul Pinkham and Dan Lucy for three years to the Conservation Commission, reappoint Linda Kearney to a two year position to the Conservation Commission, and reappoint Conrad Briggs as an alternate for two years to the Conservation Commission. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mount Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce (MWVCC) – Mr. Sires reported he attended a meeting today at the MWVCC. There was discussion on event permitting, etc. They also came up with a plan to continue a dialogue with the town and other entities to keep updated.

Mount Washington Valley Career and Technical Center (MWVCTC) – Mr. Sires reported the MWVCTC is having a spring scholarship dinner on Thursday. If any Selectmen would like to go please advise and a reservation can be made.

DISCUSSION OF DRA LETTERS CONCERNING
ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Tax Assessor, Tom Holmes, joined the meeting. Mr. Sires reported two letters were received from the State of New Hampshire regarding the good job by Tom Holmes and the Assessing Department of the Town of Conway. (A copy of the letters are attached hereto). Mr. Holmes commented that the support of the Board of Selectmen helped as well. The State liked what the Town did with the revaluation and we did this all in-house. Mr. Holmes further explained the Assessing Department has a good established system and that he, Dale Schofield, and an intern did the work. Mr. Holmes advised that to outsource this work it would cost approximately \$70 per parcel. Mr. Holmes next advised the revaluation is done every five years. Mr. Sires commented on the difficulty of the work this time due to the economic market. Also, the Assessing

Department received 150 residential abatement application as well as a couple of commercial applications.

Mr. Martin reviewed the paragraph in the letter regarding a job well done and thanked Mr. Holmes for same.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Valley Vision – Mr. DiGregorio advised that he is waiting for a list of equipment from Bill Edmunds at Valley Vision.

Lighting Committee – Mr. DiGregorio advised that he called the Lighting Committee members but only received a call back from one of the members. Mr. DiGregorio questioned if Cindy Briggs is still on the committee. Mr. Drinkhall advised that Ms. Briggs resigned as chair of the committee but is still on the committee. Mr. Drinkhall stated since there are no call backs he feels we should start looking for other members.

Tasker Hill Field – Mr. DiGregorio advised Cal Ripken Baseball is still using the field at Tasker Hill. Mr. DiGregorio further advised that Coleman's has re-graded the field and this is now the home for the Cal Ripken rookie league for Conway. Mr. DiGregorio stated a thank you to Coleman's for the work they did to the field.

Jeff Sires – Mr. DiGregorio advised that Jeff Sires pitched a no hitter recently and then almost did so again last night.

Kyle DiGrergorio – Mr. DiGregorio reported his son, Kyle, is a high school junior and entered a competition for trigonometry and came in second place. Kyle just missed first place by a couple of seconds and, had he done so, he would be competing on a national level.

Lighting Committee – Mr. Drinkhall stated he would like to see this matter move forward. The best work done so far is the recommendation memo by Mr. Sires. There was next brief discussion by the Board concerning the committee membership. Mr. Sires next reviewed the committee has had several meetings and the memo summarizes discussions by the committee. Mr. Sires suggested just getting the remainder of the committee together and then bring back a recommendation to this Board. It was agreed that Bob Drinkhall will get something together for a meeting with the rest of the committee members.

EcoMaine – Mr. Weathers advised that he and Bob Drinkhall are going to EcoManie to tour the facility.

Conservation Commission – Mr. Weathers reported the Conservation Commission has two applications for expedited applications. The applicants will be at the next meeting to discuss same with the Commission. Both applications are through Tin Mountain and landowners. The meeting will be held tomorrow evening, May 12, 2010, at the Whitaker Meeting House.

High School Prom – Mr. Martin reported he went up to the Kennett High School Prom and everyone looked nice. Mr. Martin also commented on watching the vehicle parade at the prom. Everyone got home safely and it was a nice event.

Next Meeting - Mr. Martin reported the next meeting of the Selectmen will be in two weeks, on May 25, 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

NON PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3:II C / TAX MATTER

At 4:45 pm, **Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to go into non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c).** The non public session included the Town Manager, Earl Sires, Tax Assessor, Tom Holmes, a taxpayer, and the Recording Secretary. **The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

At 4:50 pm the Board returned to public session. It was agreed that the minutes of this non public session would not be sealed.

ADJOURN

At 4:51 pm, the meeting adjourned at the call of the chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary