

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

June 29, 2010

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:07 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen, Larry Martin (Chair), C. David Weathers, and Bob Drinkhall; Public Works Director and Acting Town Manager, Paul DegliAngeli, and Recording Secretary, Karen Hollowell

Selectman, Michael DiGregorio, was not present due to another obligation. Town Manager, Earl W. Sires;, was on vacation. Selectmen Howard C. Dickinson arrived at the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Martin led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Signing of Documents
1. Tax Abatements:
a. Map/Lot 265-199-001

Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, to grant the tax abatements. The motion carried 3-0-0.

2. Land Use Change Tax
a. Map/Lot 264-66
b. Map/Lot 263-1.8

Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers to sign the Land Use Change Tax applications. The motion carried 3-0-0.

3. Elderly Exemption(s)

There were no Elderly Exemption Applications for consideration.

4. Ratification of:
a. Abatement for NH Electric Co-op—M/L#202-49; 214-94; 246-46; 998-006; 998-007; 998-08; and, 998-126
b. Abatement for M/L# 265-127
c. Abatement for M/L#202-176
d. Intent to cut for M/L# 257-10

With regard to the ratification of the abatement application for NH Electric Co-op for M/L L'#202-49; 214-94; 246- 46; 998-006; 998-007; 998-08; and, 998-126, **Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers to ratify the abatement application for NH Electric Co-op. The motion carried 2-0-1 with Mr. Martin abstaining.**

With regard to the Abatement Application for M/L# 265-127, Abatement for M/L#202-176 and the Intent to Cut for M/L# 257-10, **Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall to ratify the Abatement Applications and Intent to Cut. The motion carried 3-0-0.**

5. Raffle Permit(s)
 - a. Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley/drawing 9/11/10
 - b. Friends of Conway Public Library/drawing 7/24/10
 - c. NCFFA/North Conway Fire Dept/drawing 7/5/10
 - d. Mt. Washington Valley Arts Jubilee/drawing 7/15, 7/29 & 8/12/10

Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers to sign the Raffle Permits. The motion carried 3-0-0.

- B. Consideration of Bills:
 1. Ratification of Manifest dated 6/24/10
 2. Manifest dated 6/29/10

Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to ratify the manifest of 6/24/10 and to approve and sign the manifest dated 6/29/10. The motion carried 3-0-0.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to accept the minutes of 5/25/10 as written. The motion carried 3-0-0.

It was agreed that consideration of the minutes of 6/15/10 would be held until the next meeting.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

- a. Carroll County Kennel Club/Annual All Breed & Obedience Show 9/11 & 9/12/10

Mr. Martin explained the field has been reviewed with the Carroll County Kennel Club. Mr. Martin reviewed a restriction has been place on the field and appears on the license as follows: Hussey Field – A restricted area will be delineated which includes approximately the eastern ¼ of this field running in a north south direction parallel with the Saco River. This restricted area will be marked out by grade stakes and ribbon to restrict all vehicles from utilizing this area for any reason. This area can only be used for pedestrian foot traffic. Mr. Weathers pointed out that the restriction on Hussey Field will apply to any and all applications for use of Hussey Field. **Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to approve the special event application for the Carroll County Kennel Club Annual All Breed & Obedience Show on 9/11 & 9/12/2010.** Mr. DegliAngeli asked about delineating the area with grade stakes. Mr. Weathers reviewed where the stakes would be placed. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Selectmen Dickinson joined the meeting at this time, 4:12 p.m.

- b. Up North Orienteers/Orienteering Event 9/26/10

Mr. Weathers reviewed the Conservation Commission has reviewed this event with the applicant. There are restrictions on this application for use of Whitaker Woods. **Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to approve the special event application for Up North Orienteers Orienteering Event on 9/26/10. The motion carried unanimously.**

RIVER ROAD BOAT ACCESS

Peter Gagne of Saco River Canoe, Larry Manson of Ski & Sport Liquidators, and Steve Perry of Saco River Camping Area were present for discussion.

Mr. Gagne advised the North Conway Water Precinct is starting construction of a new well on River Road and they were told they would not be able to access the river in that location and this causes limited access for them. They are looking for an area where cars and trucks can get off safely to access the river. They are here today to work with the Board of Selectmen to possibly utilize Hussey Field in a safe manner with minimal impact to the field.

Mr. Weathers stated that through past history there has been extensive damage to the Hussey Field area. The eastern 1/3 area has been repaired multiple times and this is why we have put restrictions in this area. This was done without even thinking about canoes and kayaks. If you are talking about a foot path –maybe this could be done with stone, riprap, etc.

Mr. Gagne stated the area is already being used by the Pow Wow and the Dog Show. On the high side they want it for people to park for access to the river. Where the gate is –this will get cars off of West Side Road and provide safe access.

Mr. Weathers stated there are areas of Hussey Field that floods on occasion and, also special events require insurance. Mr. Weathers next reviewed the flood history regarding the field. Mr. Weathers next stated that foot traffic may be okay but we would have to look at this closely before the Board can do same. Mr. Weathers next pointed out that if the field is damaged then we will have to ask the taxpayers for money.

Mr. Gagne reviewed they had previously asked about putting rocks to restrict traffic. Mr. Gagne further asked that if the area closes, where they will go.

Mr. DegliAngeli advised that he spoke with David Bernier, Superintendent of the North Conway Water Precinct today and he advised that instead of using the south side of the bridge they can launch on the north side of the bridge. People will have to carry canoes on a foot path. Mr. DegliAngeli advised that, unfortunately, through use the side of the bridge has steepened and is not the same sandy access as the north side. Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed the access has not gone away. Further, Mr. Bernier advised him today that it looks like the work will be done after the river season.

Mr. Gagne next asked if there is a way the area can be expanded on to town property from the North Conway Water Precinct property.

Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed there has been discussions on this in the past. The parking along River Road is insufficient. Parking is an issue and the drop off is an issue. We have heard this from the canoe company's in the past. There was also talk about agreements and compensation in the past but this has never developed.

Mr. Martin stated he is not comfortable asking the taxpayers of Conway to help with subsidies of the liveries; however if they (the liveries) want to get together and propose financially supporting this, this could be discussed. Mr. Gagne stated if the town is agreeable to do something they will raise the money. They are not here looking for money. Mr. Gagne further added he feels this is a major asset to the Town of Conway and this is a lot of money to the businesses. Mr. Martin stated you also have to think about the people that live here and the taxpayers.

Mr. Weathers stated he would rather see this expand to the north and there would have to be a ramp so we can get into that field and maintain it for emergency vehicles, etc.

Mr. Dickinson stated he agrees with Mr. Martin but also thinks we need to see drawing, etc, from the liveries of what they want.

Mr. Weathers questioned what happens to the land where the pump house is now. Mr. DegliAngeli stated that we can discuss this matter with the North Conway Water Precinct.

Mr. DegliAngeli next stated there is a need for a drop off point in the river and a need for parking. -Do the Board of Selectmen want to participate in this or do we want funding to come from the people participating. Mr. Dickinson stated we should not ask the taxpayers to do this. He would like to see drawings and then figure out how much this will cost, etc. Also, there is the issue of the Precinct land. Mr. Drinkhall stated the cost does not matter as we will not be supplying the funding.

Larry Manson stated they are just looking for a safe place to let people out of the vans so they can walk with their canoes. There was next discussion regarding a launch area. Mr. Manson questioned if this would be a public launch and Mr. Martin replied in the affirmative. Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed that a public launch versus a livery launch has come up before. Previously when we had discussion about a livery launch, it ends up if you build it being a drop off anyone can use. You will then be cued up with parking and launching. Mr. DegliAngeli next advised should there be a launch this would require maintenance. Mr. Martin stated he is not sure we would have a public launch at this location. Mr. Gagne pointed out that Redstone has a launch. Mr. Martin advised this was done by vote. If you want the taxpayers to support something, they should vote on it. Mr. Gagne stated he understands the town does not have money for this but he is frustrated the Board does not support it. Mr. Martin stated this is not a fair statement that the Board does not support. We said we would be willing to work with you if you pay the bill. Mr. Gagne stated but not for public launch. Mr. Martin stated if it is a private launch the liveries will need to support it.

Mr. Weathers questioned how many liveries use this area and how many canoes are launched. Mr. Gagne advised there are six (6) liveries and they take 200-400 people per day.

Mr. Weathers discussed wear and tear in the area, especially when it floods. We don't know what the impact will be to the area. There was further brief discussion by the Board.

Mr. Martin stated that the liveries are all set for this year due to the NCWP not doing work until fall but this is an issue they should stay on top of and further discuss. They should also stay in touch with Mr. DegliAngeli regarding this matter. The attendees from the canoe liveries agreed.

APPROVAL TO BEGIN LED LIGHTING DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

Mr. Martin reviewed previous discussion regarding putting LED's in Schouler Park. Mr. Martin advised that Larry Johnstone of New Hampshire Electric has made an offer to the town regarding the lights. The pricing etc is contained in the Board's agenda packet. Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed the buy two get one free offer and that the pricing ends up being \$1,100. Mr. DegliAngeli stated we could take this money out of the highway street lighting budget to purchase three of them to see what they are like. Mr. DegliAngeli next reviewed that also contained in the Board's packet is information regarding cost saving in electricity. Mr. DegliAngeli stated that if the utility company decides to go this way, we may be able to get federal help for same. Mr. DegliAngeli next reviewed the cost estimates with the Board. **Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to go on with the test and purchase the three (3) lights.** There was brief discussion on the lighting. **The motion carried 3-0-1 with Mr. Martin abstaining.**

Mr. Drinkhall reviewed this is only a test for now. Mr. Drinkhall questioned the other areas previously discussed to test the LED lights. Mr. DegliAngeli advised the other two locations are serviced by a different utility company and we received written response they are not ready to do this yet. We have given them information regarding Schouler Park and they have not yet responded.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manger, Earl Sires, was on vacation and no Town Manager Report was given. Mr. Martin requested the Acting Town Manager, Mr. DegliAngeli, for a construction update.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Tasker Hill Bridge – Mr. DegliAngeli reported the work on Tasker Hill Bridge is going well. They have removed the old culvert and have restored the banking. People can now canoe, etc., in the area. Mr. DegliAngeli next reported this project is now on hold waiting for the concrete to cure and, also, the supplier has pushed back the previously supplied date for the decking. Mr. DegliAngeli next added the contractor on the project is doing well and, also the one lane traffic is working as well.

Water and Sewer – Mr. DegliAngeli reported that in Conway Village 153 has been connected to Chase Avenue. Today the CVFD was chlorinating and flushing. Mr. DegliAngeli further reported that they have also started the main connection at the highway to Wilder Street. Wilder to Greenwood Avenue is happening today and will continue through the first week of August.

Mr. DegliAngeli next reported that in North Conway, Contract 7 is progressing. They have been installing water and sewer at Ash and Maple and they will finish this after the 4th of July. They will then start on Ledgewood Road and, thereafter, you will see construction on Kearsarge Road from Intervale Crossroad to Hurricane Mountain Road.

Sidewalks – Mr. DegliAngeli reported the town did sidewalk pours today and they will also do this again next week, weather depending.

Railroad Crossing – Mr. DegliAngeli reported that John Holmes came by Town Hall for a visit and stated this is the best crossing of railroad at Intervale Crossroad.

Paving – Mr. DegliAngeli reported they were paving in Birch Hill this morning. This is leftover from last year as Birch Hill was putting in water.

Route 302 – With regard to the Route 302 construction, Mr. Martin questioned if the State told us last year this was a two year project. Board members and Mr. DegliAngeli advised this project is supposed to be done by October.

Storm Damage – Mr. DegliAngeli reported he will be meeting with the state this week regarding a storm event that washed out the view shed by the Elks Club. This is a significant problem. Two summers ago in 2008 calls came in regarding this and we have been talking to the NHDOT officials regarding same. Mr. DegliAngeli advised a culvert is initially what caused this problem.

CDRC – Mr. DegliAngeli reported a CDRC meeting is scheduled for July 27 at 1:00 pm here at Town Hall. The Board and Mr. DegliAngeli held a brief discussion concerning the Bypass. Mr. Dickinson stated that Councilor Burton will be at Town Hall on July 7 for office hours and we should speak to his regarding the issue.

Rafferty's – Mr. Drinkhall discussed the approval for outdoor seating at Rafferty's restaurant and questioned if they will be off the sidewalk entirely. The Board stated 2 feet onto the sidewalk. Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed the sidewalk goes all the way to their building. When we lay out the sidewalks we use gray brick to delineate the pedestrian right of way and the Agreement with Rafferty's allows them to use the remainder, about 30". Mr. Drinkhall reviewed they have also been to the Planning Board and received approval for same. There was next a brief discussion by the Board as to whether the legs of the tables set out by Rafferty's are over the area. Mr. DegliAngeli questioned if this is by inches or feet and Mr. Drinkhall advised they are over by inches. Mr. Martin stated that a double baby carriage would not be able to get through at the area. Mr. DegliAngeli questioned if the Board would like the Town to notify them in writing or for the Town to measure and report back. The Board agreed they would like the Town to measure the area and report back. Mr. Dickinson stated it may be that some people using the tables are moving them a little. Mr. Martin stated we should follow up as Mr. Drinkhall has heard concerns regarding this matter.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Amateur Radio Day – Mr. Dickinson reported he received a call from Tin Mountain advising there will be having an Amateur Radio day and they would like some of the Board of Selectmen members to help out. Mr. Dickinson advised he would get more information to the Board as to date, time and location.

Pre Bid Meeting – Mr. Dickinson reviewed that tomorrow is the pre bid meeting regarding the garage and he intends on attending the meeting. Mr. Drinkhall advised that he will also be attending. Mr. Dickinson commented that it was a nice ad placed in the newspaper regarding the pre bid meeting.

Abenaki – Mr. Weathers reported the cutting is ongoing in the Abenaki area. By taking some of trees it is opening up the view of the buildings. Mr. Weathers advised that with regard to the buildings, the contents have been inventoried. Mr. Weathers next stated that some of the buildings are unsafe and damaged. The buildings were broken into but there is nothing in the buildings. Mr. Weathers stated he is not averse to taking down some of the buildings due to their condition. Mr. DegliAngeli stated that the son had contact with the town and Laurent family is not interested in the buildings. Mr. Weathers suggested taking a field trip to the site after the cutting is complete.

Mr. DegliAngeli reported that Carol Westervelt had contacted him and advised the Connie Davis Watson Foundation may be willing to fund taking down the buildings and to put up a plaque. **Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, to direct staff to pursue this avenue and to get us the information.** Mr. Weathers suggested this also be reviewed by the Conservation Commission and the Board agreed. **The motion carried 4-0-0.**

July 4th – Mr. Martin reviewed the schedule of activities planned for the Town for the 4th of July Celebration. Mr. Martin asked Board members to also be in attendance for the parade. Mr. Weathers advised he would not have the trailer this year. Mr. Dickinson stated he has a convertible. Mr. DegliAngeli pointed out there are magnetic Town of Conway signs that would be used for identification. It was agreed the Board would ride with Mr. Dickinson in the parade.

Recreation Program – Mr. Martin reported the Recreation program is going gangbusters and they are getting tons of kids. Mr. Martin stated he would like Mr. Eastman to come back and report on this to the Board. The Board agreed they would like a Recreation update at the next meeting.

Councilor Ray Burton – Mr. Martin reported that Councilor Ray Burton will be at the Town Office for office hours on July 7, 2010 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. If anyone has any issues they would like to discuss, he is available.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

Nate Giarnese of the Conway Daily Sun asked about the CDRC meeting scheduled on July 27, 2010 regarding the bypass. Mr. DegliAngeli advised this meeting was asked for by the NHDOT Commissioner.

Mr. Dickinson commented there is a pre bid meeting tomorrow concerning the garage. The bids are to be opened on July 13, 2010.

Mr. Martin wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July.

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

At 5:30 p.m, **Mr. Drinkhall moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to go into non public session under RSA 91-A:II c to discuss a tax matter.** Included in the non public session was Acting Town Manager, Paul DegliAngeli, Tax Assessor, Tom Holmes, and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell. **The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

At 5:36 pm the Board returned to public session. Mr. Martin asked that the minutes show that the Board voted in non public session to reenter into a three (3) year PILOT Agreement with West Main Street Recreation.

ADJOURN

At 5:39 p.m., the meeting was adjourned at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hollowell
Executive Secretary