

**Minutes of Meeting  
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

November 1, 2011

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:05 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen Chair, C. David Weathers, Michael DiGregorio, Howard C. Dickinson, Lawrence Martin; Public Works Director, Paul DegliAngeli, and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell.

Selectman, Mary Carey Seavey, and Town Manager, Earl Sires, were not present today due to attendance at the MWVCC & MWVEC Annual Meeting and Dinner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Weathers noted an item has been added to Review and Consideration of Special Event Applications. **Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL WINTER MAINTENANCE

Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed that the Board wanted to pursue what the costs would be for additional winter maintenance of sidewalks as previously discussed. Mr. DegliAngeli advised that we do not have the results for the Mill Street bid yet but are under contract for other areas of town and did receive prices from the contractor as directed. Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed the current scope of work is for the 2011-2012 season and is \$21,000. Additional costs for the entire season are as follows: If adding the east side of the strip and the west side –full maintenance would be \$7,200; if adding Mechanic Street and Kearsarge this is \$2,400 each.

There was discussion by the Board of the west side of the strip and what is currently being done and when. Mr. Weathers questioned if staff needed a decision tonight. Mr. DegliAngeli explained that his proposed operating budget for 2012 has been turned in and these cost have not been included. If any decisions are made to add additional sidewalks then we will need to revise the budget request. The Board held further brief discussion on whether to act now or wait until next week. **Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, for the maintenance of the strip of \$7200 to add this to the budget. The motion failed 1-3-0 with Mr. DiGregorio voting in the positive and Messrs. Martin, Dickinson and Weathers in the negative.** The Board next considered maintenance of Mechanic Street. **Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson that with regard to the \$2,400 to do Mechanic Street to add this to the Paul DegliAngeli's budget.** Mr. Martin stated he feels differently about this road as Mechanic and Kearsarge connect with a lot of local establishments and he sees a lot of foot traffic in this area. **The motion carried 3-1-0 with Messrs. Martin, DiGregorio and Weathers voting in the affirmative and Mr. Dickinson in the negative.**

There was next brief discussion regarding costs for the additional maintenance for the rest of this year. Mr. DegliAngeli stated he can probably absorb this in the budget this year.

**Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, on the \$2,400 for Kearsarge –to add this to Paul DegliAngeli's budget.** Mr. Dickinson stated he thinks the removal of snow from sidewalks should be the responsibility of the precincts or the Chamber and should not be paid for by everyone in town. Mr. Weathers reviewed this was, in years past, done by the precinct but the voters changed this. Mr. DiGregorio disagreed with Mr. Dickinson and stated he thinks the town is responsible as everyone uses the sidewalks. Mr. Martin moved the question. **The motion carried 3-1-0 with Messrs. Martin, DiGregorio and Weathers voting in the affirmative and Mr. Dickinson in the negative.**

Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed this process started several years ago when people weren't happy with the way sidewalks were being maintained. One part of the discussion was –should we require a piece of equipment to do the work ourselves and also make a full time position from a part time parks person. This person would do winter maintenance and summer maintenance. A cost analysis was done and this would be a break even situation –a contract versus an employee with benefits, equipment, etc. There was further discussion by the Board on winter snow removal. No further actions were taken.

#### HAVEN LANE

Mr. DegliAngeli stated that in reviewing Haven Lane it is his understanding that there was a certain point where the town portion of Haven Lane stopped. When doing water and sewer there was some issues with easements, etc. Also, in looking at a map, Haven Lane is directly opposite of Bald Hill Road. In looking back at information Haven Lane used to be Bald Hill road to West Main Street. When the State of NH took land for the highway it changed and now the town does not own the end of Haven Lane to Route 16. There is a lot at the end of the street by Route 16 and it is a private drive.

Mr. DegliAngeli next explained we are now down one plow driver and are replacing equipment and we asked the state to have permission for a turnaround and they have granted same. We then sent a letter to parcel one and two on Haven Lane. With regard to Parcel 2, he has made modifications to his driveways, etc, and we advised them that the Town will not plow the driveway area at the end of the road but will be putting in a turnaround. The Town did receive a response from parcel two and he wants to speak with his neighbor about the matter. Mr. DegliAngeli advised he has invited them to come in and speak with the Board of Selectmen at the next meeting about this matter.

Mr. Weathers questioned if this is for informational purposes today and if the residents will be coming to the Board. Mr. DegliAngeli advised his recommendation is to build our turnaround. He did advise the residents they could go before the Board to discuss or take this to the voting body and ask it be accepted as a town road. Mr. DegliAngeli stated he has advised them if they want to come before the Board, they can attend the meeting on November 15, 2011.

**Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, that without a response from the two parties involved by November 15, 2011, that Paul DegliAngeli be directed to proceed with building the turnaround at the end of Haven Lane. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

#### APPOINTMENTS TO SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed the committee makeup for the Lower Mount Washington Solid Waste District (LMWVSWD). Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed that we have not had Town of Conway representatives for quite some time. He and Mr. Sires discussed this matter and feel that staff

shouldn't be voting members, although since he has been with the Town they have been and it should be Selectmen and community members instead. Mr. DegliAngeli questioned if the Board wants two Selectmen and a community member or one Selectman and a two community members. Mr. DegliAngeli advised that two citizens have put forth their names and interest in servicing on the LMWVSWD. The two people are Barbara Bloomberg and Stacy Sand. Mr. Weathers stated he has been attending the meetings of the LMWVSWD since he has become chair of this Board and wants to continue and, also, Mr. Dickinson has a long history with the structure that exists and asked if he would mind serving on the committee. Mr. Dickinson agreed to serve. **Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, that we have two members of the Board of Selectmen and one person from the community as our representative on the LMWVSWD.** The Board agreed that Mr. Weathers and Mr. Dickinson would serve as the Board's representatives. **The motion carried 4-0-0.**

The Board next held brief review of the candidates who volunteered to be on the committee. **Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, that we offer the position to Stacy Sand.** **The motion carried 4-0-0.**

#### SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

- a. Current Use Land Use Change Tax Collector's Warrant -Map/Lot 216-73
- b. Land Use Change Tax –Map/Lot 216-73
- c. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber –Map/Lot 275-43
- d. Tax Collector's Warrant 2011

**Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to sign the Current Use Land Use Change Tax Collector's Warrant -Map/Lot 216-73, Land Use Change Tax –Map/Lot 216-73, Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber –Map/Lot 275-43 and the Tax Collector's Warrant 2011.** **The motion carried unanimously.**

#### CONSIDERATION OF BILLS:

- a. Manifest dated 11/3/11
- b. Payroll dated 11/3/11

**Martin moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to approve and sign the manifest and payroll dated 11/2/11.** **The motion carried 4-0-0.**

#### RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUT OF SESSION

- a. Manifest dated 10/27/11

Mr. Dickinson stepped away from the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

**Martin moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to ratify the manifest dated 10/27/11.** **The motion carried 3-0-0.**

Mr. Dickinson rejoined the meeting at 4:51 pm

#### REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

- a. Eastern Slope Ski Club/41<sup>st</sup> Annual Ski & Swap Sale, North Conway, 11/9-11/12/11

**Martin moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to sign the Special Event Application for the Eastern Slope Ski Club's 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Ski & Swap Sale scheduled for 11/9/11 through 11/12/11. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: 9/1/11 & 9/27/11

Mr. Dickinson stepped away from the meeting again at 4:52 p.m.

**Martin moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to accept the minutes of 9/27/11 as written. The motion carried 3-0-0.**

It was agreed that the minutes of 9/1/11 would be held until the next meeting.

Mr. Dickinson rejoined the meeting at 4:54 pm

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Garage - Mr. DegliAngeli invited the Board to take a look at the town garage as repairs have been made.

Budgets – Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed that staff is working on 2012 proposed budgets.

Snow Plowing – Mr. DegliAngeli reported the town plowed their first snowfall this season recently.

Fuel – Mr. DegliAngeli reported that the fuel situation is not much different than it was a year ago. Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed the amount for fuel was changed at the deliberative portion of Town Meeting. Mr. DiGregorio stated there was a article in the paper recently that the school locked in on a good oil price. Mr. DegliAngeli advised the Town has never locked in. He has sat down and reviewed information with Jim Hill of the school and the town has spent less in the past. We cant say for sure if we will spend less this year but in years past when others have locked in we have saved and it has served us not to lock in. There was discussion by the Board on fuel costs.

Construction – Mr. DegliAngeli reported that construction is wrapping up for winter. They are closing up work in Conway in the Chadbourne Avenue area. When the weather warms we will pave the Wyman Avenue area.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Town Garage – Mr. Martin reported he took a look at the garage and they are putting a roof on it. The building is looking sharp and he feels we have done all right with what we had done to the building and he thinks staff has done a wonderful job.

Storage Garage – Mr. Martin stated the storage garage is also looking good and questioned if work is done. Mr. DegliAngeli advised that we have moved some of that work forward because we couldn't afford it. We will have to paint next year and, also, the piers that support the ridgeline –there is repair work that needs to be done. Also, there is sheetrock damage and other miscellaneous work that needs to be done as well.

Coleman and Sewer Projects – Mr. Martin stated he feels there was minimal negative feedback received with Coleman and NCWP sewer projects. Mr. Martin stated he feels that the

NCWP, the contractors and Paul DegliAngeli deserve kudos as they all did a wonderful job and we have some fine streets in North Conway.

Dump Store – Mr. Martin questioned where we are regarding the dump store closure. Mr. DegliAngeli reported that earlier in the meeting today the Board put a committee in place. Further, the LMWVSWD chair has asked for information and Mr. Sires is working on that. We will hold a meeting before the public hearings are scheduled on this matter. Mr. Martin stated that he has received no negative feedback on closing the dump store. People just want to make sure the clothing boxes remain. Mr. DegliAngeli stated that yes it is the plan to keep the clothing boxes at the Transfer Station.

Budget Committee – Mr. DiGregorio reported a Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow evening, November 2, 2011. He will also be attending an upcoming school board meeting for the Budget Committee as well. Mr. DiGregorio next added that the Conway Daily Sun reported it would cost \$100,000 for the school report but actually it would cost much less.

Valley Vision – Mr. DiGregorio stated we need to have contractual discussions regarding Madison, etc, and this needs to be in non public session. Mr. DegliAngeli reported this would be on the next agenda.

Transvale Meeting – Mr. Weathers reported a meeting with Staff, Transvale Residents and FEMA took place yesterday and was held at the Conway Village Fire Station. This was to show and to make sure of what needs to take place before anyone builds in the area –to see if they can build, etc. There was discussion regarding the floodway and floodplain. There was discussion regarding FEMA funds. People do have to register for this and the cutoff date is November 7, 2011. Also, a main point was to get people in touch with the town to see what they can and can't do. The information needs to be compiled first as to what can and can't be done. Mr. Weathers next advised that some residents did get funding already. They also need to check if they can build before they put any money into their property.

Conservation Commission – Mr. Weathers reported the Conservation Commission meets on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at the Whitaker Meeting House.

Saco River Committee – Mr. Weathers reported the initial meeting of the Saco River Access Committee was held this past Thursday. There were four vendors, a person from Fryeburg who lives near Swans Fall, an abutter to the river at Nerelege, and staff present. They talked about the possibility of what might occur and if there is public support. Everyone felt that the taxpayers won't want to pay much for a launch for private business. They also talked about the possibility of using the existing bridge abutment on one side of First River Bridge. The vendors have also looked into finding private land to use but haven't found any. Parking is an issue for the public and the liveries. The next meeting of the committee will be held in early December.

Mr. DegliAngeli stated there is a problem in this area for approximately a seven week period a year in the summer and if we are going to spend money as some vendors would like to see happen –do you spend money for a problem that is a seven week window and for not even seven days a week during that time. Mr. DegliAngeli suggested this could probably be handled with an officer for difficult times and then the liveries could pay for it and, if they don't want to pay, then maybe we should be permitting them to use the area. Mr. DegliAngeli next reviewed that businesses are paying for land use in the towns of Bartlett and Fryeburg and in Conway they pay zero. Mr. DegliAngeli next suggested maybe having an agreement to let them use one side and the public uses the other and that we have a police detail there and pay for this

through the permitting process for the liveries. Mr. DegliAngeli stated this was just a suggestion and not a report back from the committee.

Kennett Football – Mr. Martin pointed out that Kennett High School brought home the football trophy again. This is two years in a row and kudos to Kennett.

NHEC – Mr. Martin reported that NHEC has restored power to all but 23 people at this time.

Conway Lake Dam – Mr. DegliAngeli reported they are starting to lower Conway Lake this week and this will go on until the middle of December.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

ADJOURN

At 5:30 p.m., the meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J Hallowell  
Executive Secretary