

**Minutes of Meeting  
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

February 14, 2012

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen, C. David Weathers (Chair), Michael DiGregorio, Howard C. Dickinson, and Mary Carey Seavey; Town Manager, Earl W. Sires and Recording Secretary, Karen Hollowell.

Selectman, Larry Martin, was not in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to approve the agenda. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION EFFORTS – BRENDA  
KUMMERER-CYR(DALY)/SERVICELINKRESOURCE CENTER

Brenda Kummerer-Cyr and Jessica Blais joined the meeting. Ms. Cyr and Ms. Blais advised they are with Lakes Region Health and they cover both Belknap and Carroll Counties.

Ms. Blais advised they are not here today looking for funding. They are here looking to the Board of Selectmen as experts in the community. They are looking to see if the community has identified issues that they may be able to help get funding for, such as skate parks, etc. Ms. Blais stated there is data in the community that shows there is drug use in the community but they do not know the solution and they are here today to ask this Board. Mr. Weather stated he only has knowledge through his observations and the Board would have to go out there into the community and gather data to get the information they are looking for and, also, they may not be qualified to do so. Ms. Blais stated they are just looking for recommendations, i.e, if there are afterschool programs, etc. They would like to the Board of Selectmen to let them know who to contact etc. Ms. Cyr stated the first step is raising awareness in the community and how do we make the youngsters of our community make the right choices. What are the barriers, etc. There was further discussion with the Board. Mr. DiGregorio suggested the DARE program. A major contributor to that program recently passes away and the Police Department are looking for ways to fund the program. Ms. Blais stated this is the kind of things they are looking for and if she sees a grant application come across her desk she would know it was right for Conway. DARE is a perfect example. Ms. Seavey suggested they contact Starting Point and, also, the Key Club. Mr. Weathers suggested they contact Valley Vision and do a program to get information out to the public. Janice Crawford suggested they look at the Mount Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce web site and there is a lot of non profit information on their page.

STREET LIGHTS IN NORTH CONWAY

Janice Crawford, Director of the Mount Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce was present for discussion.

Mr. Sires distributed background information on alternatives regarding streetlights and reviewed same. (See attached).

There was discussion concerning the fixtures, LED, cobra heads, costs, safety, etc. There was also discussion about amending the budget either at this meeting or at the Deliberative meeting. It was agreed that at this point, the Board does not have firm figures as to costs. The Board discussed turning lights back on in the villages and on the strip. The Board agreed to give Mr. Sires a directive to gather figures for the Deliberative Portion of Town Meeting.

DISCUSSION REGARDING FUND RAISING EFFORTS FOR  
CONWAY-NORTH CONWAY INTERCONNECT PROJECT

Conway Village Fire District Commissioner, Janine Bean and Joe Quirk, North Conway Water Precinct Commissioners, Jim Umberger and Bob Porter, North Conway Water Precinct Superintendent, David Bernier, and Tom Buco were present for discussion.

Commissioner Bean first reviewed the history of the interconnect project. Mr. Buco distributed information to the Board and reviewed same. (See attached).

Ms. Bean advised they currently have a Rural Development (RD) application for \$12.5 million. Because of upgrades to North Conway Water Precinct they have been able to shorten their routes and now the application for \$12.5 sits in Washington DC. They are also trying to get \$10 million from the state and have them direct it to this project. They would still be \$2.5 million short.

Ms. Bean advised they are here today to ask the Board of Selectmen to take a stand on the project and help them politically get people on Board. They need \$10 million from the state and, also, they need to raise \$2.5 from grants, etc. They also need help organizing a writing campaign. They are asking the Board of Selectmen to take a vote that they are in favor of the interconnect, write letters, and authorize Paul DegliAngeli to help them coordinate this effort. They are hoping to get RD funding by April.

Ms. Bean next stated this will improve the Town of Conway if Conway is connected to the North Conway Water Precinct. This will also be good for the Saco River. Further she feels it will help facilitate growth in town if interconnected. Ms. Bean asked the Board to write letters to state representatives and to let Paul DegliAngeli help facilitate the process. Mr. Weathers questioned how much of Mr. DegliAngeli's time would be needed. Ms. Bean and Mr. Bernier agreed it would be about two days of his time.

Mr. DiGregorio stated he is in favor of getting the funding and also is an advocate of the two precincts joining together. Mr. DiGregorio next asked how does this go forward if the voters were told one number and 75% is not going to be there now. Ms. Bean advised they need to get funding or the project will come to a halt. Ms. Bean advised they are asking the Board to help them take a stand that this is a great project and important to the town and to write letters stating same.

**Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, that the Conway Board of Selectmen strongly supports the Conway Village Fire District and North Conway Water Precinct sewer interconnect project and further supports any efforts to gain funding for the project. Town staff are hereby directed to assist Conway Village Fire District and North Conway Water Precinct as needed in these efforts. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. DiGregorio stated he thinks it is time for a discussion with the precincts and this will occur after town meeting. Ms. Bean advised the Conway Village Commissioners voted in favor of sitting down and talking about this matter.

Ms. Crawford suggested Ms. Bean send something to the Chamber and they will put the information into a mailing asking for letters of support etc.

#### CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED VALLEY VISION BUDGET

Mr. Sires advised that the Board has not yet voted on an amount for the Valley Vision contract. Valley Vision has asked for \$96,000. Mr. DiGregorio stated he thinks the amount was \$98,000. **Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to support the amount requested for the Valley Vision budget. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### 2012 WARRANT

a. Review of Zoning Articles - Planning Director, Tom Irving, appeared before the Board. Mr. Irving reviewed the Zoning Articles that will appear on the 2012 Town Warrant with the Board.

b. Selectmen Articles - Mr. Sires reviewed a proposed article regarding Locust Lane with the Board. **Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to accept the Locust Lane Warrant Article as written. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

Mr. Sires next reviewed the Board has not taken action on Article 8 regarding the Capital Reserve Fund for Parks Department vehicle. Also, we need to strike language that we are taking money from the revolving fund. The Article will just state: To see if the Town will vote to establish a CAPITAL RESERVE FUND under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the PARKS DEPARTMENT VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to withdraw and disburse funds in accordance with the purpose of the fund. Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in this fund for fiscal year 2012. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 6, the operating budget article. **Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to approve Article 8 as presented. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

c. Non Profit Petitioned Articles – Mr. Sires advised the Town did receive the petition for Legal Services today and it has been validated by the Supervisors of the Checklist.

The Board next reviewed they did not take a vote on the non profits articles last year. The Board agreed they would not take votes to support or not support the non profit articles.

d. Other Petitioned Articles – Mr. Sires advised that two new petitions were received today regarding the Budget Committee. Mr. Sires read same aloud. Mr. Sires stated that it is his understanding if they pass is that it revokes the current Budget Committee and creates an advisory Budget Committee. If they pass the Budget Committee wont have the authority to set the default budget, etc. Mr. DiGregorio stated there is also legislation this year giving the Budget Committee more authority and taking same away from the voter. Mr. DiGregorio questioned if the articles automatically go on the warrant. Mr. Sires advised they will be placed on the warrant as they are petitioned articles. However, no vote to recommend or not recommend is taken on these articles

as they have no financial impact. **Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey to place them on the warrant. The motion carried 3-1-0 with Mr. Dickinson voting in the negative.**

Mr. Sires next advised the Budget Committee will hold the public hearing on the budget tomorrow night and they also plan to meet Thursday night to adopt a budget. Mr. Sires advised that he would be out of town next week and this Board may want to meet on Friday morning to vote on the budget and the warrant. We need to post the warrant by 2/27/12. There was brief discussion on a date and time to hold a meeting. The Board agreed they will try to meet sometime on Friday.

Mr. Sires next distributed a copy of the handout for the Budget Committee public hearing and reviewed same with the Board.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

- a. Abatement - Map/Lot 254-29.085
- b. Abatement - Map/Lot 255-5.11
- c. Abatement - Map/Lot 262-83.272
- d. Abatement - Map/Lot 272-52.32
- e. Abatement - Map/Lot 275-18.16
- f. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed – Map/Lot 230-123.1
- g. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber – Map/Lot 201.3, 4 & 5
- h. Original Warrant/Timber Tax Levy - Map/Lot 230-123.1

**Mr. Digregorio moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to sign the Abatement for Tax Map/Lot 254-29.085, Abatement for Map/Lot 255-5.11, Abatement for Map/Lot 262-83.272; Abatement for Map/Lot 272-52.32; Abatement for Map/Lot 275-18.16; Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed for Map/Lot 230-123.1; Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Map/Lot 201.3, 4 & 5; and Original Warrant/Timber Tax Levy for Map/Lot 230-123.1. The motion carried unanimously.**

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- a. Manifest 2/16/12

**Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to approve and sign the manifest dated 2/16/12. The motion carried unanimously.**

RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUT OF SESSION

- a. Manifest 2/9/12
- b. Payroll 2/9/12

**Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to ratify the Manifest and Payroll dated 2/9/12. The motion carried unanimously.**

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

- a. 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Chilly Chili Cook-Off/Various Locations in North Conway/3/3/12 – revised application

**Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to approved the revised application for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Chilly Chili Cook Off. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: 1/24/12

Mr. DiGregorio offered the following correction the minutes of 1/24/12 – Page 2, last paragraph, the first sentence should be changed from “Mr. DiGregorio stated his vote would be to do the cobra heads on the strip and something else in the village.” Mr. DiGregorio stated his vote would be to do the cobra heads on the strip and in town. **Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey to adopt the minutes of 1/24/12 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Vacation – Mr. Sires reported he would be out of the office next week on vacation.

Post Warrant – Mr. Sires advised we will post the warrant on Monday, March 27, 2012.

Buyout Program – Mr. Sires advised we are proceeding with the buyout program. Letters and a survey have been sent to residents in Transvale that will be used for the grant application. We will start working on the grant application in March. The Public Works crew have just about finished up surveying the properties eligible for the program.

Perambulation – Mr. Sires reported perambulation has to be done every so many years per state law. State law also requires the town appoint someone to do this or to walk the boundary themselves. Mr. Sires requested that Paul DegliAngeli be appointed as the representative to undertake town perambulation. Mr. Sires further advised the Town of Madison just did their perambulation and so we will not have to do that portion of the town line. Mr. Sires advised we would like to start this soon so the road crew can get working on this. **Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to appoint Paul DegliAngeli as the town representative to undertake town perambulation. The motion carried unanimously.**

Sidewalk Plowing – Mr. Sires advised he met with the contractor regarding sidewalk plowing and it was a productive meeting. There may just have been a learning curve with the new contractor and there is now a better understanding of each others expectations.

#### BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Skating Rink – Ms. Seavey questioned if the skating rink was open in North Conway. Mr. Sires advised it was open this past weekend. He will go again this weekend to see about the issues identified by Risk Management.

Legislation – Mr. Dickinson updated the Board regarding the status of House Bills in Concord.

Conservation Commission – Mr. Weathers reported the Conservation Commission met last week. There was discussion concerning a land swap regarding the North Conway Community Center. They has discussion on the greenspace, public restrooms, viewscape, etc. The Conservation Commission voted to recommend the request by a vote of 4-0-2.

DOT Letter – Mr. Sires reported the town received a letter regarding parcels on the North-South Road. Several years ago when we talked with the DOT about a bike trail or easements in

this area we were told the parcels would not be available because of bypass. Now they are starting to sell the land. They are giving the town the first right of refusal. Mr. Sires advised this will be forwarded to the Conservation Commission to see if they are interested in acquiring the property. Mr. Sires further added the he suggests sending a letter to the DOT asking for a trail easement. Mr. DiGregorio stated he would like to know the value of the parcel. Mr. Sires advised he will check on the assessed value and report back to the Board. Mr. DiGregorio suggested also checking with Tom Irving regarding the zoning for this parcel.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

ADJOURN

At 6:30 p.m. the meeting adjourned without objection at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J Hallowell  
Executive Secretary