

Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
January 22, 2013

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:25 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen, C. David Weathers (Chair), Michael DiGregorio, Howard C. Dickinson, Mary Carey Seavey and Stacy Sand, Town Manager, Earl W. Sires and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Weathers advised that Agenda item 4 concerning a discussion with North Conway Community Center regarding cooperative efforts for the construction of a new community center would be struck from the agenda today. Mr. Weathers next advised that there would also be one item added to Item 7 Signing of Documents as follow: Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Map/Lot 262-1. **Ms. Seavey moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF VALLEY VISION MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Mr. Sires reviewed the operations of the PEG channel are handled by a local non profit, Valley Vision. Mr. Sires further reviewed that each year the Town receives about \$130,000 in franchise fees from the cable company. These monies have traditionally been placed in a trust account to be used for PEG TV and the expenses associated with same. The Board of Selectmen have entered into agreements with Valley Vision in the past and it is always contingent upon voter approval in April. Mr. Sires next reviewed a proposed Memorandum of Agreement with Valley Vision with the Board.

Ms. Sand questioned if Valley Vision has to submit a budget by November 30 of each year and if they had submitted their budget late this year. Mr. Sires advised that we did get the budget late this year. Mr. DiGregorio advised that they had been working on putting it together. Ms. Sand stated that we should ask them to have it to the Town earlier next year. Mr. DiGregorio advised that he would remind them to do same.

Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Town of Conway and Valley Vision. Mr. Weather reviewed that this is pending voter approval. **The motion carried unanimously.**

DISCUSSION OF HB 122

Mr. Sires reviewed that Mr. DiGregorio had requested information on HB122 at the last meeting.

Mr. DiGregorio stated that he felt the wording of HB122 is a little confusing. Mr. DiGregorio next stated that this Board has taken legislative positions in the past and he did not want this bill to get past this Board without being reviewed. Mr. DiGregorio asked the Board members to take a look at this to get their opinions on same. Mr. DiGregorio reviewed that it

looks as though this may give the Budget Committee the power to change the budget figure after the deliberative portion of town meeting.

Mr. Sires advised that he was going to get in touch with the NHMA to discuss this bill. Mr. Sires reviewed the bill with the Board. There was brief discussion by the Board. It was agreed that Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Sires would call the NHMA and report back. Ms. Sand suggested also contacting State Representative White regarding this matter.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

- a. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 262-83-011
- b. Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Map/Lot 262-1.

Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey to sign the Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 262-83-011 and the Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Map/Lot 262-1. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1/24/13 - Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to sign the manifest dated 1/24/13. The motion carried unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGED OUT OF SESSION

There were no documents signed out of session.

REVIEW AND CONSDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

a. MWVCC 10th Annual Chilly Chili Cook-Off, North Conway – 3/2/13 – **Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Ms. Sand to approve the Special Event Application for the MWVCC 10th Annual Chilly Chili Cook Off in North Conway on 3/2/13.** There was brief discussion of timeliness of applications. Ms. Sand stated she would like to remind everyone that they need to submit applications on time. **The motion carried unanimously.**

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1/8/13 - Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to approve the minutes of 1/8/13 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Budget Committee – Mr. Sires reported the Budget Committee met last week and will meet again tomorrow night.

LMWVSWD – Mr. Sires reported a meeting of the LMWVSWD was held this morning.

CDBG Advisory Committee – Mr. Sires advised he attended a CDBG Advisory Committee meeting last week. One item that came up was the status of the FEMA funding regarding Transvale. CDBG has already awarding funding for Transvale. Mr. Sires advised that he reported to the CDBG Advisory Board that the FEMA funding is still lagging but that we have been assured that the historic review by the State would be done this week. There is

now involvement with the FEMA matter at the CDBG level. They have contracted Senator Shaheen's office and they are aware of this as well. Further, a meeting with Transvale residents is scheduled for this Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

250th Anniversary Committee – Mr. Sires advised that the 250th Anniversary Committee met for the first time last week. Brian Wiggin is the Chair of the Committee and they are organizing and getting their membership together.

Hazardous Mitigation Planning – Mr. Sires reported a Hazardous Mitigation Planning meeting is scheduled for next Thursday, January 31, 2013.

Non Profit Budget – Mr. Sires distributed copies of the non profit budget packages to the Board. Mr. Sires reviewed that a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee to review non profit budgets is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

BOARD REPORTS

LMWVSWD – Ms. Sand reviewed a meeting of the LMWVSWD was held this morning. They first discussed how the new shelves and the modified reuse area was working well. Things are going on and off the shelves quickly.

Ms. Sand next advised that they also discussed the landfill closing. Bids are in for the last phase of the landfill. Ms. Sand next advised that an item the Board will need to vote on is that the bid received was way under what was budgeted for and they would like to use a portion of this to replace the trailer that is there and build a building. This would save on heat and would be used as a work area. This would require a vote of this Board. Mr. Weathers questioned if this is for phase 3 and Ms. Sand replied in the affirmative.

Ms. Sand next advised there was also discussion at the meeting of where recyclables go and who we sell them to and who they are selling the recyclable to as well.

Ms. Sand next reported they are also talking about going to the NRRRA conference in June 2013.

Ms. Sand next reported the LMWVSWD also had discussion of the guard shack at the transfer station and of rebuilding same. Work has already started on the guard shack to make it more functional. They are also putting in a new register system to make it easier to get in and out of the transfer station.

Around the State House Program – Mr. Dickinson advised that he spoke with Bill Edmunds of Valley Vision about doing the Around the State House program this year. They could have the first show on one week from this Friday.

Budget Committee – Mr. DiGregorio reviewed the Budget Committee will meet tomorrow night, January 23, 2013.

Transfer Station – Mr. Weathers reported that the doors at the transfer station have been renovated and the columns are being replaced. The work scheduled for phase 2 will be completed this spring.

PUBLIC COMMENT/MEDIA QUESTIONS

Janice Crawford of the Mount Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce commented on the Community Celebrations Committee advising that \$48,000 was raised and spent. They have pretty much completed all of their projects. The skating rink has already served about 500 people and John Eastman and crew did a great job with the rink. Further, the Committee has started the process of collecting again for next year, however, they don't think the expenditures will be as high next year because they had to put out money this year for redoing the building at the skating rink this year and now this is done. Ms. Crawford stated a thank you and that she feels we can applaud ourselves – the Board of Selectmen and the Committee. Mr. Weathers stated thank you as well.

NON PUBLIC SESSION/NH RSA 91-A:3,II(C) – TAX MATTER(S)

At 4:52 p.m. **Ms. Seavey moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to go into non public session under NH RSA 91-A:3,II (c) to discuss a tax matter.** The non public session included Town Manager, Earl Sires, Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell, and a representative on behalf of a taxpayer. **The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

The Board returned to public session at 4:59 p.m. There was no motion to seal the minutes.

ADJOURN

At 5:00 p.m. the meeting adjourned at the call of the chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J Hallowell
Executive Secretary