

Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
July 23, 2013

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:18 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen, C. David Weathers (Chair), Michael DiGregorio, Mary Carey Seavey, Stacy Sand and Carl Thibodeau, Town Manager, Earl 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

Ms. Seavey moved, seconded by Ms. Sand, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON AN OFFER OF A GIFT OF LAND TO THE TOWN OF CONWAY - TAX MAP/LOT #278-16. (1 OF 2 HEARINGS)

At 4:19 pm, Mr. Weathers opened the public hearing regarding an offer of gift of land located at Tax Max/Lot 278-16.

Mr. Sires reviewed the lot is located on G Road in Cranmore Shores and is a wet lot. Mr. Sires further reviewed that the town does own several lots in this area. Mr. Sires next reviewed that both the Planning Board and Conservation Commission have reviewed this matter and are supportive of the town receiving this gift of land. Mr. Sires further reviewed that by the town accepting the lots it removes them from any issues of whether they are developable or not. The lots are wet and unbuildable. Ms. Sand questioned if any of the lots are combined would they be buildable. Mr. Sires stated that he does not believe so as they are all wet. Mr. Weathers added there is also no sewer at this time. Maybe in the future, if sewer is available then they may become buildable.

Mr. Weathers asked for public comments. There were none. Mr. Weathers closed the public hearing at 4:22 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: TO ACCEPT UNANTICIPATED REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 FROM THE GIBSON-WOODBURY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION TO THE TOWN OF CONWAY FOR REDSTONE PROPERTIES PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION.

At 4:23 p.m. Mr. Weathers opened the public hearing regarding \$5,000 from the Gibson Woodbury Charitable Foundation to Town of Conway for Redstone Properties Protection and Preservation.

Mr. Sires reviewed the Town of Conway received a grant of \$5,000 from the Gibson Woodbury Foundation and this is for the support of the project in Redstone wherein the Town assumed responsibility of lands that the NHDOT is not interested or not able to take care of and the Town has entered into an agreement to manage the lands. Mr. Sires next reviewed the Redstone Quarry is located on the lands and there is snowmobile and hiking trails as well Mr.

Sires next advised that we are also working with local snowmobile and bicycling clubs and Steve Swenson and are looking into putting up gates, signs etc, in the area. Mr. Sires next advised that his recommendation is to accept the funds and designate the use for the purposes stated.

Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to accept the \$5,000 from the Gibson Woodbury Foundation to the Town of Conway for Redstone Properties protection and preservation. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sires next advised that Councilor Ray Burton will be in Conway on August 9 to tour the historical area in Redstone.

AUDIT EXIT INTERVIEW – GREG COLBY/PLODZICK AND SANDERSON

Greg Colby of Plodzick and Sanderson joined the meeting. Also present was Town Finance Director, Lucy Philbrick.

Mr. Colby reviewed the annual financial report for the town for the year 2012 with the Board. A copy of the report is available on file at Town Hall.

CARROLL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION/BLUE LOON BUS – JACK ROSE

Jack Rose of Carroll County Transportation joined the meeting. Mr. Rose reviewed the Town of Conway approved \$3,000 for dial a ride door to door services. Mr. Rose advised that they recently expanded the dial a ride service for the area to five days a week. The service is like a taxi. They also have adjusted rates for the town. Mr. Rose next briefly reviewed the rates and the routes with the Board. Mr. Rose thanked the Town of Conway for their support.

Mr. Rose next advised that he chairs the Carroll County Regional Coordinating Council. Mr. Rose distributed a directory of coordinated transportation opportunities for the county for the Board to review.

REQUEST FOR CROSSWALK AND SCHOOL CROSSING SIGN
JACKIE SPARKS/CHILDREN UNLIMITED

Jackie Sparks of Children Unlimited and Public Works Director, Paul DegliAngeli, joined the meeting to discuss a request by Children Unlimited for a crosswalk and school crossing sign in the vicinity of Children Unlimited on West Main Street.

Ms. Sparks stated that they walk with children to the Library and Ham Arena and she feels a crosswalk may slow the traffic down on this road. She is also requesting a school sign to also help slow traffic down as well. Ms. Sparks next explained that the issue is that traffic travels quickly on this road and they have children with visual impairments and other disabilities and she would like to see the traffic slow down. Ms. Sparks next discussed where she would like to see the crosswalk placed just to the left of their parking lot. There was discussion with the Board and other suggestions for placement of a crosswalk. Mr. DegliAngeli explained that in certain locations crosswalk installation would not meet current guidelines as it would cross into a parking lot, etc. Also, there is no break in the curb for an ADA ramp and we can't put one in the location requested because it comes in between two driveways. Additional work would need to be done before installing a crosswalk. There was next brief discussion of using

flags or crossing guards. Ms. Sparks stated this is something they could do but she would like a sign warning this is a school area and there are children in the area.

There was further discussion of the sidewalk request. The Board agreed to have Paul DegliAngeli look at the area and possibly come up with something temporarily for now and then also look at the situation for the long term. Ms. Sparks stated that she would be happy to work with Mr. DegliAngeli on this as well.

DISCUSSION OF PARCEL C- LAND ALONG NORCROSS CIRCLE

Mr. Sires reviewed the discussion held previously regarding the additional parcel along Norcross Circle. Mr. Sires reviewed that the town would have to consider this parcel if this is part of the land swap with the North Conway Community Center. Parcel C made the original application invalid as all of the abutters need to be notified. There was discussion by the Board as to whether to the Town would proceed with public hearings on this matter or wait until the North Conway Community Center makes the request. **Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to schedule public hearings for Parcel C. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

PEG ACCESS PROGRAMMING - CHANGE TO DIGITAL FORMAT

Mr. Sires reported that Channel 3 will be broadcast digitally in the future. Mr. Sires advised that he checked with Valley Vision regarding this and they have advised that they did put this on the Valley Vision Community Calendar. This change will only affect a few people with certain types of equipment and they would be able to get equipment from Time Warner Cable to be able to view the channel. Mr. Sires next advised that this will be happening sometime in the future and if anyone has concerns they should contact Time Warner Cable.

DISCUSSION OF BAR CLOSING HOURS

Mr. Sires reviewed that legislation was passed recently allowing the extension of bar hours. The legislative body of a town would have to make the decision as to whether or not to do this at town meeting. Mr. Sires further reviewed that there were news stories in the local media wherein the extension of bar hours was generally not supported. Also, the Police Chief is not in support of extending bars hours either.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

- a. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Tax Map/Lot 201-22
- b. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Tax Map/Lot 244-1
- c. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Tax Map/Lot 260-45
- d. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Tax Map/Lot 240-1
- e. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Tax Map/Lot 284-14
- f. Permit to Sell Raffle Tickets/North Conway Firefighters Association/Drawing 8/17/13
- g. Timber Tax Levy Tax Map/Lot 201-22
- h. Timber Tax Levy Tax Map/Lot 244-1
- i. Timber Tax Levy Tax Map/Lot 260-45

Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to sign the Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Tax Map/Lot 201/22, Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Tax Map/Lot 244-1, Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Tax Map/Lot 260-45, Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Tax Map/Lot 240-1, Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Tax Map/Lot

284-14, Permit to Sell Raffle Tickets/North Conway Firefighters Association/Drawing 8-17-13, Timber Tax Levy Tax Map/Lot 201-22, Timber Tax Levy Tax Map/Lot 244-1 and the Timber Tax Levy Tax Map/Lot 260-45. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- a. Manifest dated 7/25/13
- b. Payroll dated 7/25/13

Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to approve the Manifest dated 7/25/13 and Payroll dated 7/25/13. The motion carried unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUT OF SESSION

- a. Manifest dated 7/18/13

Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey to ratify the manifest dated 7/18/13. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. DiGregorio abstaining.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

- a. NH Intertribal Native American Council/Lou Black Eagle Memorial Saco River Pow Wow –
8/3/13 – 8/4/13
- b. Northeast Passage/Three Notch Century Cycling Event – 9/7/13-9/8/13

Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to approve the NH Intertibal Native American Council/Lou Black Eagle Memorial Saco River Pow Wos 8/3/13-8/4/13 and the Northeast Passage/Three Notch Century Cycling Event 9/17/13-9/8/13 pending receipt of checks. The motion carried unanimously

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: 7/9/13

Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to approve the minutes of 7/9/13 as written. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. DiGregorio abstaining.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

ESAA – Mr. Thibodeau reported that the ESAA and the FBO held the annual aviation day this past Saturday. This will also be aired on Valley Vision. Mr. Thibodeau further advised that the annual meeting of the ESAA will be held in August.

Planning Board – Mr. Thibodeau reported that the July 25, 2013 meeting of the Planning Board has been canceled. The next meeting will be held on August 8, 2013.

Budget Committee – Ms. Sand reported a Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for July 31, 2013. The town and school will be making presentations.

Boston Post Cane – Ms. Sand reported she received a request that this Board consider giving out the Boston Post Cane. Ms. Sand stated that there is a resident who is 103 years old

in town but she also wanted to put this out to the viewing audience to see if there was someone 103 or older to ask them to please contact the Town.

MWVEC – Ms. Seavey advised that the MWVEC has not met recently and she has no report at this time

Conway Lake Beach – Ms. Seavey questioned if we have the Conway Lake Beach posted for no dogs. Mr. Sires advised that he would check on this and report back.

Conway Lake Level – Mr. Sires reviewed that last year there was some concern from a resident that the lake level was too high. The lake association was contacted and they advised they were okay with the lake level. This year we have now had someone contact the town stating the lake level is too low. The lake association is again okay with the lake level as it has been maintained. Mr. Sires next reported that presently the water level is higher and the dam operator has asked the Town to contact the police department, etc., as the dam spillway is open and that we should advise people not to jump off the bridge.

Cap Ripken – Mr. DiGregorio reported that the MWV Cal Ripken team won the State Championship and went on to the regionals. They did however lose at the regionals. Mr. DiGregorio stated that he is proud of the accomplishments of the team and that they came in first place in the state.

Conservation Commission – Mr. Weathers reported the Conservation Commission does not have a meeting scheduled for July. They did however receive two dredge and fill applications and they will be reviewed at the meeting scheduled for August 8, 2013.

Vacation - Stacy Sand advised that she would be on vacation and would not be in attendance at the next meeting.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Transvale – Mr. Sires reported the town will be closing on three additional Transvale properties later this week.

Mr. Sires further advised that there was a court case regarding a property in Transvale in which the town prevailed. This was a dangerous situation and the property was removed.

250th Anniversary Committee – Mr. Sires reported that the 250th Anniversary Committee met on July 17, 2013. This are moving along well.

Ice Castles – Mr. Sires reported that a meeting was held recently to talk about Ice Castles, a winter carnival event.

CDBG Advisory Board – Mr. Sires reported he attended a CDBG Advisory Board meeting last week. They awarded funds to the YMCA in Concord for upgrades.

Vacation – Mr. Sires reported he vacationed in Old Orchard Beach last week. While there he looked at things as a Town Manager and saw they had a lot of people cleaning up trash, etc. This happened every couple of days and was interesting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comment or media questions.

NON PUBLIC SESSION / NH RSA 91-A:3,II(D) – CONSIDERATION OF ACQUISITION, SALE OR LEASE OF REAL ESTATE

At 5:41 p.m., **Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Ms. Sand, to go into non public session under NH RSA 91-A:3,II (d) regarding the consideration of acquisition, sale or lease of real estate. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

At 6:00 p.m. the Board returned to public session.

Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to seal the minutes of this non public session. The motion carried unanimously.

NON PUBLIC SESSION / NH RSA 91-A:3,II(c) – AGREEMENT WITH LANDOWNER

At 6:01 p.m. **Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Ms. Sand, to go into non public session under NH RSA 91-A:3,II(c) to discuss an agreement with a landowner.**

At 6:09 p.m. the Board returned to public session.

There was no motion to seal the minutes.

Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to sign the contract between Adrian Hurd and the Town of Conway. The motion carried 4-1-0 with Mr. DiGregorio voting in the negative.

YARD SALE

Mr. Sires briefed the Board on a matter regarding a yard sale in Conway. There was a brief discussion of parking along the roadway caused by the yard sale.

TOWN MANAGER EVALUATION

The Board agreed to agenda the Town Manager evaluation for the next meeting.

ADJOURN

At 6:17 p.m., the meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J Hallowell
Executive Secretary