

Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 17, 2015

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:05 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Michael DiGregorio, Stacy Sand, and Carl Thibodeau, Town Manager, Earl Sires, and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell.

Selectman, C. David Weathers (Chair) was not present due to illness and Selectman, Mary Carey Seavey (Vice Chair), was not present due to vacation.

Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Ms. Sand, to appoint Michael DiGregorio as acting chair for this meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. DiGregorio advised that under Agenda Item 7-Review and Consideration of NHDOT Agreements, Item b. Municipal Sidewalk Agreement for State Project 29256 would be struck from the agenda. **Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Ms. Sand, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC HEARING: TO ACCEPT AND DESIGNATE THE USE OF THE FOLLOWING UNANTICIPATED REVENUE: \$121,400.98 FROM HEALTH TRUST, INC. TO THE TOWN OF CONWAY (RETURN OF 2014 SURPLUS- MEDICAL AND DENTAL INSURANCE)

Mr. DiGregorio opened the public hearing at 4:07 pm.

Mr. Sires reviewed that this is surplus funds received from Health Trust, Inc., and part of the funds will go to Town and part to the employees. This is the result of an overcharge in 2014 on the health insurance premium.

There were no questions or comments from the public. Mr. DiGregorio closed the public hearing at 4:10 p.m.

Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to accept the \$121,400.98 from the Health Trust, Inc. to the Town of Conway with \$85,225.50 going to the town and the rest, \$36,175.48, going to the employees. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – TAX CAP PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE

In accordance with RSA 32:5-c Adoption of Local Tax Cap, the Town of Conway Board of Selectmen shall hold a public hearing in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1634 East Main Street, Center Conway, NH, on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 4:10 p.m. to receive public input on a petitioned warrant article appearing on the 2015 Warrant as follows: **ARTICLE 35:** Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the Town of Conway Budget Committee shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 2.5%? Submitted by Petition. (3/5 majority vote required). Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen (0-5-0). Not recommended by the Budget Committee (2-12-1).

Mr. DiGregorio opened the public hearing at 4:11 pm.

Mr. DiGregorio read aloud Warrant Article 35.

Daymond Steer of the Conway Daily Sun asked if there is anyone out there supporting this article as he can't find anyone to speak to it this year. The Board advised they have not heard anything. Ms. Sand advised that there were two people on the Budget Committee who supported it. Ms. Sand further advised that there were also people on the Budget Committee who signed the petition but didn't support it. Ms. Sand further added that her guess is that the people are paying attention and the town hasn't had more than a 2% increase in a long time because the Town and Budget Committee are doing their job.

Mr. Thibodeau asked if there is anything else required by law of the Board of Selectmen regarding this matter. Mr. Sires advised this public hearing was required by law.

There being no further questions or comments, Mr. DiGregorio closed the Public Hearing at 4:15 pm.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF NHDOT AGREEMENTS

- a. Municipal Work Zone Agreement for State Project 29256
- b. Municipal Sidewalk Agreement for Sate Project 29256

Mr. DiGregorio reviewed that the Municipal Work Zone agreement is for the NHDOT project on Route 302. Mr. Sires advised the NHDOT resent the paperwork and only included the Municipal Work Zone Agreement and not the Sidewalk Agreement. Mr. DiGregorio stated that he noticed that the NHDOT included information regarding the police on the Work Zone Agreement. Mr. Sires stated he would advise the Police Chief of same. Ms. Sand reviewed that she had made a suggestion at the last meeting that they look at seasonal businesses along this road and asked them to take this into consideration. Mr. Sires advised he would follow up on this. **Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to accept the Municipal Work Zone Agreement for State Project 29256. The motion carried 3-0-0.**

The Municipal Sidewalk Agreement was not considered.

APPOINTMENTS

- a. Conservation Commission
- b. Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mr. Sires advised the positions were advertised and we did have one person express interest in an alternate position on the Conservation Commission. **Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Ms. Sand, to reappoint Larry Huemmler and Karla Allen to the Conservation Commission for three year terms and to appoint Patrick Ferland as an alternate on the Conservation Commission for a three year term. The motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to reappoint Andrew Chalmers to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a three year term and to reappoint Martha Tobin as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a three year term. The motion carried unanimously.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

- a. Abatement Tax Map/Lot 235-74
- b. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Tax Map/Lot 262-86.1, 86.2, 86.23. 86.24, 86.25 and 86.26
- c. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 266-66
- d. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 266-155
- e. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 275-18.13

Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to sign the Abatement Tax Map/Lot 235-74, Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Tax Map/Lot 262-86.1, 86.2, 86.23. 86.24, 86.25 and 86.26, Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 266-66, Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 266-155, and Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 275-18.13. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- a. Manifest 3/19/15
- b. Payroll 3/19/15

Ms. Sand moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to sign the Manifest dated 3/19/15 and Payroll dated 3/19/15. The motion carried unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUT OF SESSION

There were no documents to ratify.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

There were no Special Event Applications to consider.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

There were no minutes for consideration.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Spring Flood Emergency Preparedness – Mr. Sires reported that a spring flood preparedness meeting was held recently and included, precincts, town, police, hospital, etc. Discussion was held regarding keeping an eye on the river, weather forecasts, etc., so that everyone is ready if necessary.

Web Page – Mr. Sires reported a meeting is scheduled tomorrow with Karen Hallowell and Holly Meserve to review information for the web page.

Town Report – Mr. Sires reported that the 2014 Town Report is being finalized.

Fourth of July Planning – Mr. Sires reported an emergency planning meeting to discuss Fourth of July is scheduled for Thursday.

North Country Council – Mr. Sires reported a North Country Council Transportation Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday and he and Paul DegliAngeli will attend same. There will be a discussion of ranking projects for the NHDOT.

Water Agreement – Mr. Sires reported that he and Paul DegliAngeli will be meeting with Mrs. Gorecki next week to discussion her concerns.

PUBLIC HEARING – DEFAULT BUDGET PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE

In accordance with RSA 40:14-b Default Budget Determined by Budget Committee, the Town of Conway Board of Selectmen shall hold a public hearing in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1634 East Main Street, Center Conway, NH, on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 4:20 p.m. to receive public input on a petitioned warrant article appearing on the 2015 Warrant as follows: **ARTICLE 34**: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14? Submitted by Petition. Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen (0-4-1). Not Recommended by the Budget Committee (0-14-1).

Mr. DiGregorio opened the Public Hearing at 4:25 pm.

Mr. DiGregorio read aloud Warrant Article 34.

There were no public comments or questions.

Mr. DiGreogorio closed the public hearing at 4:26 pm.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

ESAA – Mr. Thibodeau reported the ESAA is meeting quarterly. An Executive Board meeting is scheduled for this Friday.

Planning Board – Mr. Thibodeau reported the Planning Board met last Thursday.

Sign Committee – Mr. Thibodeau reported that the Sign Committee has not met recently. The next meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2015.

Healthcare Study Committee – Ms. Sand reported that the Healthcare Committee was supposed to meet yesterday but due to a computer error it has been rescheduled to Monday, March 23, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Recommendations will be made at the upcoming meeting.

LMWVSWD – Ms. Sand reported that the LMWVSWD is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, March 24, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

Daymond Steer asked how the airport is coming along with the terminal. Mr. Thibodeau advised that the terminal will probably be put off one more year. The FAA determined they will need to refurbish the apron area to allow more room for aircraft and so they will do that work first.

ADJOURN

At 4:30 p.m. the meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J Hallowell
Executive Secretary