

Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
April 18, 2017

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:10 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen, C. David Weathers, Mary Carey Seavey, Carl Thibodeau, John Colbath, and Steven Porter; Acting Town Manager, Thomas Holmes, and Executive Secretary, Karen Hallowell.

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Deputy Town Clerk, Louise Inkell, swore in reelected Selectmen David Weathers and Mary Seavey.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Weathers stated that Item 12 on the agenda should state 2017 Selectmen Meeting Schedule not 2016. **Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Colbath nominated David Weathers for Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Seconded by Ms. Seavey. The nomination carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Weathers abstaining.

Mr. Colbath nominated Mary Seavey for Vice Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Seconded by Mr. Thibodau. Nomination carried 5-0-0.

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN POLICY: RULES OF PROCEDURE

Ms. Seavey moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to adopt the Board of Selectmen Policy: Rules of Procedure. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE LESS THAN \$10,000/RSA 31:95-B, III (b):

- a. \$50.00 from VRN Ventures LLC to the Conway Police Department for the equipment line

Lt. George Walker of the Conway Police Department appeared before the Board. Lt. Walker reviewed \$50 was received by the Police Department for the equipment line. **Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to accept the \$50 from VRN Ventures LLC to the Conway Police Department for the equipment line. The motion carried unanimously.**

DISCUSSION OF INVITATION FROM JANICE CRAWFORD TO ATTEND
STAKEHOLDER MEETING CONCERNING DIANA'S BATH

Janice Crawford of the Mount Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce joined the meeting.

Mr. Holmes reviewed that the Board has met several times to discuss parking at Diana's Bath and West Side Road. The Board of Selectmen have asked the NHDOT to ban parking on West Side road. This has also been concurred to by the Bartlett Selectmen and the Carroll County Commissioners.

Mr. Holmes next reviewed that Janice Crawford has sent a request for a meeting to discuss the matter. Ms. Seavey questioned if the Selectmen can go as citizens. Mr. Holmes responded in the affirmative and added that if more than two Board members go we will have to post it. Ms. Crawford stated she wrote to see if a Selectman could attend the meeting she is planning.

Mr. Colbath questioned if there is another meeting planned regarding this matter. Mr. Weathers confirmed that he and Earl Sires will be attending a meeting on May 1 with the NHDOT Commissioner.

Ms. Crawford stated that she can plan her meeting after the meeting scheduled for May 1, 2017. She is here today to try to come up with a collaborative answer so once a decision is made they won't hear from the tourism based businesses that they didn't know about this, and to let them know that this is going to happen. Ms. Crawford next stated that she is also holding a training session for businesses on May 3, 2017 on how to talk with our visitors about dispersing crowds, parking, etc., and, also, fines and towing if necessary. Also, if no parking signs go up they need to talk about enforcement. If signs are put up our residents will most certainly be calling the police when they see cars parked there. She has also talked to Joe Berry about having people park at his inn and perhaps running a shuttle. Also, if cars are towed you are going to hear cries from the tourism industry, businesses, etc. She is trying to find a way to make sure we talk to all groups.

Ms. Seavey questioned if Ms. Crawford is just going to address tourism people at her meeting. Ms. Crawford stated that we all know this is a very political issue. We all sit here thinking about the logical issue, which is the safety issue, and people tend to position themselves at the state, regional, and local level as to how much political backlash will come of the decision that is made. So her feeling was to have the DOT there, Department of Tourism, some people from the tourism industry and businesses, and the Selectmen. She has also invited some of the residents that have been here so that we can all feel that we were part of the discussion. She doesn't think that anyone could walk away saying that safety isn't the number one issue. Ms. Crawford next stated that she thinks that we need to find a way to have all these constituencies have the same story and have the same reaction for example when someone comes up to a front desk and says their car was towed or why they weren't told there is only parking for 60 cars, etc. She is trying to cut down on issues that will come from the decision. Ms. Seavey suggested that the Town of Bartlett also be invited to the meeting along with their residents that are in the area. Ms. Crawford advised that she did invite Bartlett and what she got was the letter sent to Conway in that they are in agreement with the Town of Conway.

Ms. Crawford next stated that we are in a situation at this point in that it isn't just about the Town of Conway and the Town of Bartlett. Yes, they have the authority and yes they can convince people to put up no parking signs but in the end that is going to create headaches that we may not realize that are going to come down the pike. She understands being a Selectmen and having public hearings etc. She feels it takes a little more in a situation such as this in that we want the state, etc., supporting us. Also, when people call up saying things such as don't you know we are a tourism area -we have to be able to respond to that that we have thought of that and we realize that we have a tourism based economy here. Our primary concern is safety and this is not just an issue for Diana's Bath, it is across White Mountain National Forest and so

she has also invited White Mountain National Forest people to attend the meeting as well and they have their own political issue also. What she has heard is that you can't tell people you can't come here and that we don't own it but on the other hand we don't want to destroy it and so she feels there is all of this kind of lack of cohesiveness in the way we are approaching our problem so that we have a real long term solution and not a short term solution that is just going to create problems. Ms. Crawford next stated that she is not here to say there should not be no parking signs she just feels we need to all be on board and this is one of the reasons they are doing the May 3rd training and will continue to do it to try to get our tourism folks to understand there is more to the White Mountain National Forest than Diana's Bath or Lower Falls, etc. She feels it is a big issue and it is an issue that if we don't get the response we are looking for and that we don't all have the courage that you all are showing by saying that we need no parking signs. Other people in political positions haven't made decisions because they haven't heard from everybody yet that they are not going to be in trouble if they do make a decision. She feels the meeting is a good way to build on the idea that everyone is working together toward a solution.

Mr. Colbath commented that they are coming to a meeting but he has not definitively heard that they are going to post no parking on the road. Ms. Crawford stated that she is on the tourism side and she called DOT Commissioner Victoria Sheehan. Commissioner Sheehan shared with her that there are political ramifications of this decision and asked her if it would be helpful if she could try to get everyone, that aspect of the constituency, together to talk about this matter. Ms. Crawford next stated this is why she called this meeting. She is just looking for a way to show folks that we are turning over every rock. She even drove into Glen Builders and said wow they have some parking available and asked if people could park there but they said no. They did however say that between them and Colemans they could give us enough boulders to put there so that nobody can park. Mr. Weathers stated that NHDOT will not put up any boulders. They will not put up anything that is a barrier along that way.

Mr. Weathers stated we have had discussions. We have tried to discuss all aspects. He is not denying that it may be tough to implement when we first do this but we have to do something. This is also why people have said mid May because already, as of last weekend, we ran right back into the same situation over the three day weekend. Priority number one in his mind is life safety. There are also a number of other issues. Further, this Board took a vote and decided on no parking on both sides of the road. Discussions in the tourism industry are fine and he suggests that if would behoove them to do a handout explaining Diana's Bath parking is available if you get there at the right time and also advising of the parking restrictions on the road based on the safety factor. The word is going to get out. Also, there is going to be a discussion of whether to increase the fine and this will get people's attention.

Mr. Weathers next asked Lt. Walker about the matter of enforcement and will just tickets will be issued or will there be towing. Lt. Walker stated that it provides for us to tow and/or issue a summons. It is a life safety issue and we all agree it is and so then it will be a ticket and towing.

Ms. Crawford questioned if the Conway Police will add Old West Side Road to a regular drive by or a regular patrol or just respond when a resident calls. Lt. Walker stated both.

Mr. Porter stated the other issue with Diana's Bath over other White Mountain attractions is that you have a large number of residents in the area and their rights are being stamped on. He understands the tourism aspect as well. Life safety is the bigger issue and the issue of our taxpayers concerns and they have dealt with this for a while.

Ms. Crawford stated she would agree with that and she can leave today and send an email and say they are not having a meeting because we don't need to but she was specifically asked by the Commissioner to call the meeting. Also, if the DOT Commissioner is coming up here May 1st then it seems kind of redundant for her to have another meeting. At this point in time she thinks the lesson learned in all of this is that all folks that should show up at public hearings to express concerns do not show up at the meetings and their concerns aren't heard and it then becomes incumbent on us, as public servants, to make sure that we have gone out and talked to all the constituencies so that they are aware. Mr. Weathers questioned then why wouldn't you hold your meeting anyway. Ms. Crawford stated she will hold the May 3rd training meeting. Mr. Weathers stated it would get the word out there. Ms. Crawford stated the other meeting she was asking about was for those who represent the tourism industry so they could feel they were part of the conversation that got us to the no parking signs. It is nice to get together and have discussion about the issues. Ms. Crawford next stated that she doesn't need to have another meeting and she could send out an email stating same.

An unidentified person in the audience asked if this was a documented issue along the road or if it was just citizen objections. Mr. Weathers stated his own personal experience is that every time he drove past the area last summer he was nervous as you have no reaction time and cars are parked bumper to bumper on both sides of the road and there are little kids in the area. If they step out from between a car it isn't as if we have a line of site 10' and you have time to react. There is no reaction time whatsoever. There are more cars parked on the road at times than in the parking lot and the lot holds 60 cars. It is a matter of time before something happens and we have to do something.

Lt. Walker stated that through their investigation of the area it is the Police Department's position that it is a safety hazard due to vehicles parking on both sides of the road. You can't see kids and adults. Also, the road gets very narrow due to the parking on both sides of the road.

Ms. Crawford next stated another issue is the overuse of a natural resource and so beyond the safety issue which is apparent you have the overuse of one of the biggest assets that they market. It is roots, no lady slippers, and water that you are not able to get into then you have lost a great gift. There is a whole lot to this issue. Mr. Weathers stated that Ranger Innes advised that they are reviewing long range for overuse, impact, etc. This is another facet of the issue. However, right now we are talking into consideration the safety issue on the road. Ms. Seavey commented that people in the area are also picking up trash that is left on the road.

Mr. Weathers next stated that he and Earl Sires will be attending the meeting on May 1, 2017 with the NHDOT Commissioner and will report back to this Board on same.

Mr. Weathers next stated that he does hope that Ms. Crawford holds the meeting on May 3, 2017 to make as many people aware of what is going on as possible and get the word out. Mr. Weathers next encouraged Ms. Crawford to have handouts at the meeting with information for the people attending.

Ms. Crawford next clarified that there was to be two meetings, one was to determine how to best come out of the box with the decision. Mr. Weathers stated there hasn't been a decision yet. Ms. Crawford stated the marketing around any decision hasn't been decided. Also, the other meeting they are planning is the May 3 meeting which is a training session. Ms. Crawford stated they will be dealing with the pushback of people who didn't know about this matter. The desire is to get all working together -to bring all constituencies together to say how we as a collective body can take care of this problem and any unintended consequences of the decisions so no one can say they weren't invited, etc. Mr. Weathers reviewed that there have

been public meetings on his matter, it has been on TV, and it has been reported on in the newspaper.

Ms. Seavey next volunteered to attend Ms. Crawford's meeting as she can appreciate both sides of the discussion. Ms. Crawford stated that she will call the NHDOT Commissioner to see if the meeting is still needed.

APPROVE AND SIGN MS-232 / REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED

Ms. Gilligan reviewed the MS-232 is a report of all the votes taken at Town Meeting. **Mr. Porter moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to sign the MS-232 Report of Appropriations actually voted. The motion carried unanimously.**

APPOINTMENT OF ZBA MEMBERS

Mr. Weathers reviewed a memo from Tom Irving regarding reappointment of members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). **Mr. Porter moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to appoint John Colbath and Luigi Bartolomeo for three year terms on the ZBA and to appoint Steven Steiner to a three year term as an alternate for the ZBA. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Colbath abstaining.**

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL

Mr. Weathers reviewed that the town advertised for a representative to the North Country Council. There were no other responses from the public except for Lilli Gilligan who has expressed interest. **Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to appoint Lilli Gilligan as a representative to North Country Council. The motion carried unanimously.**

APPOINTMENT OF SELECTMEN REPRESENTATIVES TO STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. Porter noted that Planning Board was missing from the list and should be added.

Mr. Weathers reviewed the appointments made in 2016 and asked the Board if they would like to make any changes to 2017. There was brief discussion. The Board agreed to the following:

Budget Committee – John Colbath; Mary Seavey, alternate
 Conservation Commission – David Weathers
 ESAA – Carl Thibodeau, Earl Sires and Lilli Gilligan
 MWVEC – Mary Seavey
 Historic District Commission – Steve Porter
 Legislative Liaison- Carl Thobideau
 LMW Solid Waste District – David Weathers and John Colbath
 North Country Council – Earl Sires, Tom Holmes and Lilli Gilligan
 Planning Board – Steve Porter
 Union Negotiations – David Weathers and Mary Seavey
 Valley Vision – Mary Seavey

Ms. Seavey moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to adopt as read. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF 2017 SELECTMEN MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Weathers reviewed a draft of a Board of Selectmen meeting schedule for the balance of 2017 with the Board. The Board agreed to the schedule as presented.

CONSIDERATION OF LETTER OF RESIGNATION OF EARL SIRES, TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Weathers reviewed a letter of resignation from Town Manager, Earl Sires. The resignation is effective July 31, 2017. Mr. Weathers next advised that the Board will be taking action to advertise for the Town Manager position at the next meeting of the Selectmen on May 2, 2017 and there will be discussion at that time. **Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to accept the letter from Earl Sires with regret.** Mr. Colbath suggested that a party be planned. **The motion carried unanimously.**

REVIEW OF RECEIPTS

Receipts were available for the Board's review.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

1. Agreement between the Town of Conway and AFSCME
2. Ambulance Agreement between the Town of Conway and CarePlus Ambulance Services
3. Ambulance Agreement between the Town of Conway and Conway Village Fire District
4. Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Conway and Valley Vision
5. Memorandum of Agreement between Town of Conway and Town of Albany/Cable Channel 3
6. Memorandum of Agreement between Town of Conway and Town of Bartlett/Cable Channel 3
7. Memorandum of Agreement between Town of Conway and Town of Fryeburg/Cable Channel 3
8. Abatement Tax Map/Lot 247-92
9. Application for Current Use Tax Map/Lot 214-79
10. Application for Current Use Tax Map/Lot 219-226
11. Notice to Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Tax Map/Lot 202-178
12. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Tax Map/Lot 223-13,14
14. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Tax Map/Lot 247-112&113
15. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Tax Map/Lot 264-54
16. Notice of Intent to Excavate Tax Map/Lot 263-117
17. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 202-62
18. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 202-197.2
19. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 219-138
20. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 225-22.002
21. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 230-32.034
22. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 247-41
23. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 250-86
24. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 252-45
25. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 254-29.005
26. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 254-29-185
27. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 254-29-202

28. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 255-40.048
29. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 258.52
30. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 258-70
31. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 259-26
32. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 259-74
33. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 260-17
34. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 260-17
25. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 260-76
26. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 261-50.029 E
27. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 261-50.029 V
28. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 262-83.119
29. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 263-52
30. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 265-188
31. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 268-17.31
32. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 269-50
33. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 272-33
34. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 276-60
35. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 277-240
36. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 278-40
37. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 280-24
38. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 281-54
39. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 284-21
40. Permit to Sell Raffle Tickets - MWV Old Car Club – Drawings Mondays 5/22 through 9/25/17
41. Permit to Sell Raffle Tickets - MWV Old Car Club – Drawing 8/19/17
42. Summary of Forest Stewardship Plan for Current Use Assessment Tax Map/Lot 206-4
43. Summary of Forest Stewardship Plan for Current Use Assessment Tax Map/Lot 283-45, 283-43, 283-44 and 295-2
44. Summary of Forest Stewardship Plan for Current Use Assessment Tax Map/Lot 296.21
45. Summary of Forest Stewardship Plan for Current Use Assessment Tax Map/Lot 297-3 & 296-15

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to sign the Agreement between the Town of Conway and AFSCME; Ambulance Agreement between the Town of Conway and CarePlus Ambulance Services; Ambulance Agreement between the Town of Conway and Conway Village Fire District; Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Conway and Valley Vision; Memorandum of Agreement between Town of Conway and Town of Albany/Cable Channel 3; Memorandum of Agreement between Town of Conway and Town of Bartlett/Cable Channel 3; Memorandum of Agreement between Town of Conway and Town of Fryeburg/Cable Channel 3; Abatement Tax Map/Lot 247-92; Application for Current Use Tax Map/Lot 214-79; Application for Current Use Tax Map/Lot 219-226; Notice to Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Tax Map/Lot 202-178; Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Tax Map/Lot 223-13,14; Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Tax Map/Lot 247-112&113; Notice of Intent to Excavate Tax Map/Lot 263-117; Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 202-62; Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemption Tax Map/Lot 202-197.2; Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 219-138; Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 225-22.002; Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 230-32.034; Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 247-41; Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 250-86; Permanent Application for Property Tax

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 Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 284-21; Permit to Sell Raffle Tickets for the MWV Old Car Club for Drawings on Mondays 5/22 through 9/25/17; Permit to Sell Raffle Tickets for MWV Old Car Club for Drawing on 8/19/17; Summary of Forest Stewardship Plan for Current Use Assessment Tax Map/Lot 206-4; Summary of Forest Stewardship Plan for Current Use Assessment Tax Map/Lot 283-45, 283-43, 283-44 and 295-2; Summary of Forest Stewardship Plan for Current Use Assessment Tax Map/Lot 296.21; and Summary of Forest Stewardship Plan for Current Use Assessment Tax Map/Lot 297-3 & 296-15. Mr. Colbath stated it is his understanding that the Town of Jackson opted out this year for Cable Channel 3. Ms. Seavey stated that Valley Vision will have to raise the funds as they had not anticipated this in their budget. Mr. Colbath questioned if the funds could be taken from the Trust. Ms. Gilligan advised that Valley Vision can ask the Board for funds. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- a. Accounts Payable Manifest 4/19/17

Mr. Porter moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to sign the Accounts Payable Manifest dated 4/19/17. The motion carried unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUT OF SESSION

- a. Accounts Payable Manifest 4/6/17
- b. Accounts Payable Manifest 4/13/17
- c. Payroll 4/13/17
- d. Permit to Sell Raffle Tickets – White Mountain Waldorf School – Drawing 4/13/17

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to ratify the Accounts Payable Manifest dated 4/6/17, Accounts Payable Manifest dated 4/13/17, Payroll dated 4/13/17 and a Permit to Sell Raffle Tickets for the White Mountain Waldorf School for a drawing on 4/13/17. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Ms. Seavey abstaining.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

a. MWV Cal Ripken Baseball League Opening Day Parade – 4/29/17(pending insurance)

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to approve the Special Event Application for the MWV Cal Ripken Baseball League Opening Day Parade on 4/19/17 pending receipt of insurance. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: 3/6/17, 3/28/17 AND 3/30/17

Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to approve the minutes of 3/6/17, 3/28/17 and 3/30/17. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Cobath abstaining.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Sargent Road – Mr. Holmes reported that the sale of the Sargent Road lot is scheduled to close in May.

Bank of NH Building – Mr. Holmes reported that the Bank of NH contacted the town and are still interested in selling the building and they will contact us again in May.

Exemption Applications – Mr. Holmes reported there will be 26 total applications for exemptions. The Board signed many today and will see the balance of the applications at the next meeting.

Solar Garden – Mr. Holmes reported that the Solar Garden people are pleased the warrant articles passed and they hope to start work in the fall.

Diana's Bath – Mr. Holmes reported he received a call from Ranger Innes. Diana's Bath was quite crowded this past weekend. Also, they had more traffic than last year and had to open parking lots on the Kancamaugus as they were so busy.

North Country Council – Mr. Holmes reported he will be attending a meeting at North Country Council tomorrow.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Planning Board – Mr. Porter reported that the Planning Board meets next week.

Historic District Commission – Mr. Porter reported the Historic District Commission has not met recently.

ZBA – Mr. Colbath reported the ZBA had no applications and did not meet this week.

Budget Committee – Mr. Colbath reported a Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for next week. He has a conflict and asked Mary Seavey to attend in his place.

ESAA – Mr. Thibodeau thanked the voters of the town of Conway for supporting the ESAA. They are continuing to move forward with the terminal project and there should be adequate funding for the project by this fall.

MWVEC – Ms. Seavey reported the MWVEC has not met recently.

Valley Vision – Ms. Seavey reported the Valley Vision board has not met recently.

Conway Bridge Project – Mr. Weathers stated the re-decking of the bridge in Conway is on schedule. They switched lanes this morning. They may be done with the project by June 15 and end up ahead of schedule. It is a good crew doing the work.

Conservation Commission – Mr. Weathers reported the Conservation Commission met last Wednesday. There was a discussion of conservation easements.

USVLT Forum – Mr. Weathers reported he attended a forum put on by the USVLT on Thursday night. They were looking for input on the purchase of the Pine Hill property.

Land Offer – Mr. Colbath asked about the offer of land near Conway Lake discussed previously. Mr. Weathers stated we have not heard from the landowner recently.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

Daymond Steer of the Conway Daily Sun asked the Board for comments about Earl Sires. Mr. Thibodeau commented that he would say that he is probably the best town manager he has had the enjoyment of working with over the years. Tom Holmes stated he has to be one of the finest gentlemen he has ever worked for or worth with. He would have to go all the way back to the 70's when he called friends shipmates days to find someone he felt closer to as a friend in the workplace. Mr. Weathers stated that he could come into a room and people knew who he was and what he stood for and they respected his opinion and took what he said with a great deal of interest and this is always the case. When Earl spoke people listened and they understood where he was coming from and that was a really big asset. He really represented the town. Mr. Colbath stated that he is a pleasure to work with and always follows through. Mr. Porter stated that if you ask him for information he always gets it to you. Also, for any new beginner he gets you up to speed. Ms. Seavey stated that if you ask him questions he gives you the answer and you could always trust what he said. Any questions were always responded to in a timely manner.

Mr. Steer next questioned if the Board has a protocol for replacement. Mr. Weathers advised that this will be discussed at the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Steer next asked about the upcoming Diana's Bath meeting. Mr. Weathers advised it is the NHDOT Commissioner's meeting and is a working meeting.

Mr. Steer next brought the matter of trapping coyotes to bring back the deer population. Mr. Weathers advised this Board has not had any discussion of this issue.

Mr. Steer next asked Mr. Weathers about comments made at the USVLT meeting held recently. Mr. Weathers reviewed comments were made regarding restricting ATV use but not snowmobiles, soil erosion, workshops for forest management, selective cutting. Mr. Weathers stated he would also like to see some open space for wildlife habitat.

Mr. Weathers reviewed that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for May 2, 2017.

ADJOURN

At 5:20 pm, **Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J Hallowell
Executive Secretary