

**Minutes of Meeting  
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
May 22nd, 2018**

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:00 pm in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: C. David Weathers, Carl Thibodeau, John Colbath, Steven Porter, Town Manager, Thomas Holmes, and Executive Secretary, Krista Day

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Weathers noted that item 5, Letter of Support for Vaughan Community Services, Inc., was to be removed.

**Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Weathers noted that Selectmen Seavey would not be at the meeting.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR WHITE HORSE ADDICTION CENTER, INC.

Suzanne Thistle, Executive Director for White Horse Addiction Center, Inc. explained that the center is in the process of getting a grant from USDA Rural Development. She noted that the grant requires a letter of support from the towns in which they will be providing their services. As they will be opening a center in North Conway shortly, she was requesting the Conway Selectmen write a letter of support.

Ms. Thistle provided a printed PowerPoint presentation for the Selectmen. She gave an overview on the addiction crisis here in New Hampshire.

Ms. Thistle explained that with her 20 years in the field, she would be running the North Conway substance use disorder treatment and recovery services with the help of Master level counselors, case managers, and recovery support workers.

Ms. Thistle also noted that they would be operating a thrift store that allows for jobs for those in recovery as well as helping those in the program with items that they may need.

Ms. Thistle noted that in 2017, through their outpatient program, they had provided 4,000 hours of service and have already served over 1,100 hours in 2018.

Ms. Thistle noted that the center would be providing educational opportunities, community service, and support groups.

Ms. Thistle stated that in 2020, the hope is to have a long-term recovery center built on 30 acres that they have been given in Ossipee.

Mr. Colbath asked if this organization was a non-profit. Ms. Thistle answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Colbath inquired as to what the grant money would help them with. Ms. Thistle explained that it would help to purchase the equipment needed for the North Conway center.

**Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to sign a letter of support for the White Horse Addiction Center, Inc. The Motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to authorize that the Town Manager write the letter of support for the White Horse Addiction Center, Inc., and have Chairman Weathers sign it. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE NORTHERN BORDERS GRANT

Chief Wagner explained that together with the Carroll County Sheriff's Department, the Conway Police Department has applied for the Northern Borders Grant. This grant is for \$500,000 and must be matched by the applicants. It has been determined that the Conway Police Department would match \$350,000 and the Sheriff's Department would match \$150,000. Mr. Holmes noted that if the grant is awarded, a warrant article would need to be created in regards to raising the \$350,000.

Chief Wagner stated that the stakeholders thought it would be a good idea to get a letter of support from Selectmen in regards to the grant.

Mr. Colbath inquired as to the purpose of this grant. Chief Wagner explained that it would be for the tower improvements.

Mr. Colbath asked about the grant that had been applied for previously for the radio equipment. Chief Wagner explained that they had not gotten the grant but was told there would be a second round.

Mr. Thibodeau asked if they are still looking at a total rebuild of the communications system. Mr. Wagner answered in the affirmative but clarified that the Northern Borders Grant would be specifically for tower work at the Police Department, Pine Hill, Oak Hill, the Hospital, and possibly the tower at Stark Hill.

**Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to allow the Town Manager to write a letter of support for the Northern Borders Grant and allow Chairman Weathers to sign it. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### DISCUSSION ON DIANA'S BATH

Mr. Holmes explained that Spring is here and soon there will be issues with crowds and parking at Diana's Bath. It has been determined that the Police will not be providing an officer to deal with parking and neither will the Forest Service. Mr. Holmes noted that there was a potential for a civilian to work part time to help control the traffic issues, however, this was not budgeted for. Mr. Holmes also mentioned that they could perhaps just place signs to make the public aware of

alternate parking and potential shuttle services. However, Mr. Holmes does not know if signage would be legal since it is a State road.

There was discussion regarding the Police Department's attempt during the previous year to have an officer present to help with traffic backup and parking issues.

Chief Wagner noted that there was potential to use \$3,500 from the Police Department's Cadet budget to pay a civilian to help with traffic and parking.

There was discussion regarding how Recreation Director, John Eastman, already manages a civilian to work at First Bridge; it was determined that perhaps this part time position could be handled the same way.

Mr. Colbath asked if there was potential for the Forest Service to help fund this position. Mr. Holmes stated that he would ask Jim Innes.

It was determined that the liability for this position would fall solely on the Town.

Mr. Colbath asked if this could be budgeted for next year. Mr. Weathers said that this would be an opportunity to test it out and then decisions regarding budget could be made after the season.

There was brief discussion regarding the possibility of the Forest Service expanding their parking lot to fit another 40 spaces which would help with parking issues.

**Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to authorize the Town Manager and the Police Chief to higher a part time person to help with traffic and parking at Diana's Bath. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL EVENTS

There were no members from the public present to speak on the issue of Special Events.

Mr. Holmes explained that this issue has been discussed by Recreation Director John Eastman. The purpose of this public hearing was to get the public's input.

Mr. Holmes stated that Mr. Eastman would be at the next Selectmen meeting with recommendations on how to improve the application process.

Daymond Steer, from the Conway Daily Sun, stated that he felt it would be easier to get public input if the Selectmen had a distinct proposal. Mr. Holmes stated that the details had been discussed on camera at the previous two Selectmen meetings and this was an opportunity for the public to voice their ideas. He noted that there would be a distinct proposal in two weeks.

#### REVIEW OF RECEIPTS

The receipts were available for review.

#### SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

- a. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Map/Lot 240-9

- b. Timber Tax Levy Map/Lot 226-1, 238-4, 291-26, and 223-21
- c. Timber Tax Levy Map/Lot 259-3, 265-161.102, and 214-71
- d. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Map/Lot 226-1
- e. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Map/Lot 238-4
- f. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Map/Lot 291-26
- g. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Map/Lot 223-21
- h. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Map/Lot 259-3
- i. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Map/Lot 265-161.102
- j. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Map/Lot 214-71
- k. Selectmen's Deed Map/Lot 275-18.118
- l. Request to Trustees of Trust Funds for \$17,732 from the CRF for Infrastructure Reconstruction
- m. Request to Trustees of Trust Funds for \$5,500.58 from the CRF for Parks Vehicles and Equipment
- n. Request to Trustees of Trust Funds for \$130,322.00 from the CRF for Highway Equipment
- o. Request to Trustees of Trust Funds for \$2,362.75 from the CRF for Maintenance of Town Buildings and Facilities
- p. Request to Trustees of Trust Funds for \$34,792.20 from the Public Educational-Governmental Cable Television Trust Fund.
- q. Permit to Sell Raffle Tickets for American Cancer Society's Making Stride Against Breast Cancer (10/14/18)
- r. Permit to Sell Raffle Tickets for Mt. Washington Valley Old Car Club (9/9/18)
- s. Permit to Sell Raffle Tickets for Mt. Washington Valley Old Car Club (Every Monday Night 5/28/18-9/3/18)

**Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to sign the documents listed above in a. through s. The motion carried unanimously.**

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- t. Accounts Payable Manifest dated 5/24/18
- u. Payroll dated 5/24/18

**Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to approve and sign the Accounts Payable Manifest and Payroll, both dated 5/24/18. The motion carried unanimously.**

RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUT OF SESSION

- a. Tax Collector's Warrant 2018
- b. AP Manifest dated 5/17/18

**Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to ratify the Tax Collector's Warrant 2018 and the AP Manifest dated 5/17/18. The motion carried unanimously.**

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT| APPLICATION(S)

- a. American Cancer Society's Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk (10/14/18)

- b. Mt. Washington Valley Old Car Club Cruise Nights and 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Car Show (Monday nights from 5/28/18-9/3/18 and 9/9/18)

**Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau m to approve and sign the special event applications listed above a. and b.**

Mr. Thibodeau inquired as to where the car cruise nights were going to be held. It was determined that they would be held at 1498 White Mountain Highway.

Mr. Colbath wanted to note that the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event was happening in October, which meant that they were getting the application done well ahead of time. However, he noted that the first cruise night was less than a week away.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

#### CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- a. Regular a 5/8/18

**Mr. Porter moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to adopt the minutes from 5/8/18 as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Holmes noted that the Glen end of West Side Road is going to be completely closed for a few hours on June 5<sup>th</sup> while a culvert is replaced.

Mr. Holmes stated that the sealed bid deadline to purchase the Town owned property on Old Goshen Road was Thursday, May 24, 2018.

Mr. Holmes explained that he and the Assessor looked at the effect that the Veteran's Credit has had, and it was determined that there was a net increase of 24 veterans due to the veteran's credit law change, which resulted in a \$12,000 property tax shift onto the non-veteran tax payers in Conway.

Mr. Thibodeau asked if the sale of real estate bill had been signed by the Governor. Mr. Holmes stated that he had not heard yet.

#### BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Porter noted that the Planning Board would be meeting Thursday, May 24 at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Colbath stated that the Budget Committee would be meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup> and that the ZBA had not met.

Mr. Colbath wanted to recognize that Chairman of the Budget Committee, Jim LeFebvre, was in the audience doing his due diligence and had suggested the attendance of other Budget Committee members.

Mr. Thibodeau explained that the Women's Air Race Classic would be terminating at the Fryeburg Airport at the end of June. He stated that most plans would be arrive Friday, June 22, 2018.

Mr. Thibodeau wanted to give the public an idea of the economic impact that this event would have on the Mount Washington Valley. He explained that during the weekend, there would be a large group of people touring the area and taking advantage of the area amenities. He noted that there were 340 rooms at the Red Jacket reserved for the weekend. There are a total of 15 cars reserved at Enterprise Rent a car, and that beside a highly attended banquet, there would be another 300-500 meals purchased in the area throughout the weekend.

Mr. Thibodeau stated that this is an example of what the airport can bring to the area.

Mr. Weathers stated that the Conservation Commission met last week and will not meet again for another 3 weeks.

Mr. Weathers noted that the Town is making good progress on the paving in Town.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

Jim LeFebvre asked if with the Tower work, was there any plan to put a tower at the high school. Mr. Holmes stated that moving the Pine Hill tower would eliminate that issue.

Daymond Steer from the Conway Daily Sun asked if the air race was for the public. Mr. Thibodeau stated that they highly encourage the public to come watch.

Mr. Steer asked why there was no money budgeted to staff Diana's Bath. Mr. Holmes explained that he had just found out that the Forest Service would no longer be staffing the parking lot.

Mr. Steer inquired as to if there would be a shuttle again this year. Mr. Holmes stated that this was still being discussed with Janice Crawford.

Mr. Steer suggested that the Selectmen reach out to Joe Kenney for the State to pay for the parking issue since it is a State road.

Mr. Weathers stated that the Town stepped in because it was a matter of safety.

Mr. Steer asked Mr. Holmes about the FEMA visit in Transvale. Mr. Holmes explained that there are a few minor issues like removing debris and old electrical boxes that need to be taken care of.

#### DISCUSSION OF CLASS ACTION SUIT AGAINST PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES: OPIOD CRISIS – ROBERT BONSIGNORE

Attorney Robert Bonsignore made a presentation to the Selectmen to urge them to join a lawsuit against the manufacturers and distributors of highly addictive medications that have aided in the

development of the opioid crisis. He emphasized that this was not about stopping the sale of opioids completely, but instead, stopping the over sale of these drugs.

Mr. Bonsignore stated that his mission is to help the Town recoup the taxpayers' money that has been spent as a result of these addictive medications.

Mr. Bonsignore explained that the Town would not pay anything unless they win the lawsuit, and if that is the case, Mr. Bonsignore would keep 25% of the award. The only thing the Town would be required to do is to gather the financial information of how much the Town has spent in dealing with the opioid crisis.

Mr. Weathers assured Mr. Bonsignore that the Selectmen would discuss this matter and make a decision at a future meeting.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 II (b) – HIRING OF ANY PERSON AS A PUBLIC  
EMPLOYEE

**At 5:30 pm, Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to go into non-public session under NH RSA 91-A:3 II (b), to discuss the hiring of any person as a public employee. The motion carried unanimously.**

At 5:47 pm, the Board returned to public session.

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

ADJOURN

At 5:47 pm, the meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krista Day  
Executive Secretary