

**Minutes of Meeting  
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
September 29, 2020**

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:01 pm in the Marshall Gymnasium in the Conway Recreation Center with the following present: C. David Weathers, Mary Carey Seavey, 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 stated that due to technical difficulties, this meeting was not being streamed on Facebook Live, but was being filmed on Zoom and by Valley Vision.

Mr. Weathers noted that they were removing item 4, Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Conway and Margaret and Charles ("Sut") Marshall.

Mr. Weathers stated that they were adding 6d., Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber on Map/Lot 245-64 and 10a., Regular and Non-Public Minutes from 9/22/2020.

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

REVIEW OF RECEIPTS

(The receipts were available after the Signing of Documents)

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

- a. Warrant for Land Use Change Tax on Map/Lot 269-69
- b. Municipality Land Use Change Tax on Map/Lot 269-69
- c. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 254-29.101

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

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- a. AP Manifest dated 10/1/2020

**Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to sign the AP Manifest dated 10/1/2020. The motion carried unanimously.**

RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUT OF SESSION

(none)

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

(none)

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- a. Regular and Non-Public Minutes from 9/22/2020

**Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to adopt the regular and non-public minutes from 9/22/2020 as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Holmes noted that Mr. Colbath had requested the valuation of Town from the previous year for comparison to this year's MS-1. Mr. Holmes stated that the taxable value of the community for 2019 was \$1,742,760,903 and the value for 2020 is \$1,750, 988,000. This represents an increase of \$,227,097. This includes the absorption of 8 million dollar reduction due to a change in the laws as to how utilities must be valued.

Mr. Holmes noted that Bill Cuccio, owner of the Lobster Trap Restaurant that had hosted the Donald Trump Jr. visit this past week had called with the question on whether those who are planning protests should be obtaining a permit from the Town.

Mr. Holmes believed that it could be a potential first amendment issue.

Mr. Holmes stated that he would bring the issue to the Board to see if they wanted to make it an agenda item for a future meeting. Issue of permitting for protests.

All the Selectmen unanimously agreed that it was not a discussion they wished to have.

Mr. Holmes noted that the asbestos removal at the Old Recreation Center was scheduled for the second week in October with the demolition to follow.

Mr. Holmes noted that there had been pictures circulating that afternoon regarding the changing color of the river. He explained that it was communicated that during the bridge work on the Swift River Bridge, they had hit a layer of clay which increased the turbidity.

Mr. Weathers added that he had spoke with the foreman and they are in compliance and doing turbidity checks every hour.

Mr. Holmes stated that the Hazard Mitigation Plan had been approved by Homeland Security and the next update would be in five years.

Mr. Holmes explained that the phone service was now working at the new Town Hall. He added that Mr. DegliAngeli was working from his new office this week and the upstairs departments would begin moving next week.

Mr. Holmes explained that he had met with Mr. Edmunds from Valley Vision regarding the lease agreement for the upstairs of Town Hall. He had sent a copy to Attorney Malia and was prepared to share the upstairs space with Valley Vision for a period of time.

Mr. Holmes informed Mr. Colbath that they were still waiting on the design from the architect before proceeding with work on the first floor of the Bank.

Ms. Seavey inquired as to when they would be having the discussion regarding the porta-potties in Schouler Park.

Mr. Holmes explained that he was putting together a proposal for bathrooms, parking fees, etc. for next year. He added that he had been looking into parking kiosks as well.

Ms. Seavey stated that she really believed the North Conway Village Association should be involved in the conversation.

#### BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Porter stated that the Planning Board would be meeting in October.

Mr. Colbath stated that the ZBA would be meeting next month.

Mr. Colbath explained that the Budget Committee had met the previous week and had the quarterly budget updates from the Town and the School.

Ms. Seavey questioned whether the subject of enrollment in the schools had been discussed. Mr. Colbath explained that those discussions would occur after the Superintendent and the Town Manager answer their respective questions from the committee.

Mr. Weathers noted that the CCC would be meeting in October.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Louise Inkell wanted to make sure the public knew that her department would not be moving to the Bank location until after the November 3, 2020 election.

Mr. Colbath inquired how many absentee ballots had been requested so far. Ms. Inkell noted that they had currently received over 1600 requests and had begun systematically mailing them out.

The last day to request an absentee ballot would be before 5:00 pm on November 2, 2020.

Mr. Steer asked if there was any further news on the Main Street Project. Mr. Holmes noted that he did not have any at this time.

There was brief discussion regarding the issue of permitting protests. Mr. Holmes did note that the police were present and that protesting is allowed under the first amendment so requiring a permit may be problematic.

Mr. Holmes reviewed that the Planning, Zoning, and Public Works would be moving to the Bank property shortly, while Finance, Town Clerk, Assessing, Welfare, and the Town Managers office would be continuing to work from the current Town Hall during the construction of the first floor.

**At 4:24 pm, Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c). The motion carried unanimously**

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 II (C) -TAX MATTERS

At 5:22 pm, the Board returned to public session.

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

ADJOURN

At 5:22 pm, the meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krista Day  
Executive Secretary