

Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
April 5, 2022

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:00 pm in the Meeting Room at the New 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 explained that they would be adding an agenda item 8a. Election Assignments.

He noted that 10b., 10i. and "260-58" under 10l. would be removed.

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

Mr. Weathers noted that Ms. Seavey was out of Town but she was observing the meeting via Zoom.

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

- a. \$750 from Chalmers Insurance for Girls Softball Uniforms

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to accept the \$750 from Chalmers Insurance for Girls Softball Uniforms. The motion carried unanimously.

BROADBAND DISCUSSION

Mr. Holmes noted that they should move forward in the agenda as the representatives for this agenda item were not present.

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATION – FIBER INSTALLATION PROJECT

Mary Ellen Player and Jeff McIver appeared before the Board to speak about the fiber installation project that Consolidated Communications would be starting late this spring.

Ms. Player explained that starting at the end of May/beginning of June, Consolidated Communications would be installing fiber optic cable to all of the homes in Conway, Albany and Eaton.

They reviewed the work that had already been completed in the southern portion of New Hampshire.

Ms. Player highlighted that they would be investing in the Conway area with their own capital.

The total cost will be around 11 million dollars to serve 11,000 households.

Ms. Player noted they would be adding the fiber to their existing copper wires.

Ms. Player explained that this project will take approximately four to six months.

Ms. Player went over the fee structure for the new fiber product for consumers.

She added that they are also working on an affordable connectivity program that will closely align with those households that qualify for free and reduced lunch.

It was highlighted that Conway is a very important part of the overall project for Consolidated because of the density.

REQUEST FOR GRANT SUPPORT FOR ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

Mr. Holmes explained that the Adult Day Care Center is requesting grant support from the Town for the purchase of an air purifying system.

Mr. Holmes noted that the Day Care Center will be paying for the 10% match needed.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to support the application for the grant for the Adult Day Care Center and authorize the Chairman to sign necessary documents. The motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN EASEMENT DEED FOR VALLEY SPRINGS CAR WASH, LLC

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to table this discussion until the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VOTING ASSIGNMENTS:

There was discussion regarding who was able to attend the election.

Mr. Colbath, Mr. Thibodeau, and Ms. Seavey will be at the election all day.

Mr. Porter will be there most of the day.

Mr. Weathers will not be in attendance.

Both Norman Treganza and Deb Fauver have volunteers to be appointed as Selectmen pro-tem for the day.

REVIEW OF RECEIPTS

The receipts were available for review.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

- a. Notice of Intent to Excavation on Map/Lot 265-128.1
- ~~b. Gravel Tax Levy Original Warrant Map/Lot 250-68~~
- c. Summary of Forest Stewardship Plan for Current Use Assessment on Map/Lot 207-4
- d. Summary of Forest Stewardship Plan for Current Use Assessment on Map/Lot 210-1.1
- e. Application for Current Use on Map/Lot 206-4
- f. Application for Current Use on Map/Lot 240-29
- g. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber on Map/Lot 242-9.1
- h. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber on Map/Lot 239-4
- ~~i. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Map/Lot 260-58~~
- j. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Map/Lot 240-10
- k. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Map/Lot 242-3
- l. Yield Tax Levy Original Warrant Map/Lot ~~260-58~~, 240-10, 242-3
- m. Elderly and Disabled Tax Deferral on Map/Lot 264-24
- n. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 202-135
- o. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 254-29.073
- p. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 277-311
- q. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 231-29
- r. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 231-40
- s. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 218-83
- t. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 277-257
- u. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 216-151
- v. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 262-52
- w. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 231-38
- x. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 288-7
- y. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 278-106
- z. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 254-29.096
- aa. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 291-29
- bb. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 262-83.011
- cc. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 261-50.012
- dd. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 262-83.121
- ee. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 269-39
- ff. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 203-147
- gg. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions on Map/Lot 259-103
- hh. Permit to Sell Raffle Tickets Memorial Hospital Foundation (7/21/22)

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to sign the document listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- a. AP Manifest dated 4/7/2022
- b. Payroll dated 4/7/2022

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to sign the AP Manifest and Payroll 4/7/2022. 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 3/22/2022
- b. Regular and Non-Public Minutes from 3/29/2022

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to adopt the regular and non-public minutes from 3/22/2022 and 3/29/2022 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Holmes recognized Mr. Eastman who had received the Longevity Award for from the New Hampshire State Parks and Rec Association.

Mr. Holmes stated that they had found a recipient for the Boston Cane.

He noted that Anna Hill, who resides at Mineral Springs, will be 104 this September.

Mr. Holmes will coordinate with Ken Rancourt and the Selectmen for the presentation.

Mr. Holmes explained that with the Town's purchase of a Conway Daily Sun online subscription, they were granted the opportunity to gift a \$200 ad for the non-profit of our choice.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to gift the \$200 ad to the Friends of Conway Rec. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Holmes noted that the 8 foot tall greeting card for the Ukraine had been at Town Hall.

It would now be making its way to Concord, Washington D.C., and eventually the Ukrainian Embassy.

Mr. Holmes noted that Google would now be charging the Town 300 dollars a month.

He explained Northledge Technology had advised him that even if they left Google for their email service, it would cost just as much for another company and it would be more work.

Mr. Holmes stated they would find the money somewhere as it had not been budgeted for.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Thibodeau stated that the new transient hangar was coming along nicely.

He noted that they plan to be ready to lease to the transient public as of June 1, 2022.

A July 2022 open house is in the planning stages.

Mr. Porter stated that the Planning Board would be meeting April 14, 2022.

He noted that the MWV Housing Coalition would be presenting at the NCCC the next evening and he was planning to attend.

Mr. Weathers informed the Board that the CCC would be meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

Daymond Steer from the Conway Daily Sun inquired as to whether the Board thought they should put up barriers in front of the Library due to the accident in order to prevent another.

Mr. Weathers explained that he suggested reaching out to DOT as it was their project.

Mr. Colbath stated that it was a unique accident with a highly impaired driver and did not believe that the Town of Conway could have done anything to prevent it.

At 5:04 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 MATTER

At 5:12 pm, the Board returned to public session.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Thibodeau, to seal the minutes from this non-public session as divulgence of the information would render the proposed action ineffective. The motion carried unanimously.

At 5:13 pm, Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (A). The motion carried unanimously.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 II(A) – PERSONNEL

At 6:12 pm, the Board returned to public session.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Thibodeau, to seal the minutes from this non-public session as divulgence of the information would render the proposed action ineffective. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

At 6:12 pm, the meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krista Day
Executive Secretary