

Minutes of Meeting CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

March 15, 2005

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:04 p.m. in the meeting room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen, Gary Webster (Chair), David Weathers, Karen Umberger and Larry Martin; Town Manager, Earl W. Sires; and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Webster led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

The Board reviewed and signed various documents contained in the signature folder.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The Board reviewed and approved the manifest dated 3/17/05.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to approve the minutes of 1/25/05 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. Sires reviewed discussion was held at the last meeting regarding Seavey Street construction and that we were awaiting word from the North Conway Water Precinct. Public Works Director, Paul DegliAngeli, advised this was favorable at the North Conway Water Precinct meeting he attended and at this point they are planning on proceeding. Mr. DegliAngeli further advised that he has done a review of our projects and while we will have to delay some other projects we can afford to do this project in house and we are not going to contract this out. Paving and curbing will be done by subcontractors but the rest of the work will be done in house.

Mr. DegliAngeli next advised that by doing Seavey Street now this would mean a delay of the Davis Hill project or the Pine Street project.

Ms. Umberger questioned how much is currently in the Capital Reserve Account. Mr. DegliAngeli advised the available balance once we make a funding contribution for this year will be \$500,000.

UPDATE REGARDING FRYEBURG WATER COMPANY IN EAST CONWAY

Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed that the Board had asked him to represent sixty-six East Conway residents concerning their water complaints with the Fryeburg Water Company.

Mr. DegliAngeli next advised that a public hearing is scheduled for April 6, 2005 at the Public Utilities Commission in Concord, New Hampshire in regard to this matter. Mr. DegliAngeli advised that he would be attending the hearing and asked for any comments from the Board they would like him to take to Concord. Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed the history of the matter with the Board and advised there has been no cooperation on the part of the Fryeburg Water Company in solving the problem in East Conway.

The Board held discussion and agreed that staff should draft a letter for the Boards review. **Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, that this Board would like to reinforce our position in this matter and state it in a letter that we want the Public Utilities Commission to exercise all their powers in bringing this to satisfactory closure for the sixty-six residents on the Fryeburg Water System in East Conway. The motion carried 4-0-0.** Ms. Umberger requested that a copy of this letter go to the Fryeburg Water Company as well

DISCUSSION OF CONWAY BYPASS SOUTHERN TERMINUS

Mr. Sires reviewed the Southern Terminus Subcommittee of the Citizens Design Review Committee (CDRC) was formed due to concerns raised in the community with the proposed southern terminus of the bypass. This Subcommittee made a recommendation to the CDRC which in turn made a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen that a trumpet interchange design be pursued. The Board of Selectmen had declined to write a letter as additional land would have to be acquired and delays would have occurred. Subsequently, the Subcommittee held another meeting and would now like to look at some other alternatives into Conway. Further, Subcommittee member, Ray Leavitt, has pointed out that when this design was discussed years back the Board of Selectmen wrote a letter stating that they wanted to have the option to review this design. This Subcommittee is now asking that a letter be sent by the Town of Conway, area towns and Conway businesspeople, to Carol Murray asking that we all take a look at this again. If the Board is in support of this, we will write a letter to Carol Murray. Mr. Weathers pointed out that so far we have only received a letter from the Town of Albany. Mr. Weathers stated that we should not send a letter until we receive all of the other letters needed.

Mr. Martin stated that he had made the original motion before when the discussion was held regarding the trumpet interchange and now that more things have come to light and he would be in agreement with sending a letter so long as we get all letters from the other towns and from the businesspeople to send jointly.

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH CONWAY

Robert Porter of the Rotary Club of North Conway joined the meeting. Mr. Porter explained that the Rotary Club of North Conway would like to do a community project of working with the Town's Public Works Director to put shared road signs up along the North South Road. Mr. Porter explained the signs would include a picture of a person on a bicycle. Mr. Porter further advised that there would be no advertisement for the Rotary Club on the sign and they would just be shared road signs. There was brief discussion with the Board. **Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to direct the Town Manager to assign appropriate staff to research this and get back to the**

Board. Mr. Weathers questioned if the signs would be placed at the north and south ends of the North-South Road. Mr. Porter stated he was thinking of putting a sign on each of the speed limit signs. Mr. Sires suggested spacing them approximately every two miles. **The motion carried 4-0-0.**

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

CVFD Meeting – Mr. Sires reported that he and Paul DegliAngeli have been invited to attend the Conway Village Fire District meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2005. NHDOT Commissioner Murray will be at the meeting to discuss the Conway Village streetscape project.

Road Posting – Mr. Sires reported that beginning Monday, March 21, 2005, the roads will be posted in the Town of Conway.

Town Report Cover – Mr. Sires reported the Town Report cover will feature town parks.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Newspaper Article – Mr. Martin commented on an article that appeared in the Conway Daily Sun about his opinion on the property behind Staples. Mr. Martin stated that somewhere this has lost track that he is entitled to his opinion on this matter. Mr. Martin further stated that he has never carried an agenda and tries to make common sense calls for the good of the town

Budget Committee – Mr. Umberger next reported that the Budget Committee re-voted on three articles. The two on the Town Warrant were as follows: Eastern Slope Airport Authority which the Committee voted 7-5-0 to recommend the article as amended at town meeting; and the Loon Preservation Committee which the Committee voted 10-0-1 to recommend the article as amended at town meeting. The Article from the School Ballot pertained to the School Budget and the Committee voted 3-0-9 to recommend the article as amended.

Conservation Commission – Mr. Weathers reported the Conservation Commission will meet Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at the Whitaker Meeting House. They will be reviewing the application for the school site at this meeting.

Planning Board – Mr. Martin reported a Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2005 and the agenda has been posted in the newspaper.

PUBLIC COMMENT/MEDIA QUESTIONS

David Carkhuff of the Conway Daily Sun requested clarification on the vote by the Budget Committee regarding the warrant article for the Loon Preservation Committee. Ms. Umberger advised the Budget Committee voted 10-1-0 to recommend the Loon Preservation Article as amended.

ADJOURN

Mr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary