

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

April 18, 2005

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:02 p.m. in the meeting room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen, Gary Webster (Chair), David Weathers, Karen Umberger, Larry Martin and Mark Hounsell; 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.

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Umberger administered the oath of office to Robert F. Porter for Police Commissioner, three-year term.

Ms. Umberger next administered the oath of office to Gene Drolet, Library Trustee, three-year term.

Ms. Umberger next administered the oath of office to both Gary L. Webster and C. David Weathers for Selectmen, three-year terms.

Mr. Webster advised that newly elected Selectman, Mark Hounsell, took the oath of office on Friday, April 15, 2005 before Town Clerk, Rhoda Quint.

Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mark Hounsell, to nominate Larry Martin as Chair of the Board of Selectmen. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers to nominate Karen Umberger as Vice Chair of the Board of Selectmen. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Mr. Martin thanked the Board for his election as Chair and congratulated Ms. Umberger on her appointment as Vice Chair. Mr. Martin also thanks Mr. Webster for Chairing the Board for the last two years.

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 4/21/05.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster to approve the minutes of 3/1/05 regular and non public, as written. The motion carried 3-0-2, with Messrs. Martin and Hounsell abstaining.

Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to approve the minutes of 3/11/05, as written. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Hounsell abstaining.

SIGNING OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF
CONWAY AND AFSCME LOCAL 859

Mr. Sires reviewed the AFSCME Local 859 Contract for Public Works employees was approved by the voters on April 12, 2005. The Board signed the Contract.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Lucy Philbrick, joined the meeting. Lucy provided copies of quarterly revenue and expenditure reports to the Board and Mr. Sires provided a brief review of same.

Ms. Philbrick advised the Board that the Auditors would be providing their yearly report in the near future as well.

DISCUSSION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF SELECTMEN
REPRESENTATIVES TO STANDING COMMITTEES

The Board reviewed the list of Committees and agreed upon the following representative appointments: Budget Committee – Karen Umberger; Citizens Design Review Committee – All Selectmen past and present; Conservation Commission – Dave Weathers; Eastern Slope Airport Authority – Gary Webster and Earl Sires; Economic Council – Mark Hounsell and Earl Sires; Fourth of July Committee – Larry Martin; Infrastructure Committee – Karen Umberger and Earl Sires; Joint Town-School Committee – Karen Umberger and Earl Sires; Lower MWV Solid Waste District – Larry Martin; North Country Council – Earl Sires; Planning Board – Larry Martin; Recreational Access and Planning Committee – Dave Weathers; Recreational Facilities Committee – Gary Webster and Earl Sires; School Steering Committee – Karen Umberger with Larry Martin as an alternate; Southern Terminus Subcommittee of CDRC – Dave Weathers and Earl Sires; Union Negotiations – Larry Martin and Dave Weathers; WMNF – Larry Martin and Earl Sires. With regard to Valley Vision representation, the Board briefly discussed and agreed that it is a good idea to stay with an outside party to represent the town on the Valley Vision Board as they have had with Bob Barriault. Bob Barriault has agreed to stay on until a replacement is found. The Board directed town staff to follow through on advertising for interest in the position of representative to Valley Vision. **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to accept the list as revised. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

TOWN MANAGER GOALS

It was agreed that this agenda item would be carried to a future meeting.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

HB90 – Mr. Sires distributed a bulletin received from the NHMA regarding HB90 which relates to the racetrack issue in Tamworth for the Board's review. Mr. Sires further advised that HB90 is scheduled for a hearing on April 20, 2005 at 9:20 a.m. before the Senate Transportation Committee in Concord. The NHMA is asking Boards

of Selectmen to contact our Representatives in this matter. Mr. Hounsell advised that he will be going to Concord on April 20 and feels that HB90 should be supported and he could deliver a letter to the Committee if the Board would like. The Board agreed. **Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to redo the letter sent previously.** Mr. Hounsell stated the letter should state the unanimous support of this Board and the Board agreed. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Bird Flu – Mr. Sires reported that a training session on the Bird Flu is scheduled for April 20th and he will provide information to the Board regarding same.

Bomb Threats – Mr. Sires reported that he met with John Eastman and Carl Nelson recently concerning the bomb threats that have occurred at the schools. Mr. Sires stated that the students involved with the bomb threats may also be involved with town programs and he wanted the Board to be aware that there are discussions with the school concerning this issue and that they will also be having discussions with Larry Wade as well. Mr. Sires next advised that there was also discussion about federal regulations that prohibits the sharing of information regarding student records. Mr. Sires stated that he will continue to keep the Board apprised on this issue as discussions continue.

Lighting in Redstone – Mr. Sires reported that Mrs. Clough of Redstone contacted him concerning the lighting situation by Veterans Park in Redstone. Mr. Sires reviewed that Redstone residents had approached the town several years ago concerning a light and last year we looked at a proposal of putting a light at the flag pole and felt this work for the situation. However, the flag pole had to go on the right side of the monument instead of the left and now the residents don't feel this will work for them lighting-wise and now they still want a street light. The residents are willing to pay for installing the light if the town will pay for utilities. Mr. Sires advised he will keep the Board advised of any further developments.

Seasonal Positions – Mr. Sires reported the town has placed help wanted ads for the seasonal administrative positions for the Recreation Department and Assessing Department.

Future Agenda Items – Mr. Sires advised that Adopt A Highway will be appearing on an agenda in the near future for discussion. Also, the town received a call about naming a facility after Dick O'Brien and this may be something for discussion on an upcoming agenda as well. Mr. Sires next reported there needs to be discussion about the school building inspection and how to handle this matter and this will also be on an upcoming agenda.

MWVSTA – Mr. Sires reported he met briefly last week with the MWVSTA. On an operating basis things are going well, but in the long term they will need grooming equipment at a cost of about \$150,000-\$160,000.

North Conway Library – Mr. Sires reported the North Conway Library is putting in a grant to do repairs to their roof and front entrance and requested the Town's support. Mr. Sires advised that he signed in support of the grant as they needed to submit this application last week.

Vacation – Mr. Sires reported he will be on vacation the rest of this week and that Paul DegliAngeli will be acting town manager during this time.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Elections – Mr. Hounsell commented on the low voter turnout on April 12, 2005. Mr. Hounsell commented he feels this may be related to SB2. Mr. Hounsell next stated that he would like to have discussion in the future to see if the Board would like to put an article on the warrant next year to see if the town wants a Charter Commission.

Reelection – Mr. Webster and Mr. Weathers thanked the voters for another 3-year term as selectmen.

Vacation – Mr. Webster advised that he would not be attending next week's meeting as he will be on vacation.

Conservation Commission – Mr. Weathers reported the Conservation Commission supports having Phil Haynes move up from alternate to regular member of the Conservation Commission.

School Building Committee – Ms. Umberger reported that Carl Nelson provided a list of items to the committee that they will do if they have the money. Ms. Umberger also reported that steel contracts are due back in May. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for May. Ms. Umberger also reported that the White Mountain Milers have asked about a track for the school and are concerned over the lack of a track.

Infrastructure Committee – Ms. Umberger reported a meeting of the Infrastructure Committee was held at the North Conway Water Precinct office on April 11, 2005.

PUBLIC COMMENT/MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

ADJOURN

Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary