

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

October 17, 2006

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Martin 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 signed the manifest dated October 19, 2006.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Hounsell, to accept the minutes of 9/12/06 and 9/19/06 regular and non public as written. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF AMBULANCE PROPOSAL

Conway Village Fire Chief, Larry Wade, was present for discussion.

Mr. Sires advised that the Town received revised information from the providers and same is in the Selectmen's agenda packets for review.

Mr. Webster advised the Ambulance Committee met briefly this afternoon and there are numerous parts of the proposal that they have concerns with and their recommendation is to accept the documentation and then move forward and decide conceptually with where we should go with it. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that the Board accept that the work by the entities submitting a proposal or answering a request for information be ended by the acceptance that their final price is \$115,000 for North Conway Ambulance and \$115,000 for Conway Village Ambulance for a total of \$230,000 and that this vote is not an acceptance of their proposal.** There was brief discussion. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

The Board next discussed the contract and contract amounts. **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers to approve \$150,000 for ambulance service for 2007.** There was further discussion as to the term of the contract, etc. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to amend the motion to recommend to the town that they raise and appropriate \$150,000 for ambulance service subsidy to be split**

evenly between the two entities for, initially, a two year period. There was further discussion regarding the term and amount for the contract. The Board agreed to hold off for one week and let Town Manager, Earl Sires, bring back a recommendation for review and consideration. **Mr. Webster withdrew his second and Mr. Hounsell withdrew his amended motion. Mr. Weathers withdrew his second and Ms. Umberger withdrew her motion.**

UPDATE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Management Director, Ed Duffy, joined the meeting. Mr. Duffy advised the North Country Regional Emergency Preparedness Committee has planned its first session for November 1 at 5:50 p.m. at the Gibson Center. Representatives from area towns, the field representative from the state, health workers, etc. emergency personnel, etc., have been invited to attend.

CONSIDERATION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO CONNIE DAVIS WATSON FOUNDATION FOR REROOFING OF WHITAKER BARN

Mr. Sires reviewed discussion held last week concerning the Town's opportunity to apply for grant money to the Connie Davis Watson Foundation for the reroofing of the Whitaker Barn.

Mr. Sires next reviewed a recommendation from the Parks Commission supporting the reroofing of the Whitaker Barn.

Connie Davis Watson Park Committee member, Connie Briggs, stated it is a good idea to save the barn. The Town uses the barn and seems sensible to get a sound roof over it and a way has been found to do it without any expense to the town.

There was next a discussion by the Board regarding the condition of the barn, future repairs, and the storage of equipment presently stored in the building. **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to approve the submission of the application to the Connie Davis Watson Foundation for the roof on the facility known as the Whitaker Barn.** The Board briefly discussed and confirmed that if the application is accepted and the money awarded the Town would still have to hold a public hearing to accept the monies. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

UPDATE ON SCHOULER PARK IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING

Mr. Sires advised a meeting was held recently to discuss improvements for Schouler Park. Irrigation was discussed, however a design is still needed; Electrical was discussed as there is a need for a safe manageable system; Discussion was also held with regard to looking at trying to reduce the lights that aren't needed anymore and also reduce the number of trees that have Christmas lights; Removal and replacement of turf was discussed; There was also discussion regarding the ice skating rink and there was interest in seeing it stay as it is a tradition; There was discussion regarding where the ballfield is located and moving the third base line and a granite wall; and, there was also discussion regarding recycling and refuse containers. Mr. Sires next advised that the idea is that all this would be done prior to June before summer activities.

PROPOSED VETERANS MEMORIAL ORDINANCE

Mr. Sires reviewed a proposed Policy of the Conway Board of Selectmen Prohibiting the Placement of Signs on Town Properties including specifically Town Parks and Veterans Memorials with the Board. (A copy is attached). **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that the Board of Selectmen adopt this Selectmen's ordinance as submitted. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

UPDATE ON WORKPLACE SAFETY PLANNING

Mr. Sires reviewed information in the Board's agenda packet from the Joint Loss Safety Committee (copy attached) regarding workplace safety.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Code Compliance Matter – Mr. Sires reported on the code compliance matter discussed at the last meeting concerning the Consolino property in Center Conway. Mr. Sires advised that the Town has learned from the NHDES that where they were saying 200 feet it is only 150 feet and now not all of the items of concern are in the well head protection area.

Budget Reviews – Mr. Sires reported he will be starting budget reviews with staff tomorrow.

Union Negotiations – Mr. Sires reported that Union negotiations begin next week with a meeting on October 27, 2006.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Budget Committee – Ms. Umberger reported a Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall. The Committee will be reviewing the town budget (2006).

Olympia Lane - Mr. Hounsell requested to be supplied with an update on the status of Olympia Lane.

Shared Information Policy – Mr. Hounsell questioned if the Town received procedures from the School regarding the Shared Information Policy. Mr. Sires advised this information was received and will be distributed to the Board.

Conservation Commission – Mr. Weathers reported the Conservation Commission met October 8, 2006. A public hearing was held regarding proposed used for Conservation Land Account Funds. The Commission voted in the affirmative to support the use of Conservation Land Account funds for the acquisition of Recreation Mitigation Land in Redstone and, also, to support the acquisition of a conservation easement on property located along the West Side Road in Conway

Judy Durkee – Mr. Martin made note of the passing of Conway resident and Supervisor of the Checklist, Judy Durkee. Mr. Martin commented that she will be missed and sent thoughts and sympathy to her family.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: NH RSA 91-A:3,II(c)/TAX MATTERS

At 5:57 p.m., **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to go into Non Public Session, under NH RSA 91-A:3,II(c) to discuss tax matters.** The non public session included Town Manager, Earl Sires, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Rhoda Quint, and Recording Secretary, Karen Hollowell. **The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

At 6:34 p.m. the Board returned to regular session. A motion to seal the minutes was made and carried in non public session.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: NH RSA 91-A:3,II(d)/ACQUISITION OF LAND

At 6:35 p.m. **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to go into non public session under RSA 91-A:3,II(d).** The non public session included Town Manager, Earl Sires, Tax Assessor, Thomas Holmes, and Recording Secretary, Karen Hollowell. **The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

At 7:04 p.m. the Board returned to regular session. A motion to seal the minutes was made and carried in non public session.

ADJOURN

Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hollowell
Executive Secretary