

Minutes of Meeting CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

October 31, 2006

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:01 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 November 2, 2006.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, to approve the minutes of 9/26/06 as written. The motion carried 5-0-0.

AMBULANCE SERVICES

Mr. Sires presented two proposed alternatives for ambulance funding to the Board and reviewed same. (See attached) **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that we adopt alternative A as presented.** There was discussion by the Board regarding length of contract, rollovers and funding. There was also discussion regarding removing #3 from Alternative A. **Mr. Hounsell modified the motion, seconded by Mr. Webster, to Adopt Alternative A but strike the words "renewable under a rollover clause" in paragraph #2 and striking paragraph #3 until the part starting with "2007" which will be added to paragraph # 2 and, at the end of the last sentence in paragraph #2 add "with annual funding as follows:"** It was agreed there would no longer be a #3 in Alternative A. There was next discussion regarding an MOA for payment schedule, etc. It was agreed that this would be discussed at a future meeting. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

FOURTH OF JULY PLANNING

Mr. Sires reviewed the discussions previously held regarding this matter by the Board. Mr. Sires next advised the Mount Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce is planning a celebration and the town will have a celebration as usual. The Chamber has put information out their membership regarding holding the parade in Conway with other festivities in North Conway and is pretty sure all are okay with this plan. The Board agreed with holding the parade in Conway Village. The Board agreed no formal action was necessary.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Tax Deed Property – Mr. Sires distributed a list of tax deed property to the Board for review.

Election Day – Mr. Sires advised that the Town Clerk has asked the Board of Selectmen parcel out hours for coverage at the polls on Election Day. The Board briefly discussed and agreed on the following schedule: David Weathers and Gary Webster will split the morning session until noon; Karen Umberger will cover noon to 4:00 p.m.; and, Mark Hounsell 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Pandemic Seminar - Mr. Sires reviewed the Pandemic Seminar will be held tomorrow night, November 1, 2006, at the Gibson Center.

Lower Bartlett Water Precinct – Mr. Sires reported he will be attending a ceremony at the Lower Bartlett Water Precinct tomorrow where there will be an announcement regarding the award of Rural Development Funding.

Intervale Scenic Vista – Mr. Sires reported he toured the Scenic Vista Building this morning along with Cindy Briggs, Ed Bergeron and Larry Garland. They are putting together a 3-D topographical map for the Vista Building with grant money received a few years ago.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

School Building Committee – Ms. Umberger reported she attended a School Building Committee meeting last Thursday. The new school is on budget, they are going to set the cornerstone this Thursday, and the website is in the process of being updated. Ms. Umberger also reported the Committee was pleased with the run up Eagles Way held a week ago Sunday. This run helped raise money for the Gary Millen arena.

Budget Committee - Ms. Umberger reported the Budget Committee met last night, October 30, 2006. The Committee reviewed the school budget for 2006. Ms. Umberger also reported that February 3, 2007 has been scheduled as the meeting day to review non profit budgets. The Committee has also agreed to use the new budget forms which were from the Town of Stratham with a few additions to them. Ms. Umberger further advised that since Pat Swett was appointed to fill a vacancy on the School Board and resigned from the Budget Committee they will be advertising to fill the position. Ms. Umberger next advised the Budget Committee will meet again on December 4, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission – Mr. Weathers reported the Conservation Commission meets November 8, 2006 at the Whitaker Meeting House.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

Alan and Jennifer Arnold advised they live on Brownfield Road and have concerns regarding overweight trucks using the roadway. There was brief discussion. The Board asked the Arnolds to contact the Town Manager, Earl Sires, tomorrow to further review the situation and they agreed.

MEETING SCHEDULE

It was agreed the next meeting of the Board would be held on Thursday, November 9, 2006.

ADJOURN

At 4:58 p.m., **Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Hounsell, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary