

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

November 28, 2006

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:03 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 30, 2006.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Umberger moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to approve the non public minutes of 10/10/06, non public minutes of 10/17/06 two sets, and the regular meeting minutes of 10/17/06. Ms. Umberger offered an amendment to the regular meeting minutes 10/17/06 as follows: Page 3, Board Reports/Budget Committee – add in parentheses (2006). Ms. Umberger explained so that it is clear that the Budget Committee was reviewing the present year budget and not the proposed budget for next year. All agreed. **Ms. Umberger amended the motion, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to accept the non public minutes of 10/10/06, non public minutes of 10/17/06 two sets, as written and the regular meeting minutes of 10/17/06 as amended. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

WHITE MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Jonathon Bliss and Michael Ferrara joined the meeting. Mr. Bliss and Mr. Ferrara discussed plans for the White Mountain Transit Authority they plan to bring to the valley.

AMBULANCE DISCUSSION

Mr. Sires reviewed at the last meeting the Board directed him to bring back a Memorandum of Understanding for review and consideration. Mr. Sires next reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding and Memorandum of Understanding Extension of Services contained in the Agenda packets with the Board (copies attached). **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, that the Board of Selectmen adopt both Memorandums of Understanding as our position.** Ms. Umberger pointed out that she was not comfortable with item C language "existing". There was brief

discussion and the Board agreed the language should be changed. "Existing service levels shall be maintained" should be deleted and "a minimum of two primary and one backup ambulance shall be provided..." should be inserted. The Board also agreed that the numbering on page two should be fixed. **Mr. Weathers withdrew his second and Mr. Hounsell withdrew his motion. Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, that the Board of Selectmen adopt both Memorandums of Understanding as our position with the language changes to C (a minimum of two primary and one backup ambulance shall be provided) and to fix the numbering on page 2. The motion carried 5-0-0.** Mr. Sires will make the changes and distributed the MOU for signature.

NON PRECINCT FIRE AGREEMENT DISCUSSION

Mr. Sires reviewed there was a meeting on November 16, 2007 with representatives of the Districts to discuss non precinct fire protection. Mr. Sires distributed a draft summary of that meeting to the Board and reviewed same. Mr. Sires advised that all five chiefs satisfied with the way things are operating now. There was a discussion by the Board. Mr. Hounsell suggested having further discussion on this matter with Conway and North Conway.

There was public comment. Mrs. Swett stated she felt the Selectmen should have contacted the School on this matter and that they should not have read about this in the newspaper. Board members advised Ms. Swett that this was brought up at meetings.

Chief Preece advised that the Fire Chiefs have met and decided that they should send a diver in to access the ponds.

After further discussion by the Board, **Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, that the Town Manager contact the North Conway Commissioners and Conway Commissioners requesting to be on the agenda at the precinct meetings at their earliest convenience and that the chair of the Board of Selectmen select two Selectpersons to go with him and then report back. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Mr. Hounsell moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to instruct the Town Manager to write a letter to the Superintendent of SAU9 with a copy the Chair asking that they consider a PILOT arrangement for any facility in the non precinct fire area. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Ms. Umberger, pending further resolution of this issue, the budget number for 2007 non precinct be capped at \$210,275. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Mr. Hounsell left the meeting at this time.

At 5:35 p.m. the Board agreed to take a short recess. The Board reconvened at 5:47 p.m.

BUDGET REVIEW

Conservation Commission – Conservation Commission Chair, Paul Pinkham, reviewed the requested 2007 budget amount was \$20,554, and is actually now \$2500

less than that amount. Mr. Pinkham distributed and new detail sheet to the Board and reviewed same. Mr. Pinkham also gave an overview of forest and wetlands management to the Board.

Parks & Recreation - Recreation Director, John Eastman, distributed information to the Board regarding the proposed 2007 Parks and Recreation budget and reviewed same.

Planning and Zoning – Planning Director, Tom Irving, reviewed the proposed 2007 for Planning and Zoning with the Board.

Assessing - Assessor, Tom Holmes, reviewed the proposed 2007 Assessing budget with the Board.

Police and Library – Mr. Sires distributed copies of memos from Town Attorney, Peter Malia, concerning separating out the library and police budgets and reviewed same with the Board. Mr. Sires further advised that a call has been placed to Don Borrer of the NH Division of Revenue for an opinion as well. It is anticipated that this matter will be placed on the agenda for Thursday's meeting for discussion. The Board agreed.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Joint Town School Committee – Mr. Sires reported the Joint Town School Committee met earlier today. Phil Dighello presented an alternative plan regarding health insurance today and numbers are being developed for same for a plan that includes a deductible. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for December 19, 2007. Mr. Sires advised that his and Ms. Umberger's recommendation is to move forward with current coverage for 2007 and then look toward deductible coverage for the next year. Ms. Umberger added that they would also look at compensating employees for the deductible plan next year.

Logistics Trailer – Mr. Sires reported the Logistics Trailer is due to be delivered from the State. The Emergency Management Director, Ed Duffy, will be meeting a representative from the State at the Center Conway Fire Station to receive same.

Meeting Schedule - Mr. Sires reviewed the Board will be meeting Thursday, November 30, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. to continue review of the proposed budget. The Board will also meeting Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 7, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

Emergency Management Subcommittee – Mr. Sires reported a Regional Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee/POD Planning meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 5:30 p.m.

Union – Mr. Sires reported a meeting is scheduled with Union representatives for Friday, December 1, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. at the Town Garage.

Budget Committee – Mr. Sires reported a Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

Route 16 Construction Update Meeting – Mr. Sires reported a meeting with Councilor Burton and Commissioner Murray concerning Route 16 construction is scheduled for Friday, December 9, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. here at Town Hall. Mr. Sires further advised that a CDRC meeting may be held after that meeting at 10:00 p.m. but this has not yet been confirmed.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

School Committee - Ms. Umberger reported a School Committee meeting will be held Thursday evening, November 30, at John Fuller School.

Public Notices – Mr. Martin read aloud public notices published concerning the Conway Lake Draw Down and the Winter Parking Ban.

Public Hearings – Mr. Martin reviewed notices recently published regarding upcoming public hearings for solid waste disposal, unanticipated revenue and gifts of property.

Budget Committee – Ms. Umberger reported that three people have applied for the vacancy on the Budget Committee and wanted to thank them all for wanting to be involved.

Letter from CASA – Ms. Umberger suggesting sending a budget packet to the non profit organization, CASA, who the Town received a letter from requesting funds. Mr. Sires advised the packet of forms has already been sent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / MEDIA QUESTIONS

Tinker Kiesman questioned what the date is for the Deliberative Portion of Town Meeting. Mr. Sires advised that the Town's portion will be held March 5, 2007.

Mr. Kiesman next commented on a newspaper article in the Conway Daily Sun from October regarding Ambulance discussions.

Kimberly Kiesman voiced concerns over having to wait until the end of the meeting to be able to make a public comment.

ADJOURN

At 7:10 p.m. **Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, go adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary