

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
October 29, 2019**

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 3:00 pm in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen, C. David Weathers, Mary Carey Seavey, John Colbath, Steven Porter, Town Manager, Thomas Holmes, and Executive Secretary, Krista Day.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Weathers led the Board in the Pledge of the Allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Weathers stated that agenda item #10 was to be removed.

Ms. Seavey moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS NO PARKING SIGNAGE ON POLLARD STREET

Mr. Weathers opened the public hearing at 3:02 pm.

Mr. Weathers explained that while it states in the town regulations that when signs are erected, parking is prohibited on the east side of Pollard Street. He added that until recently, there had been no signs. However, an error had been made after the improvement of Pollard Street, and no parking signs had been placed on both sides of Pollard Street. After some complaints from the residents, the signs were removed from the west side. After taking a look at the road, Mr. Weathers questioned whether it would be safer to move the no parking signs to the west side as the sidewalk is on that side.

Paul MacMillan from Pollard Street stated that there had never been any no parking signs on Pollard Street and questioned why they needed them now.

Resident Josh MacMillan expressed his concerns regarding the safety of those who live and play on that street. He noted that cars often travel upwards of 50 mph and that when cars are able to park on the street, it helps to slow traffic down. He also noted that the fire hydrants are all on the side of the street that allows for parking.

Resident Jill MacMillan expressed concern over the safety of the kids.

Resident Andrea Hague stated that the police do the best to deal with the speeding issue, but it is not enough. She said it would be frustrating for residents to receive parking tickets while those who speed on the road don't get fined for that.

Jill MacMillan stated that she would like to see parking allowed on both sides to slow down the traffic.

Mr. DegliAngeli stated that in order to change the parking regulation, the Selectmen would have to hold a public hearing, propose a change, and hold a second public hearing before making a vote.

Mr. DegliAngeli noted that the town had widened the road as much as they could to 25 feet curb to curb. However, if you allow parking on both sides and follow the town standards for roads, they would need to make the road one way.

There was discussion regarding the other streets near Pollard and their parking regulations.

There was discussion regarding the issues of plowing when cars are parked on both sides of the street in the winter.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to propose that they change the current regulation under Chapter 152, Article II, that bans parking on the east side of Pollard Street to ban parking on the west side of Pollard Street only. The motion carried unanimously.

There will be a second public hearing on this proposal on November 12, 2019.

The public hearing closed at 3:30 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING TO ACCEPT AND DESIGNATE A SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR THE USE OF THE FOLLOWING UNANTICIPATED REVENUE

- a. \$497,622.00 from CDFA/CDBG Program to the Town of Conway for the Black Bear Village Cooperative Park

Mr. Weathers opened this public hearing at 3:31 pm.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Weathers closed this public hearing at 3:32 pm.

CONSIDERATION OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE MORE THAN \$10,000/RSA 31:95-B III (a)

- a. \$497,622.00 from CDFA/CDBG Program to the Town of Conway for the Black Bear Village Cooperative Park

Ms. Seavey moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to accept the \$497,622.00 from CDFR/CDBG Program to the Town of Conway for the Black Bear Village Cooperative Park. The motion carried (3-0-1) with Mr. Porter abstaining.

CONSIDERATION OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE LESS THAN \$10,000/RSA
31:95-B III (B)

- a. \$275.00 for the Damon O'Neal Scholarship

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to approve and accept the \$275.00 for the Damon O'Neal Scholarship. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF NOMINATION TO LOCAL RIVER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

Mr. Holmes explained that this was a committee that used to exist separately for both the Swift and Saco Rivers. However, the state has asked that this committee be reformed but combine both rivers. They have asked that citizens from each town be nominated. He had referred this to the Conservation Commission and received two nominees, Larry Huemmler and Nathaniel Lucy.

Mr. Colbath expressed that he would also like to see Mr. Weathers be a part of the committee.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to nominate Larry Huemmler and Nathaniel Lucy to the Local River Management Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to nominate C. David Weathers to the Local River Management Advisory Committee if they were able to have three representatives from Conway. The motion carried (3-0-1) with Mr. Weathers abstaining.

DISCUSSION OF DONATION OF LAND (MAP/LOT 276-188)

Mr. Holmes explained that this property had been sold for tax title several years ago by Edward Wagner Sr. Since then, Edward Wagner Jr. has inherited the property and would like to donate it to the Town. He added that it is a very wet piece of property on Pequawket Drive that abuts another piece of town property.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to accept the donation of Map/Lot 276-188. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF SACO RIVER BRIDGE ABUTMENT WORK

Mr. Weathers explained that Todd Marshall, Rick Young, and himself had been meeting with DOT in regards to the proposed work on the East Side Road Bridge. He noted that the state is planning to reinforce the abutments to the bridge. He added that the work was supposed to be taking place somewhere between July and the end of September.

Mr. Weathers emphasized that he will request that the work take place as close to the end of summer/ beginning of fall as possible to take both the river levels and the use of that beach into consideration.

Mr. Weathers wanted to get the support of the Selectmen before giving his vote at a meeting scheduled immediately following this one.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to send a letter support signed by Mr. Weathers regarding the Saco River Bridge abutment work. The motion carried (3-0-1) with Mr. Weather abstaining.

REVIEW OF RECEIPTS

(none)

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

- a. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions for Map/Lot 274-11
- b. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions for Map/Lot 219-82
- c. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions for Map/Lot 217-10.003

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to sign the documents listed above in a., b. and c. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- a. AP Manifest dated 10/31/19

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to sign the AP Manifest dated 10/31/19. The motion carried unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUTSIDE OF SESSION

- a. AP Manifest dated 10/17/19
- b. AP Manifest dated 10/24/19
- c. Payroll dated 10/24/19

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to ratify the documents listed above in a., b., and c. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

- a. Tuckerman's Brewing Company Indoor Music Series (1/18/20 and 2/22/20), Tuckerman's Trot (6/4/20), Lumberjack Fest (6/13/20), and Outdoor Series (7/18/20 and 8/15/20)
- b. Eastern Slope Ski Club 49th Annual ESSC Ski Sale (11/6/19-11/9/19)
- c. NCCC Grinchmas Spectacular Event (12/7/19)
- d. Rockhopper Spring Run (4/4/19) PENDING INSURANCE

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to sign and approve the special event permits listed above in a. through d. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Seavey asked what Tuckerman Brewing Company needed to do to not have to apply for special event permits. It was stated that they could go through site plan review.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- a. Regular and Non-Public Minutes from 10/8/19

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to adopt the minutes from 10/8/19 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Holmes explained that they were still looking for a Finance Director as well as an Assessor. They have had some interviews for Finance Director but no applications still for the Assessor. He added that they are advertising very broadly.

Mr. Holmes explained that the Short-Term Rental Committee had met. They are working to define what is considered a short-term rental. They are also waiting for legal advice on what they can do with their current regulations and what they need to wait for in regards to the state regulations.

Mr. Holmes noted that he had presented the committee with a private firm that would be able to get an inventory of short-term rentals in the area in terms of how many there are, where they are located, and who owns them.

Mr. Colbath inquired about the town hall move. Mr. Holmes explained that the bank had received their permits.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Porter stated that the Planning Board would be meeting on November 7, 2019.

Mr. Colbath noted that the Budget Committee would be meeting in December. He also explained that the ZBA met last week. He noted that Cranmore had withdrawn their application.

Mr. Colbath stated that the Broadband Committee had met and they received a sizable grant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

(none)

ADJOURN

At 4:00 pm, the meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Day
Executive Secretary