# Minutes of Meeting CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

January 26, 2016

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:02 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen, C. David Weathers (Chair), Mary Carey Seavey, Carl Thibodeau, John Colbath and Steven Porter, Town Manager, Earl Sires, and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell.

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Weathers advised that the Item #9 – Explanation of HB 359 would be moved up on the agenda. Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

# **EXPLANATION OF HB 359**

State Representative, Frank McCarthy, joined the meeting. Mr. McCarthy gave an overview of HB 359 regarding allowing municipalities to offer property tax exemptions to foster commercial and industrial construction. . (A copy of HB359 is attached).

### DISCUSSION OF FUNDING PROCESS FOR CONWAY VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT. NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND TOWN OF CONWAY COOPERATIVE PROJECT - ROUTE 16 THROUGH CONWAY VILLAGE

Public Works Engineer, Paul DegliAngeli, Finance Director, Lilli Gilligan, and CR Willeke, NHDOT Project Manager, were present for discussion.

Mr. Sires reviewed that the town will be handling the cash flow for this project and are here to see if the Board of Selectmen and Lilli Gilligan are comfortable with this matter.

Mr. DegliAngeli explained that this is a joint project between the Conway Village Fire District and the NHDOT and is a locally managed project managed by the municipality. This is our involvement with the project. Mr. DegliAngeli next stated that we finance the state's portion of the project not the District's portion. We get invoiced by the contractors and then we invoice the state. We want to make sure that everyone understands what we are doing. In concept we should be able to handle cash flow but we don't know details of the project bid and the contractor schedule. The project is scheduled for 2017. Mr. DegliAngeli next stated that questions regarding this project are frequency of payments from the state, length of time to get paid, funding for the program and, what if the state doesn't continue to fund.

Mr. Weathers questioned if this is for the roadway itself and not the sidewalks. Mr. DegliAngeli responded in the affirmative. Mr. DegliAngeli stated this is for roadway, pavement and drainage from the railroad tracks to Washington Street. In addition the State has also asked to upgrade the two signalized intersections and so it would go from the tracks to about Wilder Street. Any work done, we would pay the contractor and then seek reimbursement from the NHDOT.

Mr. Thibodeau asked if the state has agreed to continue that project through the intersections and is this money is currently available. Mr. DegliAngeli responded in the affirmative. However, it does depend on the bid amounts. Mr. Willeke agreed.

Mr. Thibodeau asked about the total value of the projects from the railroad tracks to Washington Street. Mr. DegliAngeli advised \$1.8 million, with \$900,000 being NHDOT and the other \$900,000 from CVFD. Mr. Willeke stated to the NHDOT will add \$300,000 to that for the signal work at Route 16 and Washington Street and at the Rt. 113/16 intersection (by the Irving Station).

Mr. Thibodeau stated these funds are for estimates and depend on the bid and questioned if these are guaranteed segregated funds. Mr. Thibodeau stated his concern is with reimbursement time. He is concerned we may get stuck with a bill. He has been involved with water and sewer projects with the district in the past and ended up getting stuck with a bill for a long period of time. He would like to know if the funds are guaranteed and the time for reimbursement. Mr. Willeke stated the previous project was a NHDES project not NHDOT. For this project, they do have an agreement signed by the CVFD and the NHDOT for 2.7 miles that we agree to do this project. It is always subject to the legislature and the federal government. The NHDOT is committed to this job but he can't guarantee federal highway administration or the state legislature won't hold up on funding later so he can't sit here and give a guarantee on that.

Mr. Willeke next stated that the funds are set aside now. The funding is there now. It is multifunded on this project with multiple pots of funding. There is \$900,000 federal resurfacing money allocated for this project and he also has \$300,000 in state highway funding for this project and so this isn't going to change. If there are minor fluctuations due to change orders in the project they can handle that as well. They have dedicated the funding for this project. Mr. Thibodeau next questioned if these are dedicated funds that will physically be there before they start the project. Mr. Willeke stated yes and added that the money is in the account now.

Mr. Colbath asked why we are the intermediary for this project. Mr. DegliAngeli stated that we had asked them to postpone the project and asked them to redo the intersections, and asked them to time the project with the water district project. They then asked the town to manage the project.

Ms. Seavey stated she is concerned about repayment. She was involved with a North Conway project and funds came in slow.

Mr. DegliAngeli asked Mr. Willeke to discuss typical turnaround time. Mr. Willeke stated that a contract is signed and then we ask the lead to submit monthly project reports and expenses and we ask that these be sent monthly. The process is generally three weeks from when he says everything looks good and then the check is in the mail. He does have to approve things. It has to be proved that the money was spent properly and he will be looking at the detail. Also, this has to go through engineering, etc. He estimates it to be around one month turnaround time. Mr. DegliAngeli stated that we have to show proof of payment to the contractor; the contractor has to say yes the town paid me; and, then we get a check from the state. Mr. Willeke agreed and added he will have to review and check all of the paperwork involved. Mr. DegliAngeli stated that so in his experience it is probably six to eight weeks.

Ms. Gilligan stated that the timing of the road projects and the fact that the money isn't raised and appropriated – the \$1.2 million is something we would be borrowing to pay. She is still looking for payments on the Washington Street project and wants to make this Board aware that borrowing is necessary because of the timing of the project. Mr. DegliAngeli questioned if

we can apply for the cost of financing. Mr. Willeke responded in the negative. Mr. Weathers questioned if whatever fee we pay for the loan comes out of the town budget. Mr. Willeke responded in the affirmative.

Ms. Seavey questioned if it is usually a municipality that manages these projects. Mr. Willeke stated that since we are doing the project together they had to up their share to \$900,000. They are contributing more to make this project work. They do not have the forces to stick administration onto the project. They can fund the money but not manage it. The option we came up with was to locally manage the project.

Mr. Thibodeau asked about Washington Street. Mr. Willeke stated this was completely state aid project money. Further, he had \$16,000 retainage but then got a bill for \$19,000 and he does need to talk with the town about this matter.

Mark Hounsell stated that the Route 16 project is a major state road. There is a real interest for the state for this part of the road. The state also has the responsibility for that state road and he has concerns they would ask the community to pay finance costs and to bankroll it --he feels it is totally inappropriate. They should manage the project and they should fix it. The state has made a habit of mandates and is now hoisting costs onto local communities. Conway Village is still waiting on money owed to them by the state. The state doesn't really deal with this well.

Daymond Steer of the Conway Daly Sun asked if this project is a definite go for 2017 or could it get bumped as there were rumblings last week that it may not go at all. Mr. Willeke stated he thinks the current advertising date is 2017 and then there is time needed to get the plans together, federal requirements, etc. Right now he feels 2017 is optimistic.

Mr. DegliAngeli stated that he got the okay for engineering and can go forward with this tomorrow. Our schedule with Underwood supports bidding the project this time next year; however, there are unknowns, back and forth with NHDOT etc. The NHDOT has to make comments etc., on the preliminary design, final design, bidding, etc. There are intervals and at each there is a review. There was brief discussion of the estimated amounts for the project.

Ms. Seavey left the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

Conway Village Fire District Commissioners, Janine Bean, stated when they were going to be the project sponsor, they ran their numbers and we found that at the beginning of the work most of the funding reimbursement was for engineering and it wasn't until the end of the project where the money was being reimbursed from the state because of the pavement work. How does this work as to the reimbursement for the Conway Village portion which is water and sewer. Would they our money directly from us or does it have to go through the state if there is no state reimbursement. So the town will have funding from the District at the beginning of the project other than the engineering. There is funding that is going to be there from us mostly in the beginning of the project. So I don't see the financing issue being much of an issue until the end. Their money is coming from DES for the water and waterline and they have money in their account for the water line and so their money should be a quick turnaround.

Mr. Colbath questioned if there is interest would this come from capital reserve. Ms. Gilligan stated it would be general fund TAN's. Mr. Colbath asked if this becomes a warrant article. Ms. Gilligan stated it is already part of the general fund line for tax anticipation notes and we would need to increase this line in 2017.

Mr. Weathers next questioned what happens with the sidewalks and is this the same contractor that will put in a bid on this. Mr. DegliAngeli stated the sidewalk is still part of this design and is currently the CVFD responsibility. Mr. Weathers stated they voted to discontinue them and if we don't have that vote in April to accept that responsibility it still falls back on them. Mr. DegliAngeli stated it is part of the design and the money is there for that. If the vote in April is in favor of the accepting responsibility for the sidewalks by the town, whatever portion of dollars it is, that falls in your hands. Then, come the fall of 2016, when giving you the capital reserve budget you will see something in there for whatever our portion of the sidewalks is.

Mr. Willeke next stated that when he gets the bills, he will have to determine what is state and what is district before he pays the Town. This will be a challenge on this job and something we need to focus on to get it right.

Ms. Bean stated with regard to the Washington Street project was there any holdup on reimbursement from Conway Village. Mr. DegliAngeli stated no it was standard with no issues.

Mr. Hounsell next stated that he feels the state should be doing the sidewalks. Mr. Hounsell next questioned If the sidewalks with be concrete or asphalt. Mr. DegliAngeli advised that the money in the Conway Village budget is for bituminous sidewalks. Mr. DegliAngeli next advised if they become the responsibility of the town then he will be budgeting for concrete sidewalk. If we do take over the sidewalks we will add into the budget to do them in concrete.

Mr. Steer questioned if this is project is affected in any way by the other issues going on in Conway Village regarding sewer bills, taxes, debt service, etc. Are we prepared to take this on. Ms. Bean stated that this question is not pertinent to the discussion on the floor about the project but right now if their bids come in high on West Main Street that project will not be done. Our intention is to go forward with water on Main Street because it is very important that it is done because it will probably never get another chance to get done. Mr. Steer questioned if they can afford it and if they are prepared to go forward. Ms. Bean stated our funding is there and we are prepared to go forward on that project at this moment.

There was no further discussion. Mr. Weathers thanked everyone who joined the meeting for this discussion.

### PROPOSAL TO AMEND SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE REGARDING FEES FOR SHEET ROCK DISPOSAL

Mr. DegliAngeli advised that we have been transporting sheet rock to a facility in Portland, Maine, to process but they are no longer doing this and have given us a two week notice on same. We are now looking around for options and are looking for a place to recycle sheet rock instead of landfilling it.

Mr. DegliAngeli next reviewed that the options are to: Landfill the sheetrock but that is not really what we want to do; pay a tipping fees to a facility in Rochester; or, send it to a facility in Massachusetts that will recycle the sheet rock and pay a tipping fee. Mr. DegliAngeli next stated that if the consensus is to recycle, he requests that we raise the tipping fee to \$100 a ton for sheetrock.

Mr. Thibodeau asked what the difference is between the Rochester and Massachusetts locations. Mr. DegliAngeli advised that they won't recycle the material in Rochester and their tipping fee is \$10. In Massachusetts they will recycle and the tipping fee is \$75.

Mr. DegliAngeli next stated that the reason we don't want to put it in our landfill is due to the odor that we experienced a few years ago that was caused by this kind of material in the landfill. There was a brief discussion regarding the cause of the odor at the landfill.

Mr. Thibodeau questioned what our tipping fee is now. Mr. DegliAngeli advised that it is \$80.

Mr. Sires advised that the next step would be to hold public hearings. Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, that we hold a public hearing for the purpose of increasing the tipping fee for sheet rock to \$100 a ton. The motion carried unanimously.

### DISCUSSION OF LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENT FOR RAIL TRAIL AGREEMENT

Mr. Sires reviewed that about two years ago, the Board of Selectmen entered into an agreement with the NHDOT regarding what the town wants to do with projects along the railway. One of the things they are requiring is that the Town provide insurance for the railroad. Mr. Sires next advised that we have changed out insurance carrier and they won't cover third parties. We have been having discussions with the DOT regarding this requirement and in the meantime the trail group is working on part of the trail. We have been going back and forth with the DOT on this and don't understand the insurance requirement as New Hampshire law says anyone allowing use of land for recreation is not liable. This protects the landowner. Mr. Sires advised that he is just briefing the Board of this for now and will further follow up on the issue. He is trying to find out if this is a DOT requirement or the requirement of the CSRR. The Board agreed they would like more information on this as well.

# INTERVALE LIGHTING PRECINCT DISSOLUTION

Mr. Sires reviewed that there were representatives of the Intervale Lighting Precinct here last week to advise that they will be placing an article on their warrant to dissolve the precinct.

Mr. Sires next reviewed there are options for the Board if they do dissolve and we should also be able to advise the Town of Conway taxpayers if there will be an increase to the budget should the precinct dissolve. Mr. Sires advised there are 19 lights located in the Town of Conway and the total annual cost is about \$4,000. If the precinct dissolves, this Board will have options: The town can choose not to accept responsibility for the lights, a private party could pay for their own light, the town can accept the lights and pay approximately \$4,000 per year for same, or the town could apply the rationale used several years ago and keep every other light on and also lights at intersection. If the Board chooses to keep every other light on, this would eliminate about five lights. There was brief discussion by the Board on options. Mr. Sires next advised that the precinct will have their meeting in March and so it would be fair to give them information now as to what the town would do regarding the lights. Also, if the Board chooses to leave some or all of the lights on we will need to add money to the operating budget. There was further brief discussion by the Board regarding the locations of the lights. The Board agreed they would like to take a look at the lights and discuss this matter at the next meeting.

### BUDGET REVIEW

Mr. Sires distributed and reviewed information on the tax rate calculation. (See attached). Mr. Sires stated that these are assumptions regarding revenues etc and also as a result of the budget being proposed along with warrant articles, capital reserve funds, etc. Right now we are looking at a \$.64 increase. This is a projection and our best guess at this point.

Warrant articles and capital reserve funds are driving this increase. There was a discussion of the increases by the Board.

Mr. Weathers called for a brief recess of the meeting at 5:35 pm. Mr. Weathers reconvened the meeting at 5:41 p.m

Ms. Gilligan next reviewed the differences between 2015 and the projections for 2016. Ms. Gilligan next reviewed that revenues will be revisited again in August before the tax rate setting.

Mr. Thibodeau state that the budget is up but we have scrutinized it and he is still satisfied that we go forward with it. It will now be up to the voters.

Mr. Weathers stated he would like to look at the project for West Main Street for \$485,000 and the need for it in the capital reserve fund. Mr. Thibodeau stated the only place he sees where drainage is different is by North Road. Mr. Weathers asked Mr. DegliAngeli what is the major concern with the project on West Main Street. Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed the drainage and piping in the area. Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed there is a section of pipe that collapsed and also there is pipe laid in the wrong direction which holds several thousand gallons of water. Also, at the far end where we discharge, the pipe in 16' in the ground. Mr. DegliAngeli next stated that part of the dollars for this project is for drainage, roughly \$220,000, and the rest is to box cut West Main Street to about Hobbs. There will also be pavement and overlay. Mr. DegliAngeli next advised there are also some pipes that are corroded and this is part of the project as well. Mr. DegliAngeli next stated that if the district decides to pull the plug on the project, then we will do catch basins and contract out the deep section of pipe. Also, if the district is not doing the work we will do the overlay.

Mr. Weathers questioned if there is any way to break this project up over a couple of years. Mr. DegliAngeli responded in the affirmative. Mr. DegliAngeli next added that the discussion is moot if the district pulls the plug on the project. Mr. Weathers stated he thinks we should either cut back or put a hold on that project for one year and we should also wait to see what the District is doing. There was next discussion of the work that could be done and the costs if the district does not go forward with the project. Mr. DegliAngeli advised that the district opens bids on Thursday and will know if the project is within budget and the Commissioners will also need to vote. This Board meets again next week on the February 2 and February 9. The Board agreed more information is needed and will wait for same.

Mr. Sires next reviewed that last week we discussed the situation facing the Conway Rec building with HVAC, space, etc, and do we upgrade what is there. We have now been contacted by the SAU9 about space at the Middle School and were asked what we could use this space for. Mr. Sires advised that he asked Recreation Director, John Eastman, to go look at this with an eye on recreation and whether this would be useful. Mr. Colbath questioned why we don't look at moving Conway El to the Middle School and then there would be space for a town office and also recreation. Mr. Sires stated this discussion would have to be had with the Mr. Sires next stated that the upshot of the tour was that John Eastman looked at it school. and feels that Paul DegliAngeli should next take a look. This is just a conceptual discussion at this point. There is a full size gym and a lot of associated office space there plus there is a wing from 1939 which is two floors. There is also a kitchen there. From the first walk through it looks as though this location has potential with lots of usable space. The challenge for this location is parking and access for traffic in and out. Advantages are that this building has been rehabbed by the school and so we won't have code issues, the location is good, there are trails, etc. The School Board is now looking at this matter and if they say yes, then he suggests that we form a committee of staff and Board of Selectmen representatives and we start having discussions over the next year to see if this is feasible. This would be less costs than a new building. If this Board is interested in pursuing this, then we will bring back information to the next meeting. Also, the Board will have to decide about the capital reserve funds proposed for maintenance of the present recreation building.

Mr. Sires next reviewed the proposed warrant article for sidewalks in Conway Village. Mr. Sires recommended a change the to the article and reviewed same as follows:

To see if the town will vote to **ASSUME THE OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SIDEWALKS LOCATED WITHIN THE CONWAY VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT**. And furthermore to raise and appropriate \$60,214 which is the amount needed to fund the responsibilities associated with sidewalk maintenance and construction for 2016. Said sum shall be used as follows:

Final Lease Payment for Sidewalk Maintenance Machine and Attachments \$22,214 Operational Costs for 2016 (staff and materials) \$18,000 Construction of concrete sidewalks along Pollard Street \$20,000

Further, this article shall not take effect until such time as an agreement is entered into between the Town of Conway and the Conway Village Fire District within which the Conway Village Fire District agrees to provide funding in the amount of \$90,000 to be used for the construction of sidewalks along Main Street in Conway Village and Conway Village Fire District agrees to transfer ownership of its sidewalk plow and associated attachments the Town of Conway.

# Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, that we change the wording of the warrant article. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Mr. Sires advised that we will take another look at the budget again next week and report further. We will look at items such as fuel, etc.

# SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

- a. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 230-32.039
- b. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 241-6
- c. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 258-4
- d. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 276-66
- e. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 277-243
- f. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Tax Map/Lot 283-22.4
- g. Permit to Sell Raffle Tickets/Friends of Conway Rec Drawing 2/3/16

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to approve and sign the Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions for Tax Map/Lot 230-32.039, Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions for Tax Map/Lot 241-6, Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions for Tax Map/Lot 258-4, Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions for Tax Map/Lot 276-66, Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions for Tax Map/Lot 277-243, Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions for Tax Map/Lot 283-22.4 and Permit to Sell Raffle Tickets/Friends of Conway Rec Drawing 2/3/16. The motion carried unanimously.

# CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

a. Accounts Payable Manifest dated 1/28/16

# Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to sign the Accounts Payable Manifest dated 1/28/16. The motion carried unanimously.

### RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUT OF SESSION

There were no documents signed out of session to be ratified.

# **REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION**

a. National Multiple Sclerosis Society/MS Walk North Conway 2016 - 5/1/16

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to sign the Special Event Application for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society MS Walk North Conway 2016 scheduled for 5/1/16. The motion carried unanimously.

# CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES 1/12/16

Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to approve the minutes of 1/12/16 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

# TOWN MANAGER REPORT

CVFD Meeting – Mr. Sires reported the Board of Selectmen had a telephone conference here at town hall with NHMA and then met at the District office on January 21, 2016. All five Selectmen were present and we did have this posted. The District was considering abandoning fire service and dissolving completely and we had a telephone conference with the attorneys from the NHMA and our attorney to discuss this and, as always, things turned out to be not simple. On the water and sewer side, there may be federal requirements and on the town side that would be a two year process to work through everything. The District would have to have a committee ahead of time before we start any process and we don't think they will be doing that. Also, with regard to fire service, the town is not obligated to do fire service and we don't have to step in. Further, any transfer of authority, like always, takes a vote of the town as it involved money. Mr. Weathers stated that the District would have to vote first. Mr. Sires next advised that there was also discussion of non precinct fire and on amending the agreement. Staff has been looking at this agreement as well. We do recommend having some study sessions on this agreement to go over the aspects of the agreements as it will be important for all to understand it as it will come up for renewal in 2017.

Photo for Town Report – Mr. Sires stated that the photo of the Board of Selectmen will be taken at next week's meeting.

# BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Planning Board – Mr. Porter reported that a Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2016.

Budget Committee – Mr. Colbath reported a Budget Committee meeting was held last Wednesday. The Conservation Commission, Police Department and the Recreation Department made presentations. Mr. Colbath next reported that the Budget Committee is meeting again tomorrow night and will focus on the school budget. They are also revisiting the school engineering study. The Budget Committee has also invited the School Board in to have discussion as to why the study was a priority last year and not a priority this year. Also, the School Board has now invited the Budget Committee to their meeting as well. He does not know where all of these discussions will go.

Joint Meeting of Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee – Mr. Thibodeau reviewed that a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee is scheduled for February 3, 2016 to review nonprofit budgets.

ESAA – Mr. Thibodeau reported that the Airport Executive Committee met last Thursday and they are moving forward with plans to redo the apron at the terminal building. There are no meeting dates scheduled yet for the meetings of the full board.

Budget Committee – Mr. Colbath next reported the Budget Committee also met last week and did a first read through of the warrant articles. The Committee did have questions about the library roof and if they will be able to raise the \$50,000, etc. Also, when the airport article came up they did not have any questions. Mr. Sires commented that there was also a lot of discussion regarding fireworks and he will be assembling information to present to them for next week's meeting regarding costs.

# PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

Daymond Steer of the Conway Daily Sun questioned if the article regarding Frank McCarthy's bill will be on the warrant or does this depend on the Senate. Mr. Thibodeau stated it is on the warrant and he doesn't see any reason to take it off yet. There is zero opposition on this bill yet and if it were to have opposition that would have happened in the House. Mr. Thibodeau next stated that he thinks the prudent thing to do is to leave it on the warrant.

Mr. Steer next questioned if the Town bonds for improvements and if the interest is better. Mr. Sires stated if it would be a \$40,000,000 dollar project we would but not bond for \$200,000.

Mr. Steer next questioned if there were any more revelations from the town on the dissolving of Conway Village. Mr. Steer next stated that Janine said it came from the town. The Board responded that it did not come from here.

Mr. Steer next stated that he likes John's idea to move Conway El into the middle school and use Conway El for town hall and recreation. If this is done would we still need a town hall study. Mr. Sires stated this was talked about but it comes down to security issues etc at a school campus and then also people coming in for a variety of services at town hall. This presents security issues.

Mr. Colbath stated that there was much discussion of the town hall study at the Budget Committee meeting. They wanted to know why we are doing a study if we all know we need a new town hall. Mr. Weathers reviewed that this is why we are looking at the four pronged approach.

Mr. Colbath asked the status of the West Main Street property. Mr. Sires reported our attorney will be writing a letter as we can't get a response from the bank. Mr. Sires next stated that we did hear from Conway Village about the lien on the property and if the property would transfer with the lien they wouldn't hold the new owner responsible.

# **ADJOURN**

At 6:40 p.m. the meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J Hallowell Executive Secretary