

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

February 21, 2012

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:07 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen, C. David Weathers (Chair), Michael DiGregorio, Howard C. Dickinson and Lawrence Martin; Public Works Director/Acting Town Manager, Paul DegliAngeli and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell.

Town Manager, Earl W. Sires, was not present due to vacation and Selectman, Mary Carey Seavey, was absent for personal reasons.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. DiGreogiro moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve the agenda. The motion carried 4 -0-0.

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES (TANS)

Finance Director, Lucy Philbrick, joined the meeting. Ms. Philbrick distributed a projected cash flow statement for 2012 to the Board and reviewed same. Ms. Philbrick requested a \$2,000,000 for TAN's line of credit. **Mr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio to authorize a \$2,000,000 TAN's line of credit. The motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF 2012 TOWN WARRANT

Mr. DegliAngeli distributed a draft copy of the 2012 warrant along with copies of a letter from the Budget Committee to the Board of Selectmen and reviewed same. Mr. DegliAngeli reviewed the Budget Committee took reductions to the Library and Police budgets.

Mr. Weathers stated this Board can either make a motion to go along with the reductions made by the Budget Committee to reduce the budget or they can stay with their own recommended budget figure.

Mr. Martin questioned the \$66,000 cut in the police budget. Mr. DegliAngeli advised most of the \$66,000 is in regard to the contingent retirement and healthcare costs. Mr. Dickinson stated he sees nothing wrong with the cut as he feels this creates sort of a slush fund. Mr. Weathers pointed out that two years in a row they had officers leave and nothing was built into the budget to pay for this. Mr. Dickinson stated they still survived. Mr. Weathers explained this is because the town helped through our budget. There was further brief discussion on the cuts made by the Budget Committee to the Police budget, i.e. vehicle maintenance, supplies, etc.

The Board next discussed the cut to the Library Budget by the Budget Committee. Mr. DiGregorio explained the library had some issues with maintenance earlier in the year and they

overspent maintenance line items. Also, in December they had some line items that were overspent and instead of saving these, they spent them and therefore overspent their 2011 budget. The Budget Committee felt the trustees should be asked to make up this money in 2012.

Mr. DiGregorio moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to approve the Budget Committee number of \$9,052,925. Mr. Weathers clarified that if you vote in favor of this budget figure you are reducing the budget. Mr. Martin stated he appreciates the due diligence the budget Committee has put in but he doesn't agree with the \$66,000 cut to the police budget. **The motion failed 1-3-0 with Mr. Dickinson in favor and Ms. Seavey and Messrs. DiGregorio and Weathers voting in the negative.** Mr. Weathers advised this will appear on the warrant (Article 6), as not recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio to amend the draft warrant to reflect the vote of the Board of Selectmen on Article 6 to read not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 1-3-0. The motion carried 3-1-0 with Mr. Dickinson voting in the negative and Ms. Seavey and Messrs. DiGregorio and Weathers voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Digregorio moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, to sign the Warrant out of session. The motion carried 4-0-0.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

- a. Abatement – Map/Lot 265-146
- b. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Map/Lot 259-21
- c. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Map/Lot 254-29
- d. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Map/Lot 268-126
- e. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Map/Lot 269-53

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to sign the Abatement for Map/Lot 265-146, the Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Map/Lot 259-21, the Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Map/Lot 254-29, the Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Map/Lot 268-126, and the Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions Map/Lot 269-53. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS:

- a. Manifest 2/23/12
- b. Payroll 2/23/12

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. DiGregorio, to approve and sign the manifest and payroll dated 2/23/12. The motion carried unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUT OF SESSION

There were no documents signed out of session.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

There were special event applications for the Board to consider.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Consideration of minutes was carried to the next meeting.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

LMWVSWD – Mr. DegliAngeli advised the LMWVSWD committee has been discussing the issue of closing the dump store. Mr. Weathers and Mr. Dickinson sit on the committee as well. Some members of the committee wanted to have a survey put out regarding the dump store. Mr. DegliAngeli next distributed a copy of the draft survey (see attached) and reviewed same with the Board. Mr. DegliAngeli advised this is being distributed to see if the Board is okay with same.

Mr. Weathers stated that during the discussion on the survey it was felt there should be an explanation on the top of the form and this was added to let the general public know of conditions and things that happened at the dump store. Mr. DiGregorio stated he liked the idea of the explanation at the top of the survey; however the thing that sticks out to him is some questions do not have a definitive “no” on them, i.e. keeping the dump store organized. The Board agreed the response “no” should be added to item 4.

Mr. Martin stated he is not happy with questions 5 and 6 as it puts us on the spot. We made a decision based on the Town of Conway. The other towns can stack the deck and they aren't the ones taking the hit when we get sued. The rest of the questions, other than 5 and 6, he is okay with. Mr. Dickinson agreed with the points made by both Mr. DiGregorio and Mr. Martin on items 4 and 5. Mr. DiGregorio stated he agreed with Larry and doesn't feel we need item 5 or 6 on the survey. Mr. Martin stated that we are not taking out the Planet Aid Clothing bins. Mr. Martin and Mr. Weathers both stated there are also charitable thrift stores in town for clothing and other items.

Mr. DegliAngeli stated that question 4 on the survey should could be rewritten to say “Would you like to see the dump store remain open? Yes or No.” Mr. DegliAngeli further stated that with regard to 5, if yes, we could add would you help staff it. Mr. DegliAngeli questioned if the Board felt this was appropriate. Mr. Martin stated he could go along with what Paul said but feels we should add a phrase “Would you like to see the dump store stay open with no additional expense to the town.” Staff with volunteers, etc. Mr. Martin further added he does not want this to be a cost burden to the town. Mr. DegliAngeli next suggested we could say the Board was not in favor of 4,5 and 6; however, they are in favor of 4 and 5 as revised. If the LMWVSWD Committee doesn't agree with the change to the survey, they can come to this Board's meeting on the February 28. **Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, that we eliminate 4,5 and 6 and add language to 4 and 5 and allow Paul DegliAngeli to restate the survey based on comments made at this meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Hobbs Street – Mr. Martin commented he had calls regarding Hobbs Street and trucks in the area. Mr. DegliAngeli advised we can agenda this items for discussion at the meeting scheduled for February 28 or March 13. Mr. Martin advised he would like to have this item on the agenda of March 28. The Board agreed.

Petitioned Articles – Mr. Crow stated he has concerns over the petitions put forward by the public concerning the Budget Committee – Articles 34 and 35. Mr. Dickinson stated the

public would like to know if this is something the Board of Selectmen are in favor of or not. Mr. Martin pointed out the two articles have no monetary value and therefore we do not take a position on them.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

ADJOURN

At 4:50 p.m. the meeting adjourned without objection at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J Hallowell
Executive Secretary