

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
April 3rd, 2018**

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:00 pm in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: C. David Weathers, Mary Carey Seavey, Carl Thibodeau, 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 Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Weathers stated that agenda item #8, National Service Recognition Day, was moved up on the agenda to be item #4.

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

NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY

John Colbath read and presented a proclamation proclaiming April 3, 2018 as National Service Recognition Day and Recognized Carroll County Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for their contribution to the community.

A group picture was taken with the Board of Selectmen and members of RSVP.

REVIEW OF TENTATIVE SELECTMEN MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Weathers presented the tentative Board of Selectmen meeting schedule to 2018.

Mr. Porter moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to adopt the meeting schedule as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

SELECTMEN SCHEDULE FOR VOTING DAY

Mr. Weathers stated that the polls would be open on April 10, 2018 from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm. Mr. Holmes noted that at least two Selectmen need to be in the polling place at all times. It was concluded that between the 5 Selectmen, there would be adequate coverage.

REVIEW AND SIGNING OF AUDIT QUESTIONNAIRE

Mr. Weathers explained that the auditors were requiring the Board of Selectmen to complete a questionnaire by auditors from Plodzik & Sanderson. Mr. Weathers reviewed his answers to the questions and the rest of the Selectmen were in agreeance. Mr. Weathers signed the questionnaire on behalf of the Board.

The one area that the Board identified a need in was that of creating a disaster recovery plan. Mr. Colbath suggested that Krista Day, Executive Secretary, may be able to assist due to her academic background in the area.

DISCUSSION OF EVERSOURCE REQUEST FOR EASEMENTS

Paul DegliAngeli, Public Works Director, explained that Eversource was looking to secure a permanent easement across Town land to access their transmission line. Mr. DegliAngeli explained that currently Eversource has to seek permission to access the line. If granted the easement, they would be able to come and go as they please. Mr. DegliAngeli stated that he does not believe that granting Eversource permanent easement would be favorable for the Town. He noted that during times of road postings, the Town would not know when they were coming and going.

Mr. Porter asked why Mr. DegliAngeli had concerns about them coming and going as they wish.

Mr. DegliAngeli stated that last fall Eversource came to the Town seeking permission for weekend operations. Because of road postings, they asked what they needed to do to get access. Mr. DegliAngeli instructed them that they would have to fill out a permit and post a bond per day; the Town would then follow them in and out. Due to weather, they were not able to work on the days originally permitted. Then the Town got calls because Eversource was working unpermitted and unbonded with heavy equipment.

Mr. DegliAngeli stated that in his opinion it would be best to maintain the control of the land for the future.

Mr. Porter asked what happens if the Town refuses a permanent easement. Mr. DegliAngeli stated that they would need to get permission for temporary easements from the Town.

Mr. Weathers stated that it would be best for them to stick with using our access road so they do not have to cross the wetlands. Mr. Thibodeau agreed.

Mr. Colbath stated that he is not in favor of blanket waivers and that it is clear that there are enough questions and concerns in this case to not grant the easement.

Mr. DegliAngeli noted that when they did not have permission in the past, they were fined \$2,000.

There was a brief discussion of the map in the agenda packets.

Mr. Porter moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to deny the request to grant Eversource a permanent easement. The motion carried unanimously.

ZBA APPOINTMENT

- a. Andrew Chalmers

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to appoint Andrew Chalmers to the Zoning Board of Adjustment to a 3-year term expiring in 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF RECEIPTS

The receipts were available for review.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

- a. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Map/Lot 240-7
- b. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Map/Lot 201-23
- c. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 276-96
- d. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 219-175
- e. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 215-90
- f. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 266-119.008
- g. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 254-107
- h. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 258-4
- i. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 254-13
- j. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Map/Lot 201-1
- k. Timber Tax Levy Map/Lot 201-1
- l. Application for Current Use Map/Lot 263/76.4
- m. Selectmen's Deed Map/Lot 251-23
- n. Albany Memorandum of Understanding for Cable Channel 3
- o. Fryeburg Memorandum of Understanding for Cable Channel 3

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to sign the Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Map/Lot 240-7, Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Map/Lot 201-23, Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 276-96, Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 219-175, Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 215-90, Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 266-119.008, Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 254-107, Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 258-4, Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Map/Lot 254-13, Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Map/Lot 201-1, Timber Tax Levy Map/Lot 201-1, Application for Current Use Map/Lot 263-76.4, Selectmen's Deed Map/Lot 251-23, Albany Memorandum of Understanding for Cable Channel 3, and Fryeburg Memorandum of Understanding for Cable Channel 3. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- a. Accounts Payable Manifest dated 4/5/18

Porter, Colbath, to sign the Accounts Payable Manifest dated 4/5/18. The motion carried unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUT OF SESSION

- a. Accounts Payable Manifest Dated 3/29/18
- b. Payroll Dated 3/29/18
- c. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Map/Lot 260-94
- d. Gravel Tax Levy Map/Lot 238-1
- e. Tax Abatement Map/Lot 215-77

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to ratify Accounts Payable Manifest Dated 3/29/18, Payroll Dated 3/29/18, Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Map/Lot 260-94, Gravel Tax Levy Map/Lot 238-1, and Tax Abatement Map/Lot 215-77. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

- a. MWV Cal Ripkin Baseball League Opening Day Parade (4/28/18)

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to approve the special event application for MWV Cal Ripkin Baseball League Opening Day Parade (4/28/18)

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- a. 3/20/18 Regular and Non-Public

Mr. Porter moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to approve the regular and non-public minutes from 3/20/18. The motion carried unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Holmes stated that he went to Concord on March 27, 2018 to testify on a bill that would clarify a Town's ability to sell town owned property through means other than a sealed bid or auction. He noted that there was some opposition to the bill.

Mr. Holmes noted that the first Joint-Loss committee meeting was held. He explained that this committee is made up of employees from different departments in order to examine employee safety and potential hazards in Town buildings. Mr. Holmes welcomed new committee member Jeremy Gibbs and thanked departing member, Lauri Roode for her service to the committee as the former chair. Mr. Holmes stated that he would be the chairman for the committee this year.

Mr. Holmes stated that he met representatives from Eversource at the potential location for the tree donation for Arbor Day. He noted that there is currently a temporary tree there, but that it can be removed.

Mr. Holmes also noted that the representatives had mentioned aggressive cutting plans for Potter Road and Westside Road and he wanted the public to be aware of this.

Mr. Thibodeau inquired as to what reasons those in opposition to the bill that Mr. Holmes had testified on gave. Mr. Holmes stated that they gave no testimony.

Mr. Colbath stated that there may be a potential to include local elementary schools in the Arbor Day celebration with Eversource.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Porter reported that the Historical Committee had not met, however, they are in search of new members. He noted that there had been some interest but was interested in looking at the potential to increase the number of members to 8 in the near future.

Mr. Porter noted that the Planning Board would not be meeting until after the elections on April 10, 2018.

Mr. Holmes stated that he would look back in the minutes for when the Historical Committee size had been determined.

Mr. Colbath noted that the Town Report was out and located at Town Hall, Conway Recreation Center, Conway Library, Gibson Center, Hannaford, and Shaws.

Mr. Colbath recognized members of the audience who were in attendance as part of their MWV Leadership course; Kim Milliken and Ryan Hill. He also recognized Sarah Verney, an alumna of the program as well as a member of the Planning Board. He welcomed them and encouraged them to get their feet wet by joining some of the committees with available openings. He noted that his son, Ben Colbath, was going to be a write-in candidate for the Planning Board.

Mr. Colbath stated that the ZBA met the previous week to approve and applicant for an accessory apartment on Old Bartlett Road. He noted that the applicant would now need to appeal to the Kearsarge Lighting Precinct for approval.

Mr. Colbath noted that the Budget Committee met on March 28, 2018 for a wrap up meeting. He noted that they approved 4 sets of minutes and discussed what different members believed that Warrant articles could or could not have in them. He said that thanks were given to departing members and their next meeting would be on April 25, 2018.

Ms. Seavey stated that on election day there would be some write-in candidates campaigning at the polls. She urged the public to take the time to talk to them as she believes them to be very strong candidates.

Ms. Seavey stated that the Economic Council had many events coming up including Eggs and Issues on Thursday, April 5, 2018. She noted that there would be a Boot Camp, Buddy to Boss, on April 17, 2018. There would be a Trust Based Leadership Training on May 1, 2018, and the 11th Annual Regional Science and Technology Fair on May 10. She noted that they were still looking for Judges.

Mr. Weathers announced that they had received a thank you card from Dick and Mary Gilmore thanking the Board for their quick response and removal of the light on Prospect Street.

Mr. Weathers stated that he had gone to see Clifford Haley, who was been interested in purchased two parcels, 80 and 81, from the Town. He noted that neither lot had a lot of timber on it and that Mr. Haley's main concern is gaining access to be able to clean his land of the debris from the flooding. He urged the Selectmen to get down there in the next couple of weeks before they took action on Mr. Haley's request.

Mr. Weathers noted that the Conservation Commission would be meeting April 11, 2018 at the Whitaker Homesite at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Weathers reminded the public that voting day was Tuesday, April 10, 2018 and the polls were open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm at Conway Recreation Center.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

Daymond Steer from the Conway Daily Sun asked if the Board had any thoughts before the election. The consensus of the Board was to get out and vote; there is a lot to think about.

Mr. Steer asked if the Board takes a position on keno. The Board answered in the negative.

Mr. Steer asked how the Bridgework over the Saco was going. Mr. DegliAngeli stated that it appears to be going well. Mr. Thibodeau commended the crew from Florida.

Mr. Steer stated that he had heard rumors of the Budget Committee potentially shrinking. Mr. Holmes stated that Jim LeFebvre had approached him about this but that it was not occurring at this time.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION/RSA 91-A:3 II (C) TAX MATTER

At 4:56 pm, Ms. Seavey moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) to discuss a tax matter. The motion carried unanimously.

At 5:12 pm, the meeting returned to public session.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to seal the minutes from this non-public session. The motion carried unanimously.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION/RSA 91-A:3 II (I) CONSIDERATION OF LEGAL ADVICE PROVIDED BY
LEGAL COUNSEL

At 5:12 pm, Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 (L) for consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel. The motion carried unanimously.

At 5:50 pm, the meeting returned to public session.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to seal the minutes from this non-public session. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

At 5:50 pm, the meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krista Day
Executive Secretary