

**Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

June 7, 2011

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen, C. David Weathers (Chair), Lawrence Martin, Howard C. Dickinson and Michael DiGregorio; Town Manager, Earl W. Sires and Recording Secretary, Karen Hallowell.

Selectman, Mary Carey Seavey, was not present due to another commitment.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

LIBRARY TRUSTEES UPDATE

Library Trustees, Linda Fox Phillips, Linda Hutchinson, and Ted Sares, joined the meeting. The Library Trustees gave the Board an overview of the use of the Library and items available at the Library.

Mr. DiGregorio questioned maintenance at the Library. Ms. Thomas advised of roof maintenance issues; however, they think they have this under control within their budget. Ms. Thomas further mentioned that they also had some technical issues come up with their new website and had to switch web hosts but, again, they are going to make this work within the budget. Ms. Phillips advised they have an active Friends of Conway Public Library that does a lot of fundraising through the year. They raise money for books, etc., and they also ask them for help with unexpected expenses. Last year they helped pay for painting in the Henney Room and, also, replaced some carpet with tile.

Mr. Sares commented that the Library is a jewel and the History room is too. He has been told this may be one of the best in the State of New Hampshire. Further he gives credit to Linda Fox Phillips and Tara Thomas for seamlessly replacing Ed Stevens with a new history room historian. Mr. Sares next commented he is also proud of the ladder they (the Trustees) set up to manage funds. The money from Concord is below 1% and they came up with a ladder with Woodlands Credit Union for CD Investment and achieved far more this way.

Ms. Phillips next stated the Board of Selectmen are all welcome to attend meetings of the Library Trustees. They will issue an invite during budget season as well so the Board of Selectmen is engaged earlier in the process.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED GRANITE HISTORICAL INTERPRETIVE
MARKER FOR TRIANGLE IN REDSTONE –STEVE SWENSON

Steve Swenson joined the meeting. There was also a few Redstone residents present at the meeting.

Mr. Swenson advised that he was here to talk to the Board about a proposed historical marker for Redstone. Redstone is a small village today compared to the late 1900's when John Swenson started a granite company in 1883. Mr. Swenson next gave an overview of the history of granite in Redstone. Mr. Swenson next advised that he has collected many photos, talked with people, etc., about the history of Redstone. Mr. Swenson further added that he feels we are losing some of the heritage now. Mr. Swenson further referred to whitemountainhistory.org further information on Redstone.

Mr. Swenson next advised that he, along with Arthurs Memorials, Buzz Coleman and others would like to put in a marker at the triangle park in Redstone. They have spotted a stone approximately 5.5 tons. They would like to have information on the history of Redstone on the marker. He is here today to ask permission from the Board of Selectmen to move forward with the project and place the piece of granite.

Mr. Weathers questioned if there would be typewritten information on the marker or pictorial information. Mr. Swenson stated he would like to see a replica of the woodshed and would also like to see a derrick on a cliff. Mr. Swenson reviewed a copy of the rough drawing in the Selectmen's agenda packets. (See attached). Mr. Weathers stated that if what is presented is done it would be fine with him. Mr. Weathers questioned if Mr. Swenson wants to add anything to the current proposal after this meeting, will this Board see same to approve. Mr. Swenson responded in the affirmative and added he would want the Board's approval. Mr. Sires questioned where they are proposing to place the granite. Mr. Swenson stated between the sun dial and the flagpole and it will not interfere with the flower beds, etc.

Mr. Martin stated he thinks it is a wonderful idea but he would like to hear from the citizens of Redstone about how they feel about this proposal as it is their park. Robert Kennedy advised that he has lived in Redstone for 35 years and he feels it needs more acknowledgment than it gets and he supports the proposal. AnnMarie advised that she takes care of the flowers in the park and would like to know who will be paying for this project. Mr. Swenson advised that he has the support of Buzz Coleman and he hopes the public will come forward as well. He also has ideas for raising funds and will approach the granite company and others to come up with the money. Mr. Martin questioned if Mr. Swenson is asking the town for any money for this project. Mr. Swenson stated he does not foresee asking the town for any money. They have spotted the stone in the quarry and before they approached moving it they wanted to get permission from the Board of Selectmen. There was next brief discussion regarding moving the stone. **Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to grant permission to whitemountainhistory.org to place the monument in Redstone's triangle park and with the final editing to be done by this Board.** The Board clarified they would like to see the final version before it goes to print. Mr. Swenson agreed. An unidentified Redstone resident stated he was in favor of this project. Redstone resident, Elaine Desjardin, stated she is agreeable to what Steve Swenson is doing and people will recognize where Redstone is located. **The motion carried 4-0-0.**

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

- a. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Map/Lot 231-83
- b. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Map/Lot 231-117
- c. Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Map/Lot 250-154
- d. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Map/Lot 257-11
- e. Permit to Sell Raffle Tickets/MWV Arts Jubilee/Drawings 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, and 8/11/11
- f. Warrant-Timber Tax Levy Map/Lots 231-83-231-117 & 250-154

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to sign the Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Map/Lot 231-83, Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Map/Lot 231-117, Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Map/Lot 250-154, Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Map/Lot 257-11, Permit to Sell Raffle Tickets/MWV Arts Jubilee/Drawings 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, and 8/11/11, and the Warrant-Timber Tax Levy Map/Lots 231-83-231-117 & 250-154. The motion carried 4-0-0.

RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUT OF SESSION

- a. Manifest dated 6/2/11
- b. Payroll dated 6/2/11

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to ratify the Manifest dated 6/2/11 and Payroll dated 6/2/11. The motion carried 4-0-0.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS:

- a. Manifest dated 6/9/11

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to approve the manifest dated 6/9/11. The motion carried 4-0-0.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

a. American Legion Carnival / July 28-31, 2011 - Mr. Sires reported that Mr. Murray of the American Legion asked to defer consideration of the Special Event Applicant for the Carnival for two weeks. And, also, he was unable to attend today's meeting due to another commitment. There was no action taken by the Board on this Special Event Application.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: 5/24/11

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to approve the minutes of 5/24/11 as written. The motion carried 3-0-1 with Mr. DiGregorio abstaining.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

FEMA Maps – Mr. Sires reported that FEMA has notified the Town that Carroll County floodplain maps are now available. We have the maps in digital form for review. Mr. Sires further reported that FEMA is scheduled to hold a meeting regarding the maps on 6/16/11 at Town Hall. Staff will be attending the meeting.

DRA Mini Course – Mr. Sires advised that the Division of Revenue Administration is offering a mini course on Current Use on June 27, 2011 if anyone is interested in attending.

Census – Mr. Sires reported the US Census Bureau has notified the Town that the profile and general population numbers are now available online.

Police Grants – Mr. Sires reported the Conway Police Department has been awarded three grants. The grants are for Bicycle Patrols, enforcement patrols, DWI/DUI patrols and sobriety checkpoints.

UNH Cooperative Extension – Mr. Sires reported the UNH Cooperative Extension is offering a presentation on raising pigs in your back yard. The presentation is scheduled for June 27, 2011 in Ossipee.

Non Precinct Fire Agreement – Mr. Sires distributed copies of the current Non Precinct Fire Agreement to the Board to review. Mr. Sires advised this agreement is up for renewal this year. We will need to discuss a renewal agreement in the future months with Conway and North Conway.

Emergency Ambulance Service Memorandum of Agreement – Mr. Sires distributed a copy of the Ambulance Agreement between the Town of Conway and North Conway Ambulance along with a copy of the Assignment of Contractual Rights and Obligations for Emergency Ambulance Service with the company that took over for North Conway Ambulance, Care Plus Emergency Ambulance Service. Mr. Sires advised this Agreement is due to expire in April 2012. If the Board chooses to renew or enter into negotiations an article will need to be placed on the Warrant next year.

Conservation Commission – Mr. Sires reported he recently met with some members of the Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission is working on a project to look at the feasibility to place conservation easements on some common land that is not protected, i.e. Pudding Pond and some other common lands. The Board will see something regarding this from the Conservation Commission in the next couple of meetings. Mr. Martin questioned does any of the land have anything to do with the bypass corridor. The state did acquire large parcels of land in the Pudding Pond area and in the Redstone Quarry area. The question on the table now is what happens to the mitigation land and will it sit there for a while pending if the bypass is ever built. The question is what is the state going to do. Mr. Sires stated that he can contact Don Lyford in regard to this issue. Mr. Weathers advised there is a Conservation Commission meeting tomorrow evening and they will be reviewing the meeting they had with Mr. Sires yesterday. The members of the Conservation Commission have concerns with some parcels that have no deed restrictions.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Selectman Martin – Mr. Martin commented that someone in town stated that he would be bailing as Selectmen because he is unhappy. Mr. Martin stated he has no intention of quitting but he had made it known he is not running again for Selectman at the end of his term. Mr. Martin stated that he gets a kick out of people talking about others in public meetings. He is still here and doing the best he can. He has worked as a team player and works with staff and the Board. When he stepped down from the chair position it was for personal reasons and not anything from the Board.

Legislative Update – Mr. Dickinson commented that legislation is cranking down. No session will exist after June 31 and everything is supposed to be taken care of by then including the budget. The Budget is not in balance now. The House and Senate have said they wouldn't do any fiddling around at the last minute with the budget such as was done last year with the campground tax etc. One thing still out there is the state retirement issue for teachers, police and fireman. Also, there was discussion of pledging to keep us whole for the year 2012 but after that there is silence on the subject. He will find out more of this subject. Also, he will be going to the Municipal Advocacy Committee meeting this Friday. Further, the NHMA has appreciated that Boards of Selectmen and a lot of people from around the state wrote against the approval of SB133. SB133 has to do with the permanent exemption from real estate tax for phone company poles. If SB133 is not approved this will benefit the Town of Conway by about \$200,000 to \$250,000 as they have been exempt from tax for many years.

PEG TV – Mr. DiGregorio stated a few weeks ago the Board talked about him going to Madison for a public hearing regarding PEG TV. Since that idea of going down there, Jim Malloy of Madison TV decided to engage in public letter writing and putting out misinformation. Mr. DiGregorio advised that he then chose not to go to the Public Hearing by Madison Selectmen and invited the Madison Board of Selectmen to come and talk with us instead. We could then discuss how we would put material on the TV station for them. He hopes that they will come to the Town of Conway and meet with this Board to discuss same.

Conservation Commission – Mr. Weathers reviewed a Conservation Commission meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night and they will be discussing Conservation Easements on town owned land.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or media questions.

ADJOURN

At 5:01 p.m. the meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell
Executive Secretary