

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF CONWAY, MA
MINUTES
April 25, 2011

Meeting Open: 7:00PM

Present: Victor C. Trombley, Jim Moore, John O'Rourke, Tom Spiro

Others present: Kathryn Palmer, Craig Warner, James Cabral, Mike Kurkulonis, Wayne Young, Jim Madigan, Ken Ouimette

Appointments

7:00 Bob Baker – Chapter 90 projects

Bob asked for a copy of the approval letter from MassDOT as he said he had not received it. Tom will look for this letter and give him a copy. Bob gave a report on Chapter 90 money and what could be spent on this year's projects having to do with paving or repaving (see attached). John noted a previous conversation with Roy Cohen about Roy's road drainage issue. Bob said that Roy wanted more work done beyond what had been agreed to last year. Bob said that state funding would be spent to fix the end of Roaring Brook Road and would alleviate much of Roy's problem. He also talked about the need for blacktop on Shelburne Falls Road and Bardwells Ferry Road. He also talked about a reconstruction on East Guinea Road. There was a short discussion about the immediate need for these projects. Bob added that he would have to buy more blacktop through the FRCOG program for these projects, which was listed on the expense sheet distributed by Bob. Roaring Brook Road could not be done until Mike Kurkulonis gave his commitment to do part of this work on his land. Roy noted that he had invited several other people to attend at 8:30PM to talk about Roaring Brook Road. The Board agreed to hire Steve Stang as surveyor to move the East Guinea project forward.

8:00 Elizabeth Braccia – follow up on work to be completed

Elizabeth spoke about some projects she had finished and was still working on. She spoke about several foreclosures that had been moved forward, including Lindemen, The Burnett Estate and the Ruvolo land. She also noted that she found Bob Baker and Walter Craven had retirement monies that was previously owed but not paid. Both can get money back from 95-97' years for credible service performed. Chuck reported that the Board was going to make a decision soon on the FRCOG Accounting Program. Elizabeth warned that some fund balances were not brought forward, and that the new accountant will need to know this as well as other issues. Chuck asked the Board if they would approve of Elizabeth consulting for interviews when speaking to candidates for the Treasurer's position. They were in agreement.

8:30 Roy Cohen - Drainage

Roy explained that Mike Kurkulonis, Wayne Young, Jim Madigan and others had been invited to come in to discuss the condition of drainage and potential paving on Roaring Brook Road. Chuck noted that there was a proposal during the earlier part of the meeting about paving part of the road. Mike noted that if the Town was willing improve drainage and improve that section of the road that he would be willing to improve his driveway, which may include paving. This was true for the others present and those who signed the petition. Bob said this issue had multiple aspects that all needed to be attended to, and coordination with Mike was only one of them. Roy observed that if there was a water bar or basin at the bottom of his hill the water would be redirected. Various remedies were talked about between Bob Baker and neighborhood residents. Bob will meet with the Conservation Commission before he is able to do anything on this project.

meeting items

- The warrants were signed.
- The minutes for 4/4/11 were approved.
- The Board discussed a request from the Frontier Regional School district regarding a warrant article that was passed at the annual Town meeting but not in the correct format. They asked Conway to hold a special Town meeting at which there would be a re-vote sometime before the end of October of this year. The Board granted this request and Ken was asked to give this information to Cindy Ouimette.
- The Finance Committee asked for some time to contemplate requested transfers from the Reserve Fund. One was for payment for fixing the police cruiser, the other was for money to pay for the FRCOG Accounting Program for FY2012. Chuck said the Board had not made a decision

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on the FRCOG program and therefore would not necessitate an immediate vote by the Finance Committee. The committee will meet again and make these votes if the Selectboard makes a final decision.

- The Board voted to have Chuck sign the letter To Weston & Sampson Engineering regarding Mark Tanny's request to do his own tree and fence work. Tom will disburse this letter to Weston & Sampson, with copies going to Northern Construction, with a copy going to Mr. Tanny. It will be arranged so that the final costs will be negotiated between Northern and Tanny.
- Craig Warner asked the Board to sign off on a building permit for the shed being built for the ball field. The Board voted to sign the permit. Craig also asked for permission to clean up the field of vegetative debris with the help of the Highway Department and a rented wood chipper. The Board approved this request.
- The Board voted to sign the request letter to the DOR for the Finance Management Assistance program.
- Chuck reported that the crosswalk lines had been repainted on Route 116 at the request of Bob Baker and Jim.
- There was a discussion about a site visit on Bardwells Ferry Road to be convened on April 27th at 10:30AM regarding abutters Baranowski and Tanny.
- Tom will give Walter Kurkulonis' request to improve safety at the Shirkshire bridge to Bob Baker to address.
- The Board spoke about costing out for the minute taker or "executive secretary". Chuck figured it would take 170 hours annually to take minutes for both the Selectboard and Planning Board. There was a small discussion about the positives of having Tom more involved in meetings. There will be a request to the Finance Committee for consideration of this expenditure.
- The Board spoke about the FRCOG proposal for accounting services. Tom was asked to contact them to speak about adjusting proposed costs.
- The Board voted to move forward with an audit for FY2010.
- The Board reviewed several new resumes for the Treasurer's position. The Board agreed to interview 3 persons on Thursday, May 5th.
- Jim asked Ken about installation of new stop signs at Baptist Hill Road and Main Street. Ken said he would need to observe traffic there and also contact MassDOT if there are changes needed.
- The Board voted to approve the Weston & Sampson invoice. This will be forwarded to Bob.
- The Board agreed to ask Maureen Chase to continue her work on the School Building Committee. Chuck noted that the School Building Committee must vote to have her continue on the committee. John also noted that it may be appropriate to have her serve on other committees to utilize her expertise. Chuck had no comment on this proposal and this issue was tabled.
- John noted the good job done by the Assessor's office during the negotiation with TransCanada for Revaluation for this next year.
- There was a short discussion about forming a grant writing committee. This was spurred when a DEP grant was brought up.

Mail and Other Items

- Mail items were reviewed.

10:30 PM Motion to adjourn meeting was made by John, seconded by Jim, all in favor.