# BOARD OF SELECTMEN
# TOWN OF CONWAY, MA
# MINUTES
# August 23, 2010

**meeting open: 7:00PM**
**present:** Maureen Chase, Jim Moore, Tom Spiro
**others present:**

***Appointments***

**7:01 Personnel Committee –** Kathy Goodfield
Maureen asked the committee to finish the personnel handbook before January 1, 2011. She asked for small pieces of information as the committee does their work. She also asked for a cross-training schedule for staff to share duties if necessary. Maureen offered help and said the committee should use existing documents for this work where possible, including those she had developed.

**7:30 Poland District Group –** Comcast cable contract negotiation
The Board disbanded and reconvened at the Town Hall to hear comments regarding broadband coverage in the Williamsburg/Poland District. Many people including Bob Armstrong, Harry Culver and others attended the spoke about the advantages and disadvantages of the new contract. The main issue at hand was the lack of cable expansion in this area in the new contract in comparison to the expanded coverage in the Shirkshire District. The Selectboard members told attendees that they were looking at all possibilities but that they were not sure if refusing to sign the contract now was a good option. They also expressed their concern and appreciation for all residents who were not receiving service.

***meeting items***

- Warrants were signed.
- Minutes for 8/9/10 were approved as amended.
- The Board reiterated that it was alright for Maureen to sign off on Weston & Sampson invoices.
- The Board agreed to have Maureen sign the COA State signature form for this year's grant.
- The Board reviewed Mr. Tanny's most recent request for plantings regarding the Bardwells Ferry Road slope repair project.
- There was a discussion regarding the Early Retirement Initiative. Tom explained how this might affect Conway.
- Jack Lochhead agreed to spray pesticide around the ball field and old Rose field to kill poison ivy.
- The Board agreed to grant $3,200.00 to pay for tuition for a needy child to attend the Conway Grammar School.
- Maureen asked Tom to confirm the date of receipt of the Town audit. She then signed her approval for the Melanson & Heath invoice.
- The Board approved invoices from Weston & Sampson.
- There was a discussion about private for profit events on public property. Tom will research this issue and report back.

**Mail and Other Items**

- No mail

**9:45 PM** Motion to adjourn by Jim, 2nd by Maureen, all in favor.