

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF CONWAY, MA  
MINUTES  
May 16, 2011

**Meeting Open: 7:00PM**

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

**Others present:**

**Appointments**

**7:00 WiredWest – Bob Armstrong**

Bob spoke about a grant application from the MBI that Towns could file. The total grant was \$50,000.00 and could be used for planning or equipment. The deadline to submit the application was 5/18/11, and WiredWest wanted to gage if they were competitive. He asked the Board to sign a letter of support for this grant. Bob noted that WiredWest now had a good relationship with the Hilltown CDC and that they will be coordinating a fundraiser to benefit WiredWest. The Mass Economic Development group may also be a source of funding. Chuck asked when Town may expect service through WiredWest, and Bob said it may be within two years. The Board voted to have Chuck sign the support letter.

**meeting items**

- The warrant was signed.
- The minutes for 5/9/11 were approved as amended.
- The Board voted to have Chuck sign the follow up letters to interviewees for the Treasurer's opening. Tom will mail them.
- The Board voted to have Chuck sign the Buy Order and Authorization form to lock in a price for both the heating oil and diesel fuel purchases for FY2012.
- The Board voted to have Chuck sign the extension for the South River project, which would extend submission for reimbursements by sixty (60) days.
- The Board voted to have Chuck sign the Change Order #3 for construction on the Bardwells Ferry Road project.
- The Board voted to have Chuck sign the contract with Steve Stang for surveying near Ralph Osgood's home on East Guinea Road.
- The Board reviewed and voted to have Chuck sign the Chapter 90 agreements required for filing with MassDOT.
- There was a brief discussion about an upcoming meeting with Frontier Community Access Television (FCAT) to speak about the potential of involvement with their Board and broadcasting options.
- Roy Cohen stopped in to discuss drainage at his house on Roaring Brook Road. He had given some new information to John. Also discussed was CPA funding and broadband connectivity.
- John mentioned a meeting with Erica Goleman and Craig Warner to update the web page and maintain it on a regular basis. He suggested that others rather than Tom could do this maintenance, and return responsibility upkeep to the departments.
- The Board read Ruth Parnall's email regarding the need for an alternative to the proposed chain-link fence that was slated to be installed next to the South River after completion of the current wall restoration project. Tom explained that he had spoken to Phyllis Labanowski the week before about the same issue and that she had also requested the installation of a split rail fence as an alternative to the chain-link fence. Chuck said that the Board did not have any resistance to this idea as long as costs were similar to those already earmarked for this item. Tom will check with Dan Lawrence on pricing.
- A letter was sent to the Board from Margaret Truelove asking for help with Diane Poland's dog. She claimed that Diane's dog was harassing her and had done nothing to address this problem even after multiple requests. Tom will send a letter to Diane reminding her that there is a leash law and asking her to consider her neighbors. The Board recommended that Ms. Truelove needs to continue to mention this problem if it persists.
- Chuck noted the process of choosing Germain scholarship applicant winners and set a meeting date to review the applications. There was slightly over \$17,000.00 in interest over the past year, but Tom explained that more was available from past year's interest.
- The Board asked Tom to mention to Bob Baker that they reviewed the winning bids from the FRCOG but stopped short of an approval. Chuck noted that this should be Bob's responsibility to accept or reject the FRCOG's bid recommendations based on his own knowledge.

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- The draft letter from Stange, notifying Ralph Osgood was reviewed and approved. Steve will be asked to mail it.
- The Board asked Tom to speak with Joe McGranaghan about what to do with the recently received DP Carney invoice.
- The Board spoke about Elizabeth Braccia's responsibilities in response to Tom's question for clarification. In addition to tax title collections and closing the April cash book, It was noted that she would also help the new Treasurer in establishing herself.
- The Baker Store loan was discussed and Chuck noted that it was up to the Baker's to pay as they can, and that there were no other requirements that mandated her expeditious repayment.

**Mail and Other Items**

- Mail items were reviewed.

**9:10 PM** Motion to adjourn meeting was made by John, seconded by Jim, all in favor.