

Minutes
CONWAY SELECTBOARD
Town Office, 32 Main Street
April 19, 2016, 7:00 PM

Select Board members present: John O'Rourke, Chair; Robert Baker
Others present: Greg Rose, Gerald Levitre

Minutes

- **On a motion from John O'Rourke to approve the minutes of March 28, 2016 and April 4, 2016, seconded by Robert Baker, the vote was unanimous in favor.**

Warrants

- **On a motion from John O'Rourke to sign the vendor warrant for \$110,068.65, the payroll warrant for \$97,785.02, and the payroll deduction warrant for \$25,584.96 seconded by Robert Baker, the vote was unanimous in favor.**

Meetings Attended by Select Board Members

- John O'Rourke attended a FRCOG Executive Committee meeting
- John O'Rourke attended a MA Sustainable Communities Conference

Old Business

- *Set new pole hearing date*
A hearing date of May 2, 2016 was set.

New Business

- *Renew MIIA proposal for insurance coverage for FY 2017*
 - **On a motion from John O'Rourke to renew the MIIA proposal for insurance coverage for FY17, seconded by Robert Baker, the vote was unanimous in favor.**
- *Approve the usual location of the Farmers' Market, starting Wednesday, June 8*
 - **On a motion from John O'Rourke to approve the usual location of the Conway Farmer's Market, starting Wednesday, June 8, 2016, seconded by Robert Baker, the vote was unanimous in favor.**
- *Approve extension of regional kennel agreement with Franklin County Sheriff's Office*
 - **On a motion from John O'Rourke to approve and sign the extension of the regional kennel agreement with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, seconded by Robert Baker, the vote was unanimous in favor.**
- *Sign lease for sheep barn*
 - **On a motion from John O'Rourke to sign the lease between Gregory T. Rose and the Town of Conway for the Fournier Sheep Barn, effective July 1, 2016, seconded by Robert Baker, the vote was unanimous in favor.**
- *Discuss representing the Town at the Cal Ripken kick-off event*
Tom Hutcheson will check on what they expect or want.

Appointments:

- **On a motion from John O'Rourke to appoint Patricia Kocot to the Council on Aging, for a term ending 6/30/18, seconded by Robert Baker, the vote was unanimous in favor.**
- **On a motion from John O'Rourke to appoint Robert Nowak as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission, for a term ending 6/30/18, seconded by Robert Baker, the vote was unanimous in favor.**
- **On a motion from John O'Rourke to appoint Susan McFarland as Planning Board representative to the Community Preservation Committee, for a term ending 6/30/18, seconded by Robert Baker, the vote was unanimous in favor.**
- **On a motion from John O'Rourke, based on the recommendation of the Town Clerk, to appoint those named on the list (below) as Election Workers for the positions noted, terms ending 6/30/18, seconded by Robert Baker, the vote was unanimous in favor.**

Joanne Clapp, Extra Teller; Debra Craven, Teller; Phylis Dacey, Clerk; Lora Hanas, Extra Teller; Dorothe Harris, Teller; Marie Iken, Extra Teller; Danielle Lochhead, Teller; John Lochhead, Teller; Barbara Masson, Extra Teller; Sydney Ramey, Teller; Katherine Whitcomb, Teller; Natalie Whitcomb, Assistant Clerk; Betsy Wholey-Osell, Extra Teller

The appointments of Edith Corse as Election Worker/Teller and Robert Corse, Election Worker/Warden, were tabled.

Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting None.

Town Administrator Update (read by John O'Rourke in Tom Hutcheson's absence.)

- Committees
 - The META request for proposals was successful but the principals have started a new firm and will re-submit under the new name.
 - The botanical inventory of the Rose Property for the open space committee will be about 400 more than anticipated due to the contractor having the appropriate insurance. Without objection from the Select Board, we'll proceed using the new figure.
- Departments
 - We have received word that the Town is slated to receive \$268,146 in Chapter 90 money, down slightly from past years, as usual.
 - At the request of Dana Goodfield, and others from past years, I have put together a sheet outlining Town expenses and taxes. Please let me know any suggestions for improving it.
 - Jim, Bob, and I met with FRTS Superintendent Richard Martin on Wednesday, March 30. Jim and I toured the town with Brian Kuzmeskus, focusing on the FCTS bus routes.
- Other
 - I received word from The Conway School of Landscape Design is continuing its move to Easthampton. They are unsure whether they will maintain ownership of their current property, but have promised to stay in touch.
 - Peggy Sloan, Director of Planning and Development for the FRCOG, will be in on May 2 to give a presentation on the Woodlands Partnership.

Concerns of the Selectmen None.

Mail

- *Letter from Peg Dean, Charlemont Town Administrator, regarding a Small Town Summit to be held on Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 PM at the Hawlemont Elementary School in Charlemont.*

Announcements None.

Documents and Other Exhibits Used at the Meeting

- *FY2017 MIIA Renewal Proposal*
- *Cover letter and Agreement by and between the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Conway Regarding Regional Dog Control Services*
- *Letter to High Meadow Drive resident discussed at previous meeting (for signatures only)*

Next Meeting

- *Scheduled for May 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office, 32 Main Street*

Adjournment

- **On a motion from John O'Rourke, seconded by Jim Moore, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

John O'Rourke