

*Minutes*  
CONWAY SELECT BOARD  
Town Office, 32 Main Street  
Monday, December 19, 2016 7:00 p.m.

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*Present:*

*Others present:* Dan (FCAT), Ron Sweet, Tom Hutcheson

*Minutes*

December 12, 2016

*Meetings Attended by Select Board Members*

[Bob: Open Space and Ad Hoc Park Cmt, which dissolved itself] [JOR mentioned later in the mtg that he had attended the FRCOG FinCom meeting, where Conway was mentioned as the model town for a state-wide small town IT best practices program]

*Citizens' concerns*                      None.

*Old Business*

*Appoint new Highway laborer*  
Tabled.

*Approve Chapter 90 requests:*

*Bridge on North Poland Road: engineering for repair*

Highway Superintendent Ron Sweet met with an engineer, who said it wasn't as bad as it might be, and that it could be repaired instead of replaced. The engineer was recommended by MassDOT and has inspected the bridge, which means he can do a lot of the work without coming on site again. **On a motion from John O'Rourke to approve using Chapter 90 funds for the project, seconded by Robert Baker, the vote was unanimous in favor.**

The Highway Superintendent agreed to give a general update on plans for Chapter 90 money at the next meeting, when he expects the other requests for funds to be ready.

*Reclamation and paving on East Guinea Road*

Tabled.

*Milling and paving overlay on South Ashfield Road/Williamsburg Road*

Tabled.

*Approve licenses (as received)*

*Maggs*

*Others if available*

John O'Rourke introduced these as applications for renewal. **On a motion from John O'Rourke to approve the renewal of the antiques dealer license for J&J Maggs Antiques (John and Jan Maggs), seconded by Robert Baker, the vote was unanimous in favor.**

**On a motion from John O'Rourke to approve the renewal of the Class II license for J & J Auto Sales (James and Jan Costigan), seconded by Robert Baker, the vote was unanimous in favor.**

FY 2018 budget  
Tabled.

*New Business*

*Proclamation: recognizing January 22-28, 2017 as School Choice Week in Conway*

Tabled pending School Committee recommendation.

*Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours In Advance of the Meeting*

*Appoint Andy Levchuk to the Open Space Committee*

Andy Levchuk introduced himself to the Board. He said that the Committee asked him to get involved, and he is happy to do so. He attended their recent meeting and got a crash course in invasive species management. **On a motion from John O'Rourke to appoint Andy Levchuk to the Open Space Committee to June 30, 2017, seconded by Robert Baker, the vote was unanimous in favor.**

*Town Administrator update*

**Committees**

Wastewater engineering bids are being opened Thursday at 2 p.m. I assume we'll get a request for a special Town Meeting soon after that, but they should get a recommendation from the Finance Committee first.

**Projects**

Bruce Hunter from the HRA called and mentioned a Leverett meeting on the Community Development Block Grant on January 10. He's asked to come in to the Conway Select Board on January 23, to explain the current process. Leverett will be the "lead town" in the group, a position which rotates, and there will not be any social service component, as Pam Parmakian suggested (who had presented here earlier, but who has left the HRA), just housing rehabilitation.

The Community Compact IT project is moving forward; I'm working with Linda Dunlevy and Joe Markarian on that, with Northeast IT as the consultant.

The Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee has a new chair, Jason Hunter. Not only have they elected a new chair, they have agreed to ask for level funding on their budget. I met with Meghan Gump today, and all that activity shows that the new constitution of the committee is working and organizing well.

*Concerns of the Selectmen*      None.

*Mail*

The Massachusetts Broadband institute will be holding two days of meetings in early February with towns partially served by cable in order to review maps for expected new service. Robert Armstrong hoped the Town would have access to the Conway map before its meeting.

*Announcements*

The annual Holiday Party will be on Thursday, December 22.

*Next Meeting*

Scheduled for **Wednesday, December 28** at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Office, 32 Main Street

*Executive Session*

*To be held under Reason # 2, to conduct negotiating sessions with non-union personnel.*

Tabled.

**On a motion from John O'Rourke at 7:18 to adjourn, seconded by Robert Baker, the vote was unanimous in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Baker