

Minutes  
CONWAY SELECTBOARD  
Town Office, 32 Main Street  
January 17, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

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Select Board members present: Robert Baker, Bob Armstrong

Others present: Tom Hutcheson, Town Administrator; Lisa Turowsky, Assistant to the TA; Michael Kokoski; Tammy Bennett, Notary Public

Robert Baker called the meeting to order at 6PM.

*Minutes*

- **On a motion from Robert Baker to accept the minutes of January 9<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Bob Armstrong, the vote was unanimous in favor.**
- **On a motion from Robert Baker to accept the minutes of January 13<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Bob Armstrong, the vote was unanimous in favor.**

*Meetings Attended by Selectboard Members*

Bob Armstrong went to Capital Improvement Planning Committee meeting. He also went to anti-pipeline task force meeting; they're trying to reorganize for the future.

*Citizens' Concerns*

None.

*Old Business*

*Appoint Michael Kokoski as Highway Laborer.* Michael Kokoski was here to meet the Selectboard after interviewing with Tom Hutcheson and Ron Sweet. He will be getting his hoister's license soon.

- **On a motion from Robert Baker to appoint Michael Kokoski as highway laborer, seconded by Bob Armstrong, the vote was unanimous in favor.**

*Correcting errors in the previously approved Dashevsky conservation restriction.* There were some errors in the description of the acreage but these were in the Town's favor. CR was amended and re-signed.

- **On a motion from Robert Baker to approve amended Conservation Restriction, seconded by Bob Armstrong, the vote was unanimous in favor.**

*New Business*

*Appoint to 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Michael Lankarge, Michael Haley, Kate French*

- **On a motion from Robert Baker to approve these three candidates, seconded by Bob Armstrong, the vote was unanimous in favor.**

*Appoint as representative to Frontier Community Access Television: Michael Merritt*  
Tabled. Mr. Merritt declined to serve on this committee.

*Re-appoint to Open Space Committee: Michelle Turre, for a term ending June 30, 2019.*

- **On a motion from Robert Baker to approve Michelle Turre, seconded by Bob Armstrong, the vote was unanimous in favor.**

*Open warrant for FY 2018 annual Town Meeting on May 8, 2017*

- Draft warrant
- **On a motion from Robert Baker to open the FY18 Town Meeting warrant, seconded by Bob Armstrong, the vote was unanimous in favor.**

Tom Hutcheson checked with Nick Filler who said it would be fine to present Article Two in new way at Town Meeting. Tom Hutcheson emphasized this is a draft warrant with place holders for many of the line items. There is a request for a

special *article* to install hard pack in the parking lot behind the Town Office for \$3,000. There are some bills from previous fiscal year for which payment needs to be approved. Tom Hutcheson will look into repurposing \$7,788 that is left over from making improvements to the ballfield. The warrant also contains space for a right to farm bylaw. Tom Hutcheson distributed a copy of the draft which contains some revisions from the previous version. The draft is posted on the website.

*Items Not Anticipated*

None.

*Town Administrator Update*

Committees and Boards

The Assessors are proposing that the Town accept a settlement Verizon negotiated with the State regarding an over-valuation of their property. The amount would be \$3,143, which can come from the Overlay Account.

Departments

Tom Hutcheson and the Highway Department remind residents that the sand and salt mix is available at the Town Salt Shed. There is a special pile for residents. So far, residents have taken about 100 tons of the mix. We'd also like to remind residents that salt is off-limits to residents. Again, residents may not take straight salt, which is much more expensive than the sand-salt mix (which is only about one-tenth salt, to keep the sand from caking).

For towns considering a Marijuana moratorium vote, the law firm of Kopelman and Paige, which represents over 100 towns, is recommending the timing of Fall, 2017. This could be either a zoning article at a special Town Meeting (requiring a two-thirds majority) or a ballot vote (a simple majority), or a general bylaw per Tom Hutcheson. After a year's time, by which the initial retailers would be in place, the Town could further move to prohibit the sale, if it wished to do so.

The Town Emergency Management Director has asked George Murphy, of 84 Leukhardt Road, to become his Assistant Director, with the intention of his taking over the EMD position when Dave Chichester leaves town at the end of June. Tom Hutcheson will have him come in to meet the Board and get appointed.

There have been two more recent complaints against the dogs at 651 Graves Road. Tom Hutcheson is working with the Animal Control Officer to set up a nuisance dog hearing. Appropriate advance notice to all parties will be given in order that they can attend.

Town phones will be switched over from Crocker to Network Advantage. The changeover is scheduled for Friday, January 27, with follow-up work over the weekend and on Monday, January 30.

*Concerns of the Selectmen*

None.

*Mail*

None.

*Announcements*

None.

*Documents and Other Exhibits Used at the Meeting*

- Dashevsky conservation restriction & maps
- Draft warrant for FY18
- Town of Conway Right to Farm Bylaw (hand-out from Tom Hutcheson)

*Next Meeting*

- *Scheduled for Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office, 32 Main Street*

- **On a motion from Robert Baker, seconded by Bob Armstrong, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Baker, Clerk

