

Minutes
CONWAY SELECT BOARD
Town Office, 32 Main Street
Monday, July 10, 2017 6 p.m.

Select Board present: John O'Rourke, Chair; Robert Baker

Others present: John Pitzi, Alice Vigliani, Brenda Lilly; Tom Hutcheson, Town Administrator

John O'Rourke, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes of Monday, June 26, 2017, were tabled, as John O'Rourke had not been in attendance.

Warrants

On a motion from John O'Rourke to approve the FY 2017 vendor warrant of \$158,625.36; the FY 2018 vendor warrant (FY 2018) of \$413,928.30; the FY 2018 payroll warrant of \$106,857.16; and the FY 2018 payroll deduction warrant of \$26,724.69, seconded by Robert Baker, the vote was unanimous in favor.

Meetings Attended by Select Board Members

John O'Rourke attended a meeting of the Massachusetts Rural Policy Commission at the FRCOG; their mission is to delineate the challenges facing rural towns and report back to Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Jay Ash in a year to eighteen months. He also attended the FRCOG Finance Committee meeting.

Citizens' concerns

John Pitzi, Alice Vigliani, and Brenda Lilly spoke regarding Comcast's delivery of new broadband service. John Pitzi thought the coverage should be 100%, and, with Brenda Lilly, that the Town should pay for it; 2) that they would like more information from Comcast about the details of their implementation schedule; 3) that some people did not get reports from Bob Armstrong after having e-mailed him; and 4) that Bob Armstrong should be more specific in his replies, and ask more specific questions of Comcast. Robert Baker noted that Comcast was working in some parts of town. John O'Rourke and Tom Hutcheson noted that the current build-out is the result of an agreement between Comcast and the state (the Massachusetts Broadband Institute), and that the Town has no formal role in the current process; the Town, through Bob Armstrong, gives out what information it can glean from Comcast, but they are building out three towns in the area, and may not know themselves exactly when they are going to be working on which roads. Alice Vigliani pointed out that it would be helpful if that information was available, as they need to make decisions regarding their satellite subscriptions.

Old Business: *None.*

New Business

Discussion: formation of a Highway Garage Committee

Tom Hutcheson noted that as requested, he had contacted the old members of the committee, and that Ken Ouimette was tentatively interested; that Liv Wyatt (formerly Tom Hill) was interested, and that Tom Shaw has accepted a new, distant job and may be moving out of town.

Request from Highway Department regarding fire pumper
Tabled.

Appointments: Board of Registrars, for term ending June 30th, 2020: Lorraine Boyden, Aina Barten

On a motion from John O'Rourke to appoint Lorraine Boyden and Aina Barten to the Board of Registrars, for term ending June 30th, 2020, seconded by Robert Baker, the vote was unanimous in favor.

Junior Firefighters, for term ending June 30, 2018: Alexis Deane, Dakota Deane, Brooke Romanovicz, Olivia Romanovicz, Olivia Vecellio, Michael O'Connell, Fisher Talbot-Hill, Trevor Beaudet

Robert Baker noted that Josiah Boyden should also be on the list. On a question from John O'Rourke, Robert Baker said that the age of Junior Firefighters was 14-18, and that the program was a great success, having attracted nine out of a possible ten candidates. With the addition of Josiah Boyden, **on a motion from John O'Rourke to appoint the named residents as Junior Firefighters, for terms ending June 30, 2018, seconded by Robert Baker, the vote was unanimous in favor.**

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

Town Administrator update

There was a great kick-off meeting with the Center for Human Centered Design on June 29 for the Massachusetts Office on Disabilities grant; two consultants came to introduce themselves and do a physical survey, and Tom McCarthy, Rusty Blossom, Ron Sweet, and I were there as well, representing the Town team. We should have a report close to the end of the month.

I worked with Linda Dunlevy, Executive Director of the FRCOG, to edit the Community Compact IT Best Practices document produced by Northeast IT. That should be ready by the time the state needs it.

There will be perc testing for the Rose property tomorrow, at 7:30 a.m. Ron Sweet will be digging and Joe Strzegowski has a Crate container that will hold 200+ gallons of H2O for the perc tests.

The Planning Board and I are continuing to look at an economic development survey developed by the FRCOG under their Direct Local Technical Assistance grant. We hope to get a fairly fine-grained picture of current local business and the needs and desires of primarily residents for the potential for business development in Conway.

Concerns of the Selectmen: *None.*

Mail: *None.*

Announcements: *None.*

Next Meeting

Scheduled for Monday, July 24, 2017 at the Town Office, 32 Main Street

On a motion from John O'Rourke at 6:33 to adjourn the meeting, seconded y Robert Baker, the vote was unanimous in favor.