

**Minutes
Selectboard Meeting
Tuesday, January 18, 2022
Via Zoom**

Present for the Selectboard: Phil Kantor, Chair; Bob Armstrong; Erica Goleman

Others Present: Beth Girshman, Planning Board; Véronique Blanchard, Town Administrator; Louise Beckett, Assistant to the Town Administrator

Call to Order At 6:00 p.m. Phil called the meeting to order.

Minutes **On a motion from Bob to approve the Minutes of January 10, 2022, Erica seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

Warrants **On a motion from Bob to approve the Accounts Payable Warrant W22-16 for \$166,961.60, the Payroll Warrant PW22-16 for \$111,814.35 and the Payroll Deduction Warrant PDW22-16 for \$28,058.08, Erica seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**
On a motion from Bob to approve the Conway Grammar School Activities Warrant W22-SAF02 for \$2,237.26, Erica seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Meetings Attended by Select Board Members Erica had no meetings since the last Selectboard meeting. Bob went with the ConComm to look at the driveway at Nexamp and it seems the work has been completed satisfactorily, though we won't know for sure until the ice melts in the spring. Phil had several school related meetings including a 'marathon' four-hour bargaining session, first with the grammar school IA union and then with the grammar school teachers' union. He also attended a grammar school committee budget meeting. There was discussion as to whether ARPA funds may be used to cover an unusual grammar school retirement expense.

Public Comments None

Old Business None

New Business

Beth Girshman to request approval for a DLTA grant for help with the Master Plan, and Create a list of the top three DLTA grant requests

Beth said she initially considered a Community One-Stop Grant to apply for money to indicate interest in a Master Plan process, but in speaking with Veronique they decided it would be better to ask for help with just a few sections with some items in a new Master Plan. We should continue getting help from FRCOG for the flood plain bylaw and help with River Corridor Management. If there is a fall town meeting, we would put the River Corridor Management to the fall rather than at the spring Town Meeting. Second, she said she would need help updating a master plan chapter. In the past FRCOG has done a housing analysis assessment. The current report is about 3 years old. She recalled that the town has had a desire to create affordable housing in town - on at least a small scale. A focus group or Ad Hoc committee could update this. She spoke about thinking about re-zoning to put in cluster development. A question was asked as to what the advantage is of cluster development. Beth felt it encourages building back into open space with thought to the existing views and habitat. Bob reminded everyone that the Town has for a long time been in favor of affordable housing to attract lower income, new families, and people with young children to the town, just as we have tried to make senior housing possible. Beth said the DLTA grant

would be a starting point on the subject. **On a motion from Erica to approve the DLT A grant for help with the Master Plan, the flood plain bylaw, and getting a conservation agent, Bob seconded, all said aye, and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting
Discuss ordering additional COVID-19 testing kits as insurers are now required to cover home testing.

Véronique said the 180 test kits ordered some time ago have still not been received. It was felt that we shouldn't order any more, as the government is now saying that anyone can order tests delivered to their home. The 19th of January is the first day this program is to be in place. **On a motion from Erica to rescind the vote of the previous Selectboard meeting to order an additional 410 test kits, Bob seconded all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

Chris Collins/FCAT

Chris had tested positive for COVID-19 around Christmas, and subsequently experienced additional coronary problems. As Chris has been hospitalized for a protracted period of time, there is a second position at FCAT that has taken on some of his responsibilities. Bob said the FCAT board would like to see if they can do something about Chris' health insurance status as well as others of his responsibilities and his job status. There is a possibility that Conway will have an enhanced Channel 15 devoted to Conway's committee meetings, including the Selectboard and the school meetings, possibly in high definition.

Sign the Emergency Dispatch five-year MOU Renewal between the State Police and the town

On a motion from Bob to sign the Five-Year Renewal of the Emergency Dispatch Memorandum of Understanding between the State Police and the town Erica seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Town Administrator update

Last week I had preliminary budget meetings with Highway, IT and the Assessors' Office. We also had another Public Safety Building working group meeting and are now researching cost estimates for creating offices out of the back of three of the bays as well as for drilling a well.

**Selectboard
Comments/Concerns**

None

Mail

None

Announcements

None

Next Meeting

Monday, January 24, 2022, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Adjourn

At 7:05 p.m., on a motion from Bob to adjourn, Erica seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

This meeting of the Selectboard will be held via Zoom. Members of the public are welcome to attend this virtual meeting.