

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF CONWAY, MA
MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2006

Meeting Open: 7:30

Present: Joe Strzegowski, Jack Lockhead, Christina Conklin, Tom Spiro

Appointments

Mark Hudson - Streetlight

7:30 Mark requested that the streetlight on the utility pole directly outside of his house at 149 Pleasant Street in Conway be turned off due to the extreme brightness which disturbs his family. The Board agreed and asked Tom to call WMECO to turn off that particular light.

Finance Committee – FY2007 Budget (Tom Donovan, Roy Cohen; Doug Baker; Beth Girshman absent)

7:40 The Committee met to discuss the new budget and the year's upcoming hearings. Possible cost increases were insurance and retirement benefits.

Roy wanted to know how money for the school budget was spent so that there can be a straightforward and transparent plan for spending.

The committee considered how to clean the sidewalks and recommended a 3% cost of living increase.

Meeting Items

9:30 Warrants – signed as per agenda

- § Building permits – as per agenda
- § Motion to approve minutes of 12/19/05 was made by Christina and 2nd by Jack, all in favor
- § Tom will contact FRCOG with respect to hiring their accountant circuit rider
- § Signed and dated a copy of the minutes from 6/13/05 in accordance with a request from Bill Labich. He needed proof of the town's affirmation of the current Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan
- § Closed out the following accounts: Comp Soft Consort, Dump Truck, Franklin Tech School, York Rake, and left the ambulance account pending Diane O'Connell's answer as to what equipment she needs. Tom will ask her
- § It was decided to oppose the state request to install electronic voting machines
- § Mike Mallary's request for storage space was authorized for one (1) year in exchange for \$1.00 rental fee
- § It was agreed that Greg Rose would be asked to submit a new proposal/buy-sell agreement in lieu of a trade involving his land on the South River and the Fournier House. Tom will get an estimate of a new septic system. Jack will ask Mass Natural Heritage about allowable uses for this land
- § The Board approved the new wording for town policy on retiree benefits. This information will be sent to the town's attorney
- § The Board agreed to submit an easement to George Bluh for drainage from Hoosac Road.
- § The Board set this year's deadline for submission for the Germain Scholarship applications for May 5th, 2006
- § Tom proposed that the FRCOG develop a web page that can be used by all county towns, and is waiting for them to respond
- § The BOH informed the SB that the Recore matter re his septic system has been resolved
- § The Grammar School state fees will be paid by an outside insurance company with no expense to the Town

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§ Comcast send a notice of a rate increase for the coming year

9:45 Mail and Other Items

§ As per agenda

10:10 PM

Motion to adjourn by Christina, 2nd by Jack, all in favor.