

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF CONWAY, MA  
MINUTES  
February 13, 2006

**Meeting Open: 7:30**

**Present:** Joe Strzegowski, Jack Lockhead, Tom Spiro  
Finance Committee (for Budget Hearings) – Tom Donovan, Doug Baker, Roy Cohen

**Appointments**

**Drop-ins**      **Gary Friedman** – Stopped in for a signature on new sub-division plans. Joe signed this new plan.  
                     **Jeff McFarland** – requested signatures on an LEPC survey and Hazmat Training Status report. Joe signed off on these documents as well.

**Budget Hearings**

**7:30 Highway/Town Buildings/Fire – Robert Baker**

Account # 422 included a salary increase of 3%, a gas budget of \$5000 and a diesel fuel budget of \$13,000. Account # 423 Sand and salt accounts had been running high for the current fiscal year and next year was estimated at \$10-15,000. The final budget total for the Highway Department was \$413,651, which represented a 9% increase. This did not include money for capital expenses which included \$130,000 for a new dump truck and \$50,000 for a sidewalk cleaner.

The Town Hall expenses included fuel oil costs of \$500 and roof repair that currently has no estimate. The same is true for the Town Office with regards to roof repairs.

The Fire Department included an expense increase for pager maintenance.

**8:45 Ambulance – Diane O'Connell**

The only increases in the budget was for salaries at 3%. A separate article would be issued at town meeting for a new vital-signs monitor.

**9:00 Police – Ken Ouimette**

Ken's budget was unchanged with the exception of the cost of living increase of 3%. He also noted new radios mandated by the federal government and paid for mostly by FRCOG. Neither Ken, Bob nor Diane were sure of what the annual cost would be, but it was estimated to be \$1224 at the most.

There was a school budget meeting that was discussed. The impacts of various aspects of the school budget were considered including health insurance and school choice.

**10:05** The Finance Committee adjourned.

**Meeting Items**

**10:00** Warrants – signed as per agenda

- § Building permits – as per agenda
- § Motion to approve minutes of 2/06/06 with changes was made by Jack and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe, all in favor
- § Motion to sign the contract with Lashway Logging to work on the town forest.
- § Joe signed intermediate Response Action Completion Report for the Grammar School.
- § Tom will check with the Festival of the Hills Committee regarding a request from a David Brooks to place a welcome home sign over their's.
- § Tom will forward the letter from Kimberly Clairemont to MIIA to see if they will cover her automobile damage claim.

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- § The Board spoke to Jack Farrell of the West County News about the history of the Fournier land and the associated projects involved.

**10:40 Mail and Other Items**

- § As per agenda

**10:55 PM**

**Motion** to adjourn by Jack, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe, all in favor.