

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

Meeting Open: 7:30

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

Appointments

7:30 Nancy Milke, Peggy Sloan - Mallary brownfields study

Nancy made a presentation where Tighe and Bond utilized ground penetrating radar to locate 4 tanks. There was a high level of coal ash near one tank, which was not unexpected. There were no issues with the test wells. There was a low level reading of metals and petroleum in ground water samples near NW tank (MW2). In April Nancy will file an IRA completion report, or an IRA plan if 2nd test reveals more contamination. We will need to remove the 4 tanks. If there is more contamination the cost might be covered by brownfields grant money. If not the tanks would then fall under the purview of the fire marshal and fire regulations, which necessitate their removal at owner expense (about \$20,000). Once the tanks have been removed and the soil under the tanks are tested the process would be complete.

8:30 Ann Borton, Janet Chayes – Community Preservation Committee

The CPA recommended acceptance of the request for \$10,562 to complete construction of Boyden School House building. The building is owned by the Town. Tom will check to see if a letter is on file stating that the building was given to the town to confirm ownership. There were questions about the use of the building and about sources of money used to fix the building to this point in time. Concern was expressed that this might not be the most impressive way to use CPA funds. The Committee also recommended expenditure of \$4000 for the restoration of graves in Pine Grove and Howland cemeteries. Janet supplied forms that most be filled out by Liz.

9:15- 9:45 Executive Session – The Board voted to go into executive sessions to discuss work performance issues with Walter Craven.

9:45 Finance committee – Tom, Beth, Roy and Doug

The Board reviewed the draft town warrant by checking the existing figures. The following items on the warrant were reviewed:

the Town Accountant budget is \$12,000 pending FRCOG involvement; the Treasurer/Collector budget is \$59,047 contains \$4,700 that will not be needed if the \$5,000 warrant for software passes; the Elections & Registration budget was \$6,000 which included \$1,000 to program computerized voting machines. This was not recommended and removed from that item; the Town Office budget was reduced to \$39, 012; the Committee wanted to reduce the Board of Health budget by \$7,000 to reflect a savings on handling bulky waste for a total of \$147,811.

The lights went out due to thunderstorm, minutes suspended due to dark. 10:30 lights returned.

The Board and Committee also discussed the need to insert a warrant article pertaining to the Lisewsky property at about \$90,000, and to add an article asking the town for \$35,000 for design of Highway garage. The Committee questioned whether the 10-wheel truck needs to be replaced, but it was decided to leave the request on the warrant.

Meeting Items

11:45

- § Building permits – as per agenda
- § Minutes of 3/06/06 were approved

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

- § Christina reviewed details of the Lisewski property purchase in hopes that full details would be put in paper.
- § Considered whether Festival of the Hills vendor policy could be made a town ordinance by select board as opposed to the need to create a new by-law. This matter was unresolved but will be researched by Tom.
- § Joe moved, Christina seconded to sign purchase and sale for Mallary property. All in favor, and Joe signed

11:45 Mail and Other Items

- § As per agenda

12:05 AM **Motion** to adjourn by Christina, 2nd by Jack, all in favor.