

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF CONWAY, MA
MINUTES
July 24, 2006

Meeting Open: 7:30

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

Planning Board Meeting

Appointments

7:30 Conservation Commission – Peter Jeswald, Tom Miner & Jessica Roberts; Rowe and Barlow

Wes Rowe at Flag Mountain needs to complete an Environmental Impact Report, as his development plan is over 25 acres. He must also file and RFD to review any wetlands issues, which is likely to cost \$500 per lot. The Commission is also going to review the cutting plan. They noted that there may be a requirement that all road construction be undone before new road work can be started. This is because forestry work must be temporary. Peter will consult with Allison Wright about the forestry work on this project. Before he builds anything he must see the Commission.

With regard to new construction, the Board of Health has agreed to notify the Commission of any new or potential building that they become aware of. The Commission will also contact the building inspector regarding a method to contact people with new projects. They will also ask Bob Baker re early notification and curb cuts. They asked the Selectboard for their recommendations about other methods of early notification to the Commission and to new builders of requirements.

They asked about reimbursed expenses that do not show as expenses. The Commission spends money to advertise for applicants but most of that money goes back to the town. They were informed that this is standard practice.

They raised the issue of the Barlow land, and potential illegal dumping, dating back 10 to 20 years. The Commission will review any files on the status of any pending actions.

8:20 Grant Ingle - Streetscape

Design specifications for the project call for new kinds of street lights. In 2002 we agreed to new lighting, but WMECO now says that they do not install lights anymore. Grant was in touch with Steve Kulik's office, who are interested in helping. Grant will check to see what a private contractor will charge for this work. The entire project is slated to be complete on September 15th.

8:40 George and Cynthia Bluh – Drainage easement

After some brief discussion about wording in the easement, they decided to sign the document. It will now go in front of town meeting to ratify.

8:55 Liz Braccia – General financial report and new accountant

A report was given on tax payments. \$27,000 is now due as opposed to last year when \$41,000 was due. She switched to a sweep account that is getting 4.5% interest and as a result the town may get an extra \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Liz asked about taking on the accounting responsibilities. The Board decided to wait to see how the new hire would work out.

9:20 Ken Ouimette - Drop-in

Ken reported on designs for the new highway garage. He gave the Board a copy of the RFP/RPQ for their review. They will get back to him with any suggestions on comments or changes.

Meeting Items

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§ Building permits – as per agenda

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- § Warrants signed as per agenda
- § Approved minutes of 6/26/06 & 7/10/06
- § Notification of a hearing on October the 23 for long range planning for the school.
- § Christina will organize the covered bridge dinner with the Fire Department if they are interested.
- § Reviewed resumes for Highway position.
- § Tom noted that he made a request for assistance to the Army Corp with regard to the erosion problem in town on private land.
- § The new mileage rate for town employees was set at \$0.42 per mile.
- § Tom reported on the new phone system. It reduces the number of telephone lines required.
- § There were several complaints about high grass at the corner of Thompson and Hart Roads. Tom will ask the mower to cut this to alleviate any hazard potential.

9:15 Mail and Other Items

- § As per agenda

10:20 PM

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