

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF CONWAY, MA  
MINUTES  
December 3, 2007

**Meeting Open: 7:30**

**Present:** Christina Conklin, Joe Strzegowski, Jack Lochhead, Tom Spiro - AA

**Appointments**

**7:30 Common Driveway Committee** – Wes Rowe, Tom Miner, John O'Rourke, Whitty Sanford, present

Joe felt that there was a need to increase the scope of this committee. This was based on the previous correspondence with the town attorney regarding Conway's Bylaw who noted that there was various ambiguities that needed to be defined. Tom Miner mentioned that there should be a site plan review at some point in the process of approval for developments around common driveways. The Board agreed with this assessment. There was a question as to how effective a site review would be based on what approvals and denials are made. There was a discussion that regarded safety factors, conservation considerations, and esthetic aspects to creating new regulations of a common driveway. Tom Miner noted that small steps must be taken such as clustered housing. It was agreed that the Committee will try to conclude their work and have a public hearing in time to place an article on the warrant for the next town meeting.

**8:10 Master Plan Committee** – Whitty Sanford

The Committee will begin writing the draft plan very soon. There are nine chapters and some appendices. The plan was universally accepted by the committee. Whitty noted that the scoping session planned for 12/17 will discuss future financial ramifications for each department. Ruth had contacted most departments that will be at this roundtable. Jack noted that the Housing Committee was waiting to see information from the master plan before they make further decisions. Whitty said that all departments should continue to move along with any planning and utilize the master plan after it is finished.

**8:30 Jan Warner** – Health insurance, Liz Braccia

Jan noted that there are new regulations on state health insurance. The town already offers insurance but there is new paperwork for employers and employees to fill out. One aspect of the new plan directs the town to contribute to employee insurance if they work more than 64 hours a month. The town currently contributes to employee insurance for those over 20 hours per week. Jan recommended that Conway offer the Health Connector Plan rather than the Hampshire County Group Insurance as Health Connector would expose the town to less liability. Certain eligibility requirements also were affected by these new regulations. The Board votes to accept the new 125 plan as presented. The votes passes unanimously. (see attached for new regs.)

**9:00-9:40 Executive Session**

**Meeting Items**

- § Approved minutes of 11/19/07
- § There was further discussion regarding the executive session

**Mail and Other Items**

- § Warrants signed as per agenda
- § Other mail items as per agenda

**9:55 PM** Motion to adjourn by Jack, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christina, all in favor.