

ADOPTED: 3/5/08
As Written

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MINUTES
February 27, 2008

The Commissioner's convened at 4:00 p.m. in the training room at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 104 Sawmill Lane North Conway, NH. The following were present: Chairman James Umberger, Commissioner Michelle Seavey, Commissioner Robert Porter, Superintendent David Bernier, Chief Patrick Preece and Recording Secretary Kristine Cluff.

Chairman Umberger called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Board went into non-public for union negotiations.

RETURNED TO PUBLIC SESSION AT 4:10 P. M.

Commissioner Umberger stated the negotiating team has reached a tentative collective bargaining agreement.

Motioned by Commissioner Umberger seconded by Commissioner Seavey to ratify the tentative agreement reached between the North Conway Water Precinct Board of Commissioners and the employees of the North Conway Water Precinct as presented to the Board of Commissioners on February 27, 2008. Motion carried by voice vote 3-0-0.

Superintendent Bernier will write a special article for the collective bargaining costs for 2008 and 2009. Superintendent Bernier explained the water and sewer budgets did not include the \$1,654.00 and \$2,470.00 for the sick leave incentive. Chief Preece included the sick leave incentive in the general wages and this will be separated out.

Motioned by Commissioner Seavey seconded by Commissioner Porter to recommend collective bargaining articles be posted to the warrant. Motion carried by voice vote 3-0-0.

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Question on proposed Article 8 with regard to the Board calling a special meeting – Commissioner Umberger stated the Board cannot call a special meeting that requires an appropriation. Superintendent Bernier explained this was not done with the first contract. Commissioner Umberger explained the employees will contribute 8 1/2 % to insurance the second year of the contract. Superintendent Bernier will assume a 10% increase in the insurance premium for second year budgeting purposes.

Questioned if Moderator Cargill is going to facilitate the public hearing and the answer is yes.

Superintendent Bernier stated the estimated tax rate is \$3.17. There is fourteen million dollars worth of new evaluation in the Precinct and there has not been rate increase in the last 10 years.

Superintendent Bernier informed the Board the water has been turned on to Birch Hill. They found some of the pipes still not interconnected – therefore they are still running three of their wells. So part of Birch Hill is receiving our water and part is still being supported through their wells. They still need to do some infrastructure improvements before it is sorted out. Chief Preece questioned if there are any pressurized hydrants and Superintendent Bernier stated there is one at the meter station.

Motion of Commissioner Porter seconded by Commissioner Seavey to adjourn this public meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully,

Kristine M. Cluff
Recording Secretary