

CONWAY VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
Thursday, January 12, 2023, 5:00 P.M.  
Admin. Building

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M.

Commissioners present: Steve Bamsey, Mike DiGregorio, and Tom Buco  
Staff present: Chief Solomon, Superintendent Vallieres and Bookkeeper Amy Snow.

FIRE CHIEF'S BUSINESS

The Chief began with a hardship abatement in the amount of \$580.00. **Mr. Digregorio made the motion to approve the abatement. Seconded by Mr. Buco. Motion passed 3-0-0.**

The Chief then presented for signing the renewal of agreements with Waterville Valley and Grafton County to cover the two areas on the Kancamagus Highway.

**Mr. Bamsey made a motion to enter a memorandum of agreement between CVFD and Waterville Valley. Seconded by Mr. Buco. Motion passed 3-0-0.**

**Mr. Bamsey made a motion to enter a memorandum of agreement between CVFD and Grafton County. Seconded by Mr. Buco. Motion passed 3-0-0.**

He then noted that the bathroom at the Fire Station is now operational and now we are working on the area right outside the kitchen, we need to put a ceiling there.

SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS

Bruno stated that he had good news, inventory is done and we're ready for 2023.

Mr. Bamsey stated that February 1<sup>st</sup> is the meeting with North Conway Water Precinct, so at one of the next meetings he wants to dedicate a portion of the meeting to go over emails and the IMA.

BOOKKEEPER'S BUSINESS

Amy began with an abatement request for 30 Pleasant Street, previously there had been five businesses with five betterment fees. The building now has a new owner, and the entire building is now one business. The owner is requesting a change to one betterment fee and an abatement of \$189.64 on this current bill. **Mr. Digregorio made the motion to approve the abatement for 30 Pleasant Street in the amount of \$189.64 and reduce the betterment fees from five to one. Seconded by Mr. Buco. Motion passed 3-0-0.**

Amy then stated that she had some really, good news. She then read the first and last paragraphs of the Decision of Memorandum from the EPA regarding the cost share for the I&I construction. (See attached.) Discussion ensued.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

**Mr. Bamsey made a motion to ratify a. and b. and A/P. Seconded by Mr. Bucu.**

a. Ratify Weekly Payroll Manifest for week ending 1/8/23

b. Ratify December A/P for checks dated 1/13

Eversource, \$15,111.10

NCWP, \$140,573.59 – Debt and Q4 bill

Primex, \$80,058.00 – Workers Comp., Property & Liability, and Unemployment

Rural Development, \$191,335.00. Mr. Bucu questioned the code and Amy explained that it is a temporary code and will be moved to the Liability at the end of the year.

**Motion passed 3-0-0.**

**Mr. Bamsey made a motion to approve the minutes for week 1/05/2022. seconded by Mr. Bucu. Motion passed 3-0-0.**

Mr. Digregorio asked the Chief how the new candidate is doing. The Chief stated that the state stuff is done, he will be doing his CPAT test soon and then he should be able to get signed up. Discussion ensued regarding the Fire Department and protocols.

The next meeting will be on January 19, 2023

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Chisholm, Office Assistant

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF WATER

January 9, 2023

**DECISION MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Conway Village Fire District, Conway, New Hampshire, Request for Waiver of Cost Sharing Requirement for a Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS)/Community Project Funding (CPF) (Community Grants) water infrastructure project pursuant to FY 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 117-103) (FY 2022 Appropriations Act)

**FROM:** Radhika Fox  
Assistant Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Fox", is written over the name "Radhika Fox".

**Decision:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hereby granting a waiver to the cost sharing requirement to provide non-federal funds in the amount of twenty percent of the cost of the project for the FY 2022 \$1,000,000 project for the Conway Village Fire District (Conway) for Sewer Main Rehabilitation project. This waiver applies only to the project identified in the FY 2022 Appropriations Act. Should subsequent appropriations acts specify additional funding for this or other projects, Conway must apply for a separate waiver.

**Background:** EPA supports waiving required non-federal cost share for projects located in, or that primarily serve, disadvantaged communities. EPA is using the discretion provided by the FY 2022 Appropriations Act<sup>1</sup> to consider waiving or reducing statutorily required non-federal cost share on Community Grant funds when requested and appropriate. In accordance with the FY2022 Community Grants Program Final Implementation Guidance<sup>2</sup> (Guidance), EPA will consider nine Cost Share Waiver criteria, provided in the Guidance, in defining disadvantaged communities for the purposes of Community Grants. Projects in communities that meet at least one of these criteria may request a waiver of the non-federal cost share requirement under the Community Grants Program.

**Assessment of Waiver Request:** EPA verified the waiver request including accompanying supporting documentation. The basis included confirmation of source data and quantitative analysis for each of the waiver criteria identified below. Based on this assessment, Conway's request for a waiver from the cost share requirement demonstrates that it meets the following criteria, which for the purposes of the Community Grants Program, defines Conway as a disadvantaged community.

<sup>1</sup> The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, contains the following provision: "Provided, That \$443,639,051 of the funds made available for capitalization grants for the Clean Water State Revolving Funds and \$397,766,044 of the funds made available for capitalization grants for the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds shall be for the construction of drinking water, wastewater, and storm water infrastructure and for water quality protection in accordance with the terms and conditions specified for such grants in the explanatory statement [discussed below] . . . for projects specified for "STAG—Drinking Water SRF", "STAG—Clean Water SRF", and "STAG—Drinking Water SRF; Clean Water SRF" in the table titled "Interior and Environment Incorporation of Community Project Funding Items/Congressionally Directed Spending Items" included for this division in the explanatory statement . . . , and, for purposes of these grants, each grantee shall contribute not less than 20 percent of the cost of the project unless the grantee is approved for a waiver by the Agency[.]

<sup>2</sup> Community Grants Final Implementation Guidance October 2022

- **Criteria A: Community median household income (MHI) is less than 80% of state MHI;** Conway's MHI is 75% of New Hampshire's MHI.
- **Criteria B: Communities with \$25,766 or less upper limit of Lowest Quintile Income;** the upper limit of Conway's Lowest Quintile Income is \$21,177.
- **Criteria H: Combined sewer and drinking water costs are greater than 2% of the 20th percentile household income (i.e., the Lowest Quintile of Income for the Service Area);** Conway's combined sewer and drinking water costs are greater than 8% of the Lowest Quintile of Income for the Service Area.

Finding: Since Conway established a proper basis to demonstrate that it has met one or more of the Cost Share Waiver Criteria as identified in the Guidance, and because EPA substantiated Conway's claim through verification of supporting documentation, the Conway Village Fire District, Conway, New Hampshire is hereby granted a waiver from the Community Grants Program Cost Share requirement for the FY 2022 \$1,000,000 appropriation for the Sewer Main Rehabilitation project.

If you have any questions concerning the contents of this memorandum, please contact Jamelya Curtis, EPA Community Grants Program, at [Curtis.Jamelya@epa.gov](mailto:Curtis.Jamelya@epa.gov).