Board of Commissioners
Public Minutes
July 14, 2026

The Commission meeting convened at 4:00 PM at Conway Town Hall. The following were present:

Commissioner James Umberger
Commissioner Deborah Fauver
Commissioner Rodney Morrison
Superintendent Jason Gagnon

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM by Commissioner Umberger.

SIGNING OF IMA WASTEWATER DISPOSAL AGREEMENT

Andrew Smith appeared with Superintendent of the NCWP Jason Gagnon and NCWP Commissioners, Jim Umberger, Deborah Fauver and Rodney Morrison.

Mr. Smith explained that they had been working hard on a new IMA between Conway and NCWP and the final draft was just waiting for Department of Justice review.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Gagnon expressed their feelings that this new IMA makes billing less complicated and clears up the language from the old IMA.

Mr. Smith noted that there had been a lawsuit between CVFD and NCWP, but they believe that the updates to the IMA solve the issues.

Mr. Umberger opened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 4:05 pm.

Mr. Thibodeau stated that he believed they had all done a tremendous job and that this was good for both parties.

Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Mr. Shepard, to sign the IMA as presented conditional upon Department of Justice Approval. The motion carried unanimously.

Steve Bamsey, former CVFD asked what the benefits of this were for the residents in Conway Village.

Mr. Smith stated that he believed that the new IMA was transparent and fair.

Mr. Bamsey asked what the protections for the people in the town were.

Mr. Smith stated that the IMA gave the transparency as well as the ability to give input prior to capital expenses.

Mr. Thibodeau also added that it was a long-term agreement that gives rate payers stability.

Bill Hounsell commended the group for coming together to protect the drinking water.

Motion of Commissioner Fauver to sign the IMA as presented conditional upon Department of Justice Approval.
Second by Commissioner Morrison.
Motion carried by a 3-0-0 voice vote.

Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, that if the North Conway Water Precinct is in agreement, the Town and the Precinct will sign a mutual general release of all claims related to the case

that originated as the Conway Village Fire District vs. North Conway Water Precinct pending in Carroll County Superior Court. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Thibodeau moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to instruct the Town's attorney to file the appropriate paperwork with the Court to terminate the pending case. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion of Commissioner Fauver, that if the Town of Conway is in agreement, the Town and North Conway Water Precinct sign a mutual general release of all claims related to the case that originated as the Conway Village Fire District vs. North Conway Water Precinct pending in Carroll County Superior Court. And also, that the North Conway Water Precinct instruct the Precinct attorney to file the appropriate paperwork with the Court to terminate the pending case.
Second by Commissioner Morrison.
Motion carried by a 3-0-0 voice vote.

DISCUSSION OF PFAS TREATMENT AND LANDFILL

Mr. Smith introduced members of the Lower MWV Solid Waste Committee, Rick Hiland and Amy Snow.

Mr. Gagnon reviewed the issues with PFAS and the Town.

He explained that they have been looking into options for wastewater sludge disposal.

He reviewed an analysis he had created. (See attached).

After much discussion, the consensus between both the Board of Selectmen and the Commissioners was the importance of keeping local control and utilizing funding opportunities now instead of having to fund a full project in the future.

Mr. Smith stated that he and Jason Gagnon will continue looking into building a PFAS treatment facility and what those shared costs would look like.

The Commissioners closed their meeting at 5:06 pm.

ADJOURN

Having nothing further to come before this public meeting, motioned by Commissioner Fauver to adjourn at 5:06PM.
Second by Commissioner Morrison.
Motion carried by a 3-0-0 voice vote.

Respectfully,
Molly Donley