

MINUTES

July 31, 1979
Selectmen Meeting

Present: Chmn. John C. Monteith, Daniel Willett, Robert Fay,
Jean Chick

Fixed

David Mess: Re: Rental of the Town House, Met with the Selectmen
in private.

Chauncey Gerry, Constable: Met with Selectmen in private.

Betty Pierce: In to discuss taxes on Crocker, Trumble, former
property owners on Hamilton Rd. property now owned by

Mrs. Pierce. Abatement given on building valuation 5600.(229.60)

Frances Woodward: Informed Selectmen her garage had been destroyed
by heavy snow, therefore, assessment should be lowered. Mark
Caldwell, Assessor, to be informed.

Town House Addition Bid Opening

Present: Selectmen, Jean Chick, others, Robert McAuliffe, Paul
Ricard, Dan Libby, Cliff Rollins (Hollis Elec.), Joseph Ouelette,
R. & H. Builders, Douglas Foglie, Scott Hear from the Press Herald.

Bids opened by Chmn. Monteith, as follows:

Grigware Elec. Saco, Me.	\$	3,000.	Elec. wiring
Jes. Ouelette & Sons, Biddeford		156,000.	
Robert McAuliffe, Waterboro		139,400.	
Paul Ricard, Ricard Builders,		151,629.	
R. & H. Builders, Gray, Me.		160,000.	
Dan Libby, W. Buxton, Me.		199,023.	

Monteith stated that he felt the bids were higher than the
Selectmen had anticipated, and that they would review all
bids and see what they would have to do, that possibly more monies
would have to be raised. He assured the Bidders that the Town
would inform them of their decision.

Scott Hear: Given the tax rate of \$45.50 to be announced in the
newspaper, also other information pertaining to the tax rate.

Douglas Foglie: Discussed with the Selectmen membership and
attendance of the Planning Board. Also discussed building
plans and subdivisions being developed in Waterboro.

Letter: C.M. Thornton, Re: Assessment on the Ida M. Cressey
property located on Main 1 Lot 21.

Bids for office wing said too high

WATERBORO — Bids for construction of a new two-story town office wing onto the old town hall came in to the board of selectmen Tuesday evening "disappointingly high."

The apparent low bidder at \$139,400 for the project, which would include a full cellar under both the new and original buildings, was Robert McAuliffe of this town.

However, Board Chairman John Monteith noted that even that bid "is substantially more than the \$110,000 we have on hand for the project."

The four other bidders included Joseph P. Ouelette and Sons of Biddeford at \$156,000;

Ricard Buildings of Waterboro at \$151,629 and H. Builders of Gray at \$160,000 and Libby of West Buxton, \$199,023.

Gregoire's Electric of Buxton submitted bid of \$3,000 to do the electrical work.

The plan calls for construction of a two-story, 40 by 44-foot building for the town offices and provide space for committee meetings and hearings. The old town hall would be renovated under a separate project.

Selectmen took the bids under advisement noting that there were "some alternative included in some of the bids that would be studied."

Waterboro tax rate goes up \$4.50

WATERBORO — This town's property tax rate was set at \$45.50 per thousand dollars of valuation, an increase of \$4.50 over the 1978 rate by the board of selectmen at a special meeting Tuesday evening.

Board Chairman John Monteith estimated the in-

crease amounted to about 11 percent, or an average tax bill increase of about \$45.

The higher rate represented increases in both the assessment by SAD 67 and the general cost of government. Also up this year was the county tax, while the town's valuation on which the local tax is based increased only slightly.

The new rate is based on a tax commitment of \$771,000, up \$106,000, while the town's valuation was set at \$16,975,000, an increase of only

\$625,000. Most of the new construction here is of the residential type.

The tax commitment included appropriations at the annual town meeting of \$180,000, up \$49,000; SAD 67 assessment of \$520,000, up \$46,000; county tax of \$3,000, up \$7,000; and overlay \$36,000, up \$6,000.

Monteith said the tax bills should be in the mail within the next two weeks. The bills will be out about a month earlier than last year.