

MINUTES

December 3, 1985

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Present: Chrmn. Dennis Abbott, Andrew Woodsome, Jr. , Robert Fay,
Jean Chick

Petitions: The Board voted to waive the following petitions needed to be added to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant; York County Child Abuse; York County Senior Citizens and Coast Family Planning . . .

Tax Anticipation Bids: Bids to be sent out to the various Banks.

General Assistance Guidelines: It was the vote of the Board to adopt the "1985" MMA model General Assistance Ordinance.

Leon Works, DOT: Selectman Woodsome said that he had been contacted by Mr. Works in regards to the manhole cover at the corner of Goodwins Mills Rd. and Rt. 202 in So. Waterboro. Contractor Douglas Foglio damaged his wing on his snow plow. Woodsome referred Mr. Works to Mr. Foglio to find out if the cover was below or flush with the tar surface.

Salt Shed: It was a vote of the Board to have the Shed filled with a supply of salt.

Department of Environmental Protection:

This meeting was attended by Commissioner Warren of the DEP and member of his staff David Sait, also present: Sen. & Mrs. Black; Rep. Willis Lord; Roland Denby; Larry Jacobsen; Charles Drapeau; Dwayne Woodsome; John Monteith; Howar- Anderson; Donald Holden; Edward Doggett; Debra Downs; Robert Goodwin; Jon Gale; Millard Genthner; Dorothy Stetson; Fred Fay; Board of Selectmen; Clerk Jean Chick.

Chrmn. Dennis Abbott opened the meeting with introductions of those present. Abbott referred to a letter the Town sent Comm. Warren on Oct. 23, 1985 outlining items the Board wishes to discuss:

1. Status of So. Maine Finishing treatment facility and DEP's future monitoring plans for that facility and surrounding area and current testing.
2. The ongoing gas contamination of the ground water in So. Waterboro village and what plans DEP has to preclude further spreading of contamination.
3. The results of tests performed on substances found in the Ricard's gravel pit on the Old Alfrd Rd.
4. The performance of DEP on the recent substance found at the old Tannery that was originally established as "Hazardous Waste" and later downgraded to Industrial Waste after

continued testing efforts by the former owner of the Tannery.

5. All aspects of the DEP's responsibility to inform the Town in relation to any and all activities within the Town.

#1: Southern Maine Finishing:

Comm. Warren said that Dennis Merrill, DEP, is sick tonight and unable to attend this meeting and would have been better informed. However, Warren said it had been difficult to get SMF to comply. Waste sludge is stacked up at the site of the plant in barrels, covered with plastic on the ground and in roll on, roll off type of dumpsters. Because Gannett did not get the Treatment Plant completed in the allotted time DEP has taken Gannett to court. On inspecting the premises it was found that a considerable amount of sludge was stored at the site. The disposal of the sludge will cost over \$100,000. to be trucked to landfills in either New York or Ohio. Mr. Gannett had indicated that he could not afford this and the DEP upon checking his books for the Company convinced the Atty. General that he could afford the removal and was given thirty days to comply.

Board members voiced their concerns of the contamination of well water in the East Waterboro area and also the fact that SMF own employees were doing the testing and sending the samples to Peck Lab. and not the DEP doing the actual testing. Also concern was mentioned of future development of the land in the area, new homes, etc.

Selectman Woodsome inquired of the new Atty's name that Gannett had hired, Comm. Warren said that it was Atty. David Boxer.

Fire Chief Drapeau asked about fire suppression. Whether or not water should be used. Mr. Sait suggested that the Department should have training and the EPA has a new program with guidelines to follow and he will send Drapeau the information. His people will in their own spare time on request give training programs.

The biggest problem the Board noted is the lack of communication from the DEP. Rep. Lord said that he had passed through the Legislative Committee a proposed bill to make it a law that DEP notify Municipalities when they are in their town.

Chrmn. Abbott said it would be nice to be aware of what is happening before the newspaper calls and you haven't any idea what is happening.

#2 So. Waterboro Village:

Comm. Warren said no further work to be done on contamination as the material was moving toward Hamilton Brook. DEP. does not plan to do anything to the land in that area with chemicals to be sure that the gas does not reach the High School, as rumored. Once the gas hits Hamilton Brook the contamination will be short lived according to Comm. Warren. He will provide the Town with a copy of DEP's files. Third party claims have bedrock wells are satisfied these wells are being filtered for high sulfur, iron. He said a total of 4,000 gals. of gas has been removed from the ground.

#3 Ricard's Gravel Pit:

People in the area brought DEP's attention to the fact that years ago the Monsanto Co. had discarded and burned materials in barrels. DEP did an onsite sampling and the Elementary school's well. The material seemed to harden when it hit the air. However, low levels of metals, below the drinking water standards were found in the pit, not sure where they came from.

Selectman Woodsome said Waterboro notified the DEP, 7 points were placed to find the flow of the water. Town never got a report back, if the pit is clean, give the Town a report. DEP has on file that the gravel pit is clean and will forward paperwork to the Town as such.

#4 Tannery:

Materials in drums found at the Town's Stump Dump, had to contact the Radio and TV stations for action. First testing showed "hazardous waste" then after testing by the former owner it became "Industrial Waste", The Town had to retain an attorney to get the material moved. Mr. Sait said that the first test taken by an independent Lab showed hazardous metals and PH with 7ppm lead, allowed is 5ppm. Three other samples taken one tested by State, one by the Company and one by an independent Lab, None of the tests proved as the first test taken by the Lab. Then the substance was downgraded to Industrial Waste. The Company agreed to remove the barrels and have the in ground tanks pumped.

The question was raised as to whether or not this would come under the same Super Fund that the Saco Tannery did. DEP said the hides in Saco came in as raw hides in the Waterboro Company they were tanned first and then finished.

Vna Foglio, long time employee of the Waterboro Company verified this and did state that the frames used in the finishing process were soaked in caustic soda for years this soda ran out on the ground and only in the later years of the Company being there did they have this material pumped out and dumped in the lagoons in East Waterboro off the Bennett Hill Rd.

Woodsome said some confusion was brought to light when an individual wanted to use part of the old Tannery for a print shop and was told by DEP that there were deep injected wells on the property. He said the Town was not aware of this and the Town got a run around and finally found out that the person from DEP was confused as the lagoons set in one end of Town and the Tannery the other end.

Abbott asked if the Town was still on the hit list after clean up and if someone calls a few years from now and the files are dug out and someone gives the impression that there is still a problem.

Comm. Warren said DEP has 500 Towns and 290 employees. Should find one person in charge of each Town and the same with the Town having one contact person

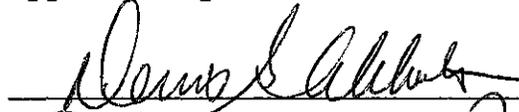
Chrm. Abbott said that the Town of Waterboro has the only Hazardous Waste Ordinance in the State and hope shortly to have a Commission set up to handle it.

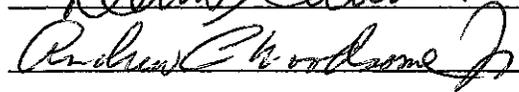
The Commission assured the Board that he would get back to the Town with reports.

Conservation Commission: Debra Downs asked that her Commission meet with the Board to discuss water testing. Debra will call the office to be placed on the Board's Agenda.

Brenda Charland, Director SAD#57: In to discuss the budget for SAD #57, she said her impression is that for example, times are better, money is available, get it now before bad times. She feels that may be alright for now but must remember, the Town's have to equip and maintain these things, for years after, such as the tennis courts and any new school buildings. Also that she always votes no on the frills only votes yes if it is to benefit the classroom and education for the children. Also discussed, money for the new Admin. Assistant salary, no accountability of where interest goes on money, invested? where? Charland looking for guidance from the Board, unless for classroom not voting for it, unless no increase. They seem to fill up the budget with junk. Budget shouldn't be filled with things nice to have. So few realize they are setting basics now.

Approved by:





Board of Selectmen, Waterboro