

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 1989

Regular meetings of the Waterboro Board of Selectmen.

PRESENT: Chairman Dennis G. Abbott, Andrew C. Woodsome, Jr., Robert C. Fay.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Notice will be sent ot all Department Heads at DEP stating that Andrew Timmis is no longer employed by the Town of Waterboro and to direct all correspondence to the Board of Selectmen.

NEW BUSINESS:

DEBBY DUPEE & KAY WOODWORTH: Debby and Kay was in with their attorney to meet with the Board and the Town's attorney to discuss the Town purchasing their property. The Town is still interested in purchasing their property and have stated the eminent domain process. Debby stated that she was not told that there was going to be stipulations on zoning in surrounding areas when she was first approached about selling her property to the Town. Sel. Fay told her that at that point the Town was not sure if there was any water on her lot. Sel. Abbott stated that the Department of Human Services demands certain criteria for protecting the wellhead, requires a 3 acre zoning for lots. Sel. Fay tod them that this well may wind up serving water to the 13 contaminated wells in S. Waterborto due to the pump test was for only 25 gallons a minutes. Sel. Abbott stated that high contamination from the Leather Mill, not sure if responsible for the 13 wells, that possible on the same property as the wellhead, a another well could b e drilled and not tap into the same water supply. To help the state the Boad feels that they need to go forward, really don't want to go through the eminent domain process if it can be avoided. Sel. Abbott went into further on informing them of what has happen so far. At this time, Mr. Wayne Roberts, Debby & Kay's attorney arrived and Sel. Abbot brought him up to date. Mr. Roberts told the Board that Debby and Kay are willing to convey the land to the Town if it is proven a need, which has been proven. They have concerns over the other property around the well due to possible zoning changes. Mr. Roberts asked what will happen if the land is deeded overt to the Town and it falls through and not used as a water supply, what would happen to the lot. Sel. Abbott stated that it would be the Town of Waterboro's. Karen Lovell stated that if would depends on how it is handled, if eminent domain can ~~any~~ be used for what was stated in eminent domain, if deeded will be the Towns. Mr. Roberts told the Board that the property has been appraised at about \$9,000. Sel. Fay stated that a lot depends on DEP, if the Town pursues another site then maybe DEP may join in and that site will never be used, to go into Town Meetings and ask for restrictions for a small number of wells, and then go on another piece of proerty and ask for more zoning changes will probably not pass at Town Meetings.

Sel. Abbott stated that maybe in five to ten years, the Town may need that property for later use. Mr. Roberts stated that an option could be made out with a deadline and then the option could be extended. Mr. Roberts also asked where the pump and water pipes would go. Andrew Timmis told him that the pump would be on the site but an engineer has not been hired yet to decide where the pipes should be laid. Sel. Fay ask them if they were prepared to give a price on an option price or would they like to meet back with the Selectmen. Debby stated that they wanted to know what the restrictions would be, but the Board doesn't know. Sel. Fay informed them that the Board is willing to negotiate with DHS to protect the wellhead. Sel. Abbott told them an example of a restriction. Gas pumps are now allowed in that area, with the new zoning gas stations would not be allowed. Mr. Roberts asked about a reversion. If deeded over to the Town and after so many years, the land is not used it would be turned back to Debby and Kay. Sel. Abbott told him that he doesn't know how you could put a deadline on the reversal option. Debby and Kay will set back to the Board in a couple of days with a price for the lot where the well head sits.

At this time the Board met with the families of the 13 homes with the contaminated wells. The Board had met with DEP representatives several weeks ago and they wanted to inform the families of what was going on. DEP told the Board that DEP is maintaining the filters that were put on the wells. The Board found out at this meeting the DEP has not been maintaining the filters. One family stated that DEP has not been to look at their filter for 8 years. The Board have been receiving mixed signals from DEP. The Board told the families that they will keep them informed of what is going on.

Lincoln Press was award the bid for printing the Annual Town Report.

Board signed the warrant for payment of bills and payroll.

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