

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

10/22/91

PRESENT: Deborah Miles, Bob Gobeil, Chauncey Gerry, Pam L'Heureux, Mike McAlevey, Millard Genthner, Supt. Fred Bechard, Dale Witman, Art Smith, Anna Jackson, Frank Allen, Dennis Abbott, Jon Monteith, Dianne Holden, Dwayne Morin, Willis Lord, Martha Lariviere.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT: Chm. Abbott reported that the tax bills are out. The Board has concerns on the state level with funding and a letter to all department heads will be sent stating not to spend anymore than 90% of money appropriated by the end of the year. If state revenue sharing and school funding get cut, may have to hold a Special Town Meeting to raise more money. The Board will appeal the state valuation for the Town of Waterboro.

TOWNCLERK/TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER: Dianne Holden reported that as of October 9th, new fees for vehicle registrations went into effect. The taxes that have been collected with this billing is 22% and have collected 12% of the whole amount due for the year. MMA sent down a 14 page explanation of referendum question #1.

ROAD COMMISSIONER: No report. Chm. Abbott stated that the Road Review Committee should have a three to five year plan for road improvements.

SAD #57 DIRECTORS: Millard Genthner reported that a new principal has been hired for Shapleigh School. The state budget cuts will make a impact on spending. If the Board left the budget requests at 0%, the town share would be an increase of 8-10%. Supt. Bechard at this time explained what has been happening with the budget cuts. Will be looking at furlough days, which would take legislation to do or shutting down school for one day a week. District is in the process of getting accredited. The heating plant that is at the central office and heats both the High School and the Jr. high School is being fixed.

FIRE DEPT.: Pam L'heureux reported that it has been quiet, but she reminded people when they turn their clocks back this weekend to check the battery in their smoke alarm system.

PLANNING BOARD: Dwayne Morin reported that the Board has been working on updating the Zoning Ordinance. There are two public hearings scheduled for two subdivisions.

TOWN PLANNER/SELECTMEN'S ASSIST: Dwayne Morin reported that he has been busy with the water system, sent out the bids on the traffic light. The ash spread and compost license are in the works. Have received the license of the stump dump. There may not be any grant money available to purchase Steve Kasprzak's property.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Art Smith reported that the committee has not met yet.

PARKS & RECREATION COMM: Bob Gobeil reported the water has been shut off at Friendship Park and someone is using a BB gun to shoot the lights out. Looking at replacing the wooden fence and making a skating rink for this winter. Chm. Abbott suggests that the Comm. look at using the pond beside the campground for skating.

ROAD REVIEW COMM: No report. Chm Abbott stated that the committee did meet last night and reviewed the specs for sand bids for winter roads.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Millard Genthner reported that they have only had five cases this year so far.

CONSTABLES: Chauncey Gerry reported that it is pretty quiet.

CONSERVATION COMM: No report.

HAZARDOUS WASTE: No report.

REGIONAL WASTE: Frank Allen reported on his trip to Europe with Regional Waste.

CABLE TV: No report, have not been meeting.

RECYCLING COMM/COMPOSTING COMM: Met with the Board several weeks ago to inform the Board on what they have been doing.

ASSESSING BOARD OF REVIEW: Chm. Abbott reported that there are several cases pending.

FIAR HEARING COMM: No report.

LIBRARY COMM: Anna Jackson reported that the painting is completed.

WATER TASK COMM: Chm. Abbott reported that the road is being put back. Have rejected Pearl St. and part of Rte 202, it will have to be repaved. Will be pouring a second floor at the pump house. The leaks have been fixed. The cement sidewalk between the parsonage and the Hill residence will be replaced with the state paying for half and M & H paying the rest. The contract is for the water to be turned on about Dec. 15th. Will be going to a water district with the Board of Selectmen appointing 3 trustees. One third of the town is in the district.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Chm. Abbott reported that the Board has met with D.O.T. on the traffic light and the bids have gone out. There will be a pedestrian crossing. It looks like it will be the first of the year before the lights are installed. It will take 3-4 months to get them installed.

ADJOURNMENT.