

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 1993

Regular meeting of the Waterboro Board of Selectmen.

PRESENT: Dennis G. Abbott, John C. Monteith. Chm. Frank R. Allen arrived late. Also present was Selectmen's Assistant Dwayne Morin and Parks Chairman Bob Gobeil.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSERVATION COMMISSION & PLANNING BOARD: Cynthia Allen and Judy Carll represented the Planning Board and Steve Everett and Virginia Owens represented the Conservation Commission. The Board asked them in to discuss the lots that will be available for tax title property auction on August 14th. Steve would like to see the money raised at the auction to go towards the purchase of the five acre piece in front of the property that Evelyn Thompson gifted to the Town. Sel. Abbott explained that it would take a Town Meeting vote and this money has been already committed it was just never collected. Steve asked about the lots that were offered to the abutters and if this could be done instead of holding an auction. Sel. Abbott explained that the property up for auction is governed by the Tax Title Property Ordinance. After discussion of the lots, all present was in agreement to sell the tax title property that is on the list at the public auction.

The Board at this time adjourned to the Town Hall to conduct a meeting with area businesses.

BUSINESSES MEETING:

PRESENT: Don & Kelly Allen, Scott Ohman, James & Lorraine Kurtz, Mike Hammond, Larry Jacobsen, Judy Carll, Cynthia Allen, Bob Gobeil, Doug Foglio, Myron Edgerly, Sam Woodsome, Dwayne Morin, Selectmen Dennis Abbott, John Monteith and Chairman Frank R. Allen, Jr, Jon Gale, Dianne Holden and Bertha McAloon.

Discussed the public beach area being for residents only. Don & Kelly Allen have concerns having it shut off to out of towners. Sel. Abbott explained how it was passed at town meeting and at this past town meeting no one spoke against having it for residents only. Doug asked why he wasn't invited to this meeting he found out about it through word of mouth.

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Sel. Abbott explained that Larry Jacobsen had approached the Board about holding a meeting and the first meeting was for businesses in town that have a victual's license because they have been the most vocal. Eleven businesses hold a victual's license from the town and only two was present to this meeting. Kelly stated that she has a problem with businesses that complain but

do nothing about it. Sel. Abbott also explained that when Larry met with the Board he had concerns over allowing outside food vendors at Old Home Days, should be for nonprofit groups only. Sel. Abbott went on further to explain that if that was the case then there would be only a couple of vendors if you had to depend on non-profit organizations. If you want a nice weekend, you need professional vendors. Larry went on to discuss the lake, the boats and big motors are just a part of the problem, the biggest problem on the lake is the jet skis. Scott stated that it is also more the operators then the water craft. Would like a inventory of town own lots and what their uses could be. There are no industrial business in town. The Leather Mill, Sylvania and So. Me. Finishing are gone. Doug is the biggest employer in town besides SAD 57. Need incentives from the Selectmen to get businesses into town. Sel. Abbott explained that several years ago, the Board met with the Economic Development Committee and the committee was trying to get a business that was interested in the Sylvania building to move up north when job were needed more. Mike asked about what happened to the IDC Committee. Sel. Abbott explained that it is the same old thing, no new members, and what members there were were burnt out. Need a long term solution and not just by opening up the picnic area a few weeks out of the year. Judy suggested charging out of towners. Sel. Abbott stated that the original proposal was for charging. The town owns to the bridge and from the bridge to Rte 5 it is owned by the abutters. The town has a easement. Jon suggested starting a chamber of commerce and do a brochure and do some marketing. Doug suggests forming a new IDC Committee and have them work out a deal with the bank to allow several small businesses in the old Sylvania building and also utilize it a a fire station/public safety building. Sel. Abbott stated that need to reassess the town holdings. Doug also expressed concerns that people feel the Selectmen have closed meetings because they meet in a small room and most of the time the door is closed. Chm. Allen stated that there are monthly Council Meetings and no one shows up. There is more people in attendance to this meeting then there is to the Council Meetings. The Selectmen went on further to explain that the door is closed sometimes due to customers in the foyer and due to the noise cannot carry on business and in the summer due to the air conditioner. Larry made the statement that the Selectmen and SAD Directors have made a statement that they will not go to a town business due to the b.s. they receive. This is usually the only time businesses have to meet with town officials.

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Doug suggested starting a program like Lyman's that has been in place for several years is hiring high school kids and a couple of adults to cut brush along the town roads etc. Kelly felt that there is year round opportunities in town to draw people, example cross country ski trails etc. Need a base to start with before all businesses can sit down together and discuss this. Kelly also feels that the ads for town committees should be dressed up more with more explanation of what each committees duties are. Chm. Allen suggest getting one person to come to the next meeting with them to get them involved with the town. The next meeting with the businesses will be August 10th and other businesses will be invited and will go over the town inventory of property.

The Board at this time adjourned back to their office to conduct business.

DOUG FOGGIO, MYRON EDGERLY & SAM WOODSOME: Came in to discuss with the Board the recent fire in N. Waterboro and how the Fire Dept. handled it. Myron told the Board that when he arrived at the fire only the barn was on fire, it had started in the shed and at that time had spread to the barn. The house was not on fire at that time. He can see no reason why the house was not saved. After 37 minutes, Limerick Fire Dept. showed up and was able to put water on the fire. At that point Waterboro Fire Dept. has not put any water on it. He went to the Fire Dept. meeting that was held last evening and the chief was very rude. Told Myron to shut his mouth because he didn't know anything, he also just sat there and rolled his eyes back. Told Myron that he wasn't schooled in fire and Myron told the Board that if that is the way they do it, then he doesn't want to learn. The wind was blowing away from the house and the dept. wouldn't allow Sam & Doug to use the hose to put water on the house. The fire scene was handled very poorly. Sel. Abbott told him that the dept. has a lot of internal problems. Sel. Abbott stated that after town meeting vote to enter into a contract for services with the dept. he was contacted by someone to be the negotiator in the contract. May also need to contact the trustees to let them know that the Town is receiving flack for the way the last fire was handled. Sel. Abbott feels that the town needs to make sure the town is getting the best bang for the buck. Sam told the Board that he has been in the dept. for 22 years and was told at the meeting last night by the chief that he would see him off as a honoree member. Sam told the Board his side of the fire. The tanker drove up, and he was the very first driver of the tanker and even helped build it. The house was not on fire at this time.

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The tanker was full of water and the dump tanks were being filled. Another truck was trying to hook into the hydrant across the road at the pond and it didn't have the right hook ups and still the tanker sat there without putting water on the fire. After 37 minutes of no water on the house the house caught on fire. Limerick dropped a line directly into the pond and pumped the pond dry. After the fire the tanker was dumped into the road. Sam feels that a lot of mistakes were made and if they can learn from their mistakes okay. Chief told him there were no mistakes make. Kevin told him that when he got there the ell was gone, Sam informed him that the ell was removed years ago. Orders were given in route before arriving to see what the scene was. Doug gave his side of the story. He has been a member for the dept. for 30 years on the 1st Monday meeting in August, is a life time member and proud of it. Feels he has the right to go to a fire. The siren did not blow in S. Waterboro and he found out about the fire on his way to do a job. He could see the smoke when he came up the Old Alfred Road and when he went by Center Station, there didn't seem to be in much of a hurry. He has gone to several fires and was not well received. He stopped beside the road and walked up to the fire and watched the pine trees catch on fire. When he arrived a 1 1/2" line was going, Mike told them to change to a 2 1/2". Couldn't get over the firemen that were just standing around. No one was giving orders. Doug pulled a hose off a truck to go around the corner of the house. Should have been 2 fog

lines between the house and barn. Where the fire dept. was spraying water on the house was where there was no fire. Kevin told Doug to take the line and he would charge the line, some guy came over with fire dept. equipment on and told him to let go of his hose, Doug told him that he had the hose and then the Chief showed up and Mike & Kevin told Doug to give the hose to the fireman. And then Mike told Doug to get out of there or he would have him arrested and thrown in jail. In the past the dept. was a crack fire dept., feels owners have the right to have legal action taken against the dept. No reason why the house was lost. No one was doing anything to put the fire out. All they kept saying was they knew what to do. When Doug left and as he was walking back to his vehicle he saw members of other dept. get into their vehicle and leave. Should have concentrated on putting house into the pond and not fill the dump tanks. Did not try to save a thing inside the house. The chief argued with everyone, even the chicken coop across the driveway burnt. Mike did not know the woods were on fire and did not make an attempt to fight the woods fire, other depts. did, told someone not to worry about the woods, because the helicopters would take care of it. They realize that the Board is unable to do to much about what happened due to the dept. being a separate entity from the town. Asked if the Board could appoint a fire chief.

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Sel. Abbott told them that it is a state law that the Board appoint a fire chief, in the past it is been who the dept. picks. Can appoint one, but which chief will the dept. listen to, the one the Board appointed or the one they voted in as chief.

REPORT OF SANDING COMMITTEES:

DWAYNE MORIN: Dwayne discussed several issues with the Board. Form Systems billed the town for ballots which were never received. Can't give a refund, suggested ordering envelopes. Board approved if envelopes are needed. Dwayne showed the Board the pictures of the garbage that was left at the dump entrance. Names in the trash was David Merrill and Karen St. Peter. Sel. Abbott stated that a notice was put in the paper that all trash found would be turned over to the authorities. Board voted to turn this situation over to the authorities. The Nature Conservancy has called and wanted to see if they will be granted exemption. Dwayne has not yet discussed this with Bob Konczal. They would also like to bring the road up to town standards and turn it over to the town. Dwayne told the Board that when the subdivision plan was approved one of the things stipulated on the plan was the road was to remain private. STS has looked at the guard rail and it looks like it was damaged by a plow this past winter. Also discussed the tank road, need to define what the Town will charge for the recycled gravel. Assistant Librarian. The library sent a letter and they would like to transfer money to be able to pay \$6.00 an hour for the assist. librarian to bring them up to scale. Unable to find someone to do it for \$4.75 an hour. Sel. Abbott stated that he has a problem with increasing the pay per hour by \$1.25 after the budget was voted on for \$4.75. Sel. Monteith will talk to the library. Jim's Getty is getting a lot of tires dumped over night at the garage. Has made and paid for two loads to be disposed of at the dump. So far has paid for 70 tires. Has talked to the Sheriffs &

State Police and they can't do anything without catching the people doing it. Sel. Abbott and the Board agrees that if he can prove that these are not his tires, then he doesn't have to pay for disposal of them. Dwayne also discussed the fire dept. bills. Received June & July bills. The insurance comes due and June and the statement says for services June 1 and it was dated July 1. Sel. Abbott suggests kicking the bill back the bill was due in June and the Town of Waterboro cannot legally pay the bill because it will overdraw the accounts. The Board was in agreement to sent the bill back and also tell them to have the insurance due July 1. Workers Comp. The fire dept. recently submitted two claims from the fire Sunday. The town pays the workers comp. not taken out of their stipend. Board was in agreement that this will have to change.

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Chm. Allen stated that the Board needs to meet with the fire dept. as soon as possible. The Board approved the \$200. needed to put the tax map lines on the new town map. The Planning Board will pay for having the zone lines put on.

SIGNED:

The Board signed the warrant for voting on SAD budget July 27.

The Board signed the contract for assessing services for Vincent Associates.

The Board signed the warrant for payment of bills and payroll.

The Board signed the agreement with the Town of Hollis for use of the stump dump.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Approved: _____
