

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 1993**

Regular meeting of the Waterboro Board of Selectmen.

PRESENT: Chm. Frank R. Allen, Jr., John C. Monteith and Dennis G. Abbott.

NEW BUSINESS:

EAST SHORE ROAD RESIDENTS: The residents of the East Shore Road was in and presented the Board with a petition signed by all the residents to have the town plow and maintain the road in the winter from where the plow stops now to over the hill and down to the corner of Alexander and Warren land where there is a large turnaround available. The request has gone before town meeting for approval several times and was denied. Need to obtain easements. Residents stated that the plow would only have to go an additional 500 yards or so. Sel. Abbott stated the current snow plow contracts have specific routes to plow and would have to legally obtain permission from abutters to do so. Went to town meeting and requested \$5,000. for legal fees to research the East Shore Road and was defeated, Sel. Abbott stated that there is nothing the Board can do when the townspeople say no. Residents wanted to know about what there taxes are going for. Residents have concern if the fire dept. needs to get in and the road is not plowed. There are alot of retired residents on that road. Residents also raised the question why some roads are plowed for a mile or so, the plow turns around when there is no one living on that road. Sel. Abbott stated if it is a town road then it gets plowed. One resident stated that he had to hired someone to plow up to his residence and where the plow stopped after several storms, the person he hired could not plow through the pile left from the plow. Sel. Monteith stated that the only thing the Board can do is the residents would have to submit a petition to get it on special town meeting warrant by next week. The Board can't say do it, need to have a town meeting vote. Residents asked who would be responsible in contacting the abutters if it would be the town. Sel. Abbott stated that it would be the owners of the properties due to town meeting vote not appropriating any money for the town to do it. Two years ago the Road Commissioner, Fred Fay kept the road open and then stopped. Sel. Abbott told the residents that if they submit a petition then it will be on the next special town meeting warrant. Also to state where they want the plowing to stop. Residents also told the Board that the road needed to be graded. The Board told them to contact the Road Commission Glenn Bean, Sr. Sel. Abbott informed the residents that Bob Myers never did the paperwork giving the town an easement before his death. After the last meeting, Bob approached the Board and informed the Board that he was willing to issue easements or whatever is needed to get the road plowed.

ALFRED BOARD OF SELECTMEN: John Sylvester represented the Alfred Board of Selectmen. D.E.P. closed down their stump dump last December and would like to negotiate to allow the Town of Alfred to use the Town of Waterboro's stump dump area. Figures that there are 3200 yards to material to dispose of, Rochester gave an estimate of \$265,000. After that estimate was given, the Board decided to contact other surrounding Towns to see if something could be worked out.

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Sel. Erland Morrison had stated that Waterboro has a relationship with Hollis and they bring they stuff up to the dump. Chm. Allen stated partly due to the two towns sharing a vote at RWS and Chm. Allen is the representative for both towns at RWS. D.E.P. will allow them to do a one time burn to allow

them to reduce the waste, there is allot of partially burned material all of which would have to be truck off to a secured land fill at a great expense. Another option is to burn it to a fine ash then have it tested and mix it, waiting to hear from D.E.P. Would like to bring it over to Waterboro's stump dump and burn it there. Previously only burned the pile once a year. Sel. Sylvester told the Board that the Waterboro dump where the burnable debris is taken care of is a lot better controlled then anything they would ever have. Chm. Allen wanted him to know that it wasn't an easy thing to get passed by D.E.P. Sel. Sylvester told the Board that most of it is brush and building construction debris, not very many stumps. Sel. Sylvester told the Board that he doesn't feel the Alfred Selectmen will be in the position to say how many dollars will be needed until at least next March. In addition after that, have no place to go. Need to find a site for their transfer station. Chm. Allen told Sel. Sylvester that if Hollis wasn't in with RWS with voting rights with Waterboro, he doesn't think that it would have passed. Alfred is looking at four different sites for their transfer station. Looking at a half million dollar investment. Chm. Allen is not sure if short term usage helps Waterboro at all and would also like to contact D.E.P. and see how they feel.

DIANNE HOLDEN: Dianne came in to discuss with the Board several issues. One was having the Board sign the letter checking with Smith & Elliott and Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer and Nelson that there are no pending litigation against the Town. These letters are a formality for the audit. Also discussed Southern Maine Realty Trust and the Foss liens, need a vote not to send them out a foreclosure notice. Sel. Abbott made the motion not to issue foreclosure notices to Southern Maine Realty Trust and the Foss property on Lake Sherburne. Sel. Monteith, seconded. Voted, passed. Ballot counter, when Dianne notified the company that it had passed town meeting vote told her that the counter can be leased or bought. The lease was a better way to go. Dwayne has the paperwork on it. Not sure the lease was for three and five years. The Board voted to go with whatever is the best offer either lease or purchase. Also discussed closing her office at 7:00 p.m. There are not enough customers to stay open until 8:00 p.m. Also if there are special meetings or special town meetings, that would leave her office available. The new hours will be in effect September 28th. Sel. Monteith asked her to notify the public.

ROAD REVIEW COMMITTEE: Six members of the Road Review Committee came in to meet with the Board. Doug informed the Board that the committee wanted some direction on exactly what the Board wanted to do, how to do it, where the committee should go and who should do it. Chm. Allen asked if they didn't receive a memo a while ago stating what the Board would like to see done. Sel. Monteith stated have had a Road Review Committee for several years and they never asked what they wanted to do should come in with recommendations. Sel. Monteith would like to see a five year plan. Need to get the public support it. Doug stated that the committee has tried twice.

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The town engineer, told the committee that they needed several hundred thousand dollars on road maintenance and the town appropriates about a quarter of that a year. Sel. Abbott told Doug that the Board has done a outline on what the Board wanted and it was laid out in the memo. Want to know what sequence the roads be done. What roads need priority. Chm. Allen also told them that a five year plan is needed. Fred Owen asked how can you do a five year plan when you don't know how the money will be coming in. Sel. Abbott stated need to establish some kind of a plan and work from that plan if it gets defeated at town meeting, then the five year plan becomes a eight year plan or whatever. Doug doesn't like the idea of paving the roads in little bits and pieces, is not the way to attack it. Chm.

Allen asked if there is some way to establish a plan to take care of existing paved roads on some sort of maintenance plan. Sel. Abbott told the committee that there is \$25,000. for ditching program, \$87,000. left is seal coat, in roads & bridges there is \$42,000. left. There has been three years of \$300,000. in seal coat and tar total of the three years. The Clarks Bridge Road was submitted by the committee. Is it going to be bid out, or is the Road Commissioner the clerk of the works and he hires, this is the Road Review project. Lower Middle Road has \$5,000. Roberts Ridge has \$16,800. Sel. Monteith stated that in the past few years the Road Commissioner went ahead and did what he wanted to do, the Road Review Committee didn't come in and ask what roads he wanted to seal coat. Fred Fay stated that it should be changed from seal coat to paving and it takes allot of material to do a road from shimming to paving. Can't always get the mileage for paving as your want for your money. Sel. Abbott asked the committee what they are looking at from the Board. Doug stated the Board send a notice for short term and long term. Sel. Abbott stated that short term is how this year's money will be spent. Sel. Abbott asked if what they had for a plan or laid out when they went before the budget committee. Fred stated that the paving was not laid out. Sel. Abbott asked what sequence should the roads be paved, should Glenn and Frank Scott get together and put it any where he wants or should we come up with short term strategies to state where the places are the money should be spent, Sel. Abbott feels that is the way to go. There needs to be a short term plan. Also discussed why all three projects the committee has presented at town meeting in the past were voted down. Doug asked what the committee has to do to get the Board to stand up in front of town meeting as a group and back them. Feels never have been backed. Sel. Abbott told the committee needs to get a plan. Sel. Abbott also told the committee that the Board doesn't feel that way, feel the Board has been supportive. The Board also has to answer to the tax payers when the tax bills come and there is an increase in the bill. Cannot go to town meeting with a banner stating vote for a certain article. Sel. Abbott challenged the committee to come forth at town meeting with a list of what needs to be done regardless of the Finance Committee recommendations. Glenn needs to have some list of priority of roads that need to be ditched from the committee. F. H. Scott will be doing the paving and the committee should submit a list of roads that should be done. Sel. Abbott stated that their has been 4 or 5 town meetings in a row where there has been weak support of roads. Doug also feels the town should stop plowing all non town roads. Concerns over Lake Arrowhead residents showing up in force at a town meeting and voting in the town to plow the roads.

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Sel. Abbott feels that there is a whole new set of standards on what people expect presently, years ago people were thankful when their road was plowed and sanded the day it snowed, now it is expected minutes after it starts snowing or people don't feel they are getting they services they pay for. David asked about the Clarks Bridge Road project. Sel. Abbott asked what is the Road Review Committee intend. Go out to bid, and if it goes out to bid need something to bid against. Have a clerk of the works. David stated that at town meeting it was talked about having the same standards as the other section of road. Sel. Abbott told the committee that town meeting did not force the project to go out to bid. Need to have the committee let the Board know what needs to be done to the road. Someone needs to say how it is going to be done, by town road standards or what. The money at Roberts Ridge Road needs to be rededicated at a special town meeting. The \$5,000. appropriated for Webber Road is not for repair but for obtaining easements etc., Doug explained. Had very specific things for the Middle Road and Doug has gone over it with Glenn. Doug explained that while the committee is preparing a plan, the roads that need repair are picking up additional traffic due to building and more planning will be needed. Sel. Abbott told them that the Board knows that the plans will be changing, at least with a

plan, can come back and say due to increased traffic the plans have changed and need additional work done. Doug explained that several weeks ago the committee divided into three two man groups and went over the snow plow routes. David & Myron took the North Route, Dwayne & Fred took the East route and Doug and Fred took South route. Each made a list of what needs to be done and listed crisis areas and there is not money enough. Not even enough money to take care of the crisis areas this year. Doug explained on the Ross Corner Road from Clarks Bridge Road, on the hill it is deteriorating and by next spring, vehicles will have a hard time getting through the mud . Sel. Abbott stated that there must be some money in Roads & Bridges account to hold it this year until money can be raised at town meeting. Make this one of the priorities. Doug also explained that when the Waterboro Company had Pine Drive paved, the pavement is to high and the building next to it floods. Only 3/4 of the road was paved. Doug felt that additional money should have been found to do the rest of the road. Sel. Abbott felt that if money was available it should have been done, and should go to the trustees of the water district and see what they can do since the town has caused the flooding. David stated that it is on the agenda to be discussed at the next water district trustees meeting. David asked if ditching would take care of it. Doug stated that there are no easements. Lake Arrowhead residents are using the Webber Road to Deering Ridge Road to Rte 202. Fred Owen asked about traffic counts. Sel. Abbott feels that maybe it is time for the town to have a count on usage of its roads.

Board signed the warrant for payment of bills and payroll.

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