

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
APRIL 5, 1994

Regular meeting of the Waterboro Board of Selectmen.

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

Also present: Selectmen's Assistant Dwayne Morin, Finance Committee members Dale Witman and Art Smith. Parks & Rec. Chm. Bob Gobeil.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

DALE WITMAN: Dale came in to discuss the budgets with the Board. The committee is looking at a \$.99 tax increase. Sel. Abbott does not want to increase the tax rate and keep building up surplus.

DWAYNE MORIN: Dwayne discussed several issues with the Board.

Legal Fees: The Walton case will over run the Legal Account. Need to either hold a Special Town Meeting or wait until Annual Town Meeting. The Board would like to sit down and discuss the \$9,600. bill that Roger is going to be sending. Roger told Dwayne that he will try to reduce it by 25%.

The Nature Conservancy: The Nature Conservancy does not want a written agreement and a five year plan. Sel. Ruth Ham from Shapeigh called and stated that the Shapleigh Board of Selectmen has received a letter telling them that the Town of Waterboro has given them tax exemption. The Nature Conservancy's Attorney's have told them not to sign the agreement with the Town because it would become a contract. Sel. Abbott stated that the Board has not send them anything to let them have tax exemption status. Sel. Abbott asked Dwayne to have Sel. Ruth Ham send a copy of the letter received and the send a letter to The Nature Conservancy telling them not to give false claims. Still an open issue on tax exemption for first purchase. Dwayne told the Board that the Conservancy has requested the subdivision lots be put into open space.

Tires: There seems to be confusion about the tires. The Board agreed as before, tires are allowed free by residents as long as it is not being abused. Garages etc. still need to pay. There has been an situation where as a garage operator in town has brought two loads of tires to the dump and stated that they were from his personal cars. The Board agreed that this individual is a commercial business and needs to pay for the disposal of tires.

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NEW BUSINESS:

JOHN MAGUIRE: John would like to have a fire permit. Chm. Allen at this time told him to have a civil conversation or he will be asked to leave. John stated that he knows the statues and everyone who knows the situation tell him that it is wrong. At this time he slammed books onto the table. Sel. Allen told him to stop. He has talked to Mike Emmons and Kevin Theriault, respects Kevin. Things are going to start, has talked to an attorney. This morning at 8:15 am he talked to Gov. McKernan about the situation. Has talked to the Director of Forestry, the State Police, Sheriffs and all agree he should have a fire permit to burn. Also talked about double indemnity. Before he does anything he wants to be sure everyone knows. Told the Board dying is not hard, living is. He paid his fine and feels he can

have a permit. Chm. Allen asked if he has talked to the District Attorney because it is a civil case. John feels that he can't hold back any longer after what happened last Sunday. A Sheriff asked him off the Fire Dept. property. He feels that this needs to be made public, and asked the Board if he was talking to men or cowards. Sel. Abbott asked John what he wanted the Board to do. John told him that he is speaking to an attorney to file a complaint against the Town of Waterboro, if he can't get a fire permit as of yesterday whereas other people have. Why can't the Board bring Emmons in. Sel. Abbott told him that the Board of Selectmen appoint the Fire Chief after the Fire Chief has been elected by the membership of the Fire Department. They handle the fire permits. John told the Board that he was told the Town is responsible because the Town approves the chief. Sel. Abbott told him that the Board can't argue with the Fire Chief/Fire Warden, the Board don't have the legal right to or not to issue a permit. John feels he is being discriminated against. Sel. Abbott asked if in the past when fires were called in for non-permit burns, have those people been reissued permits. John told him that they have. Feels double indemnity, paid fine and still can't get a permit. When he came to Town he was discriminated against by the builder because he was a green baret. Feels he has been branded. Stated again that he is bringing a class action suit against Waterboro. John is willing to step into the ring with Mike and the winner wins. Board told him that that was no way to settle anything. Selectmen's mtg.
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John wants the Board to tell the Fire Chief that all people are to be treated equal. Sel. Abbott told John that the Board will contact Fire Chief Mike Emmons, to at least get what base he is being denied on and if consistent with other permits in town. John told the Board that if Mike doesn't give a permit because of his military background, they can come and burn it themselves. Has been told that if he builds a 2 inch brick area he can burn in that area. John told the Board that he is on medicine and he is crazy and could snap any time. He can't handle stress. He hasn't slept and is not afraid to kill anyone. Asked the Board if any of them had been P.O.W.'s in Viet Nam. He told the Board that he has flashbacks. Told the Board that the Town could buy him out. Can do this peacefully or he is not afraid to start something. Last Sunday he wanted to kill Mike Emmons. He wanted to stick his finger right through him and he could do it. Asked the Board again if they were men or fags. Repeated three times if Town is going to discriminate could buy him the ____ out. Sel. Abbott at this time told John that he was on the border of being escorted out. John told him if you are going to escort me out I will snap. He yelled that they are the Selectmen and demand to know why he can't get a permit, (while speaking, he was slamming a chair down). Again repeated if the Board are men or fags.

PHILIP ATKINSON: Phil was in to discuss extending the contract between the Town of Hollis and Waterboro. There are minor changes to add to the contract. Board was in agreement that it will be included in the June Town Warrant.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION: Bob Gobeil, Moe Auger, Andrea Lefevbre presented the Board with a copy of the questionnaire sent out through the Elementary School children. Sent out 600 and received 113, all favorable. Some responded that the times are hard 8-2. Both Buxton and Hollis start there's early and have the program start from 9-5. Moe reported that Buxton charges an additional \$50.00 a week for leaving the children early. Moe has already asked to use the Elementary School, the principal is very much in agreement with the program. Sel. Abbott asked what amount the committee is asking for this program. Moe told him that the committee is requesting \$6,000. The request covers salaries.

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Will take a couple of years to get a base together. Looking at needs of people not just ones who can afford day care. Whatever revenues are getting back will be turned back into the program. Feel's the town portion will get smaller each year. Need the right people to get a right program started. Sel. Abbott asked if they have been before the Finance Committee and what they recommend. Dale told them that the reaction of the Finance Committee was quite positive, his personal opinion is society has obligation to educate but not entertain children. Members refer to it as subsidized baby-sitting, Dale feels it is subsidized summer camp. Feels okay for the Town to appropriate for a couple of years but should be self sufficient. The Finance Committee is recommend \$4,000. Chm. Allen asked if the program could be run for \$4,000. Moe doesn't feel that it should. Chm. Allen asked what does Parks & Rec. want the Board to do. Moe told them that they are asking for support so can start hiring help. Sel. Abbott told him that it might be premature, minimum figure for Town Meeting is \$4,000. could start programming. Dwayne also reminded them that what is raised at June's Town Meeting can't be used after July 1st. Dwayne also asked if the amount for the salary is for Workman's Comp/Social Security/Medicare etc., if not would have to increase the amount by 20%. Sel. Monteith told them that he feels the program is overdue and Sel. Abbott agrees. Also discussed park attendant. Bob Gobeil told the Board that they plan to cover more this year due to problems last year. Planning on an attendant 7 days a week. The Board felt last year went well with coverage that was provided. Didn't feel the need to have extensive coverage, after 2 PM not really needed. All was in agreement to have coverage for Friday, Saturday and Sunday and early mornings. Sel. Abbott feels if it is not being utilized by Townspeople, then let others use it. Moe asked about spot checking. Chm. Allen feels spot checking would work okay on non-attendant hours.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES: Martha LaRiviere, Debby Downs and Betty Champion represented the trustees. They have concerns over some of the comments that was included in the Finance Committee minutes and asked who is responsible for managing the library. One concern was the comment about unapproved raise for the library staff.

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Sel. Abbott told them that some had concern when employees of the Town didn't get increase when the library staff did. Martha question when is a good time for separating to a Town library. Chm. Allen also discussed with them on shifting funds, could give a wrong impression that there is a problem with managing money. Martha asked if they can ask for one lump sum and work within that amount and not have to break each account out. Debby told the Board that she is going to send a letter to the Finance Committee explaining things. Also asked for a copy of the Town's Personnel Policy. Debby asked if the Board has had any problems with the way the managing of the library has been. Also asked if the library staff are town employees. Dwayne told them that as long as the Town was running their payroll through their books, then they are considered Town employees. Chm. Allen asked what if the town employees get a 4% raise and the library staff receives a bigger raise, could cause some discontent. Debby told the Board that they are giving 5% raises this year. The staff only works 20-21 hours a

week. No benefits. Asked what benefits the Town personnel receive. Sel. Abbott told them that an employee has to work 30 hours a week to get vacation and sick days. Martha told the Board that the library staff do not get sick days or vacation. Sometime in the future looking at possibly full time staff. Debby told the Board that they feel the Finance Committee wants them to operate on the same amount each year with no increase. Betty asked if electric, telephone & heat could come out of one account. Chm. Allen told her that he would dislike seeing accountability of each account. Debby told the Board that they are looking at obtaining a photocopier. The Board told them that they could have the one upstairs, it was offered before. Sel. Monteith told them that when it was offered it was with the stipulation that the Fire Dept. could use it. Dwayne told Sel. Monteith that the Fire Dept. uses the one in the copier room. Debby has concerns over the cost of the maintenance contract. Dwayne told her to contact Affordable Copy Service in Limerick, they have several plans available.

DOUG YOHMAN: Doug was in to discuss Recycling Committee. He can't find anyone to work on the committee with him and feels like a lone wolf. Asked if the silver bullet has been installed in Lake Arrowhead.

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Chm. Allen told him that the roads are posted now and questions if RWS can go on private roads without written permission from Lake Arrowhead. Chm. Allen also feels that the rate at the transfer station for recycling will reduce when the silver bullet is installed in Lake Arrowhead. Dwayne has checked into white bond paper recycling. Chm. Allen feels could go town wide and buy own box for recycling paper. Sel. Abbott asked why SAD haven't started recycling paper. Doug feels the high school with Ann Cutten and the recycling members at school are in limbo without no way to store the paper. The bus that they were using was vandalized. Doug told the Board that he is willing to transport the paper from the elementary school to the high school himself. Sel. Monteith feels the school is the place to start with the kids recycling. Doug told the Board that he is taking the Master Composting course offered through the Extension Office. Doug told the Board that he was thinking about offering a couple of composting bins to give to the townspeople to use to compost. Chm. Allen told him to contact Eric Root at RWS he is able to obtain composting bins at a reasonable price. Doug asked about the recycling plastic. Chm. Allen told him that it has cost RWS an additional \$185. a ton to dispose it of.

SIGNED:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The motion for adjournment was made at 10:05 p.m.

Approved: _____
