

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 19, 1994**

Regular meeting of the Waterboro Board of Selectmen.

PRESENT: Dennis G. Abbott and John C. Monteith. Frank R. Allen, Jr. arrived late.  
Also present: Selectmen's Assistant Dwayne Morin.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

DOUG FOGLIO: Doug was in to discuss the composting area. Something needs to be done because it has overflowed. Also informed the Board that the ash is ready to be tested. Road Commissioner Glenn Bean has contacted Frances Swett concerning changing the way Roberts Ridge Road comes out onto Town House Road. Road Review Committee suggests having it come out straight. Frances was in agreement to have the road changed. The Board also agreed to change the road to come out straight. Mr. Edelstein, lives on the Benson farm, has given permission for culverts to be installed on his property for drainage of the Roberts Ridge Road.

Dwayne Morin reported to the Board that The Nature Conservancy would like a five year plan and not a ten year plan for payment of fees in lieu of taxes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Board at this time adjourned to the Town Hall to conduct Council Meeting.

PRESENT: Clint Woodsome, Jon Gale, Willis Lord, Bob Gobeil, Betty Champion, Debby Downs, Ginny Pare', Elais Smith, Glenn Bean, Sr., Barbara Krukowski, Mike McAlevey, Millard Genthner, Chauncey Gerry, Roland Denby, Gus Cook, Ray Janson, Fred Fay, Doug Foglio, Charlie Drapeau, Pam Robinson, Pam L'Heureux, Dale Witman, Bob Fay, Art Smith, Sheryl Smith, Dwayne Morin, John Monteith, Dennis Abbott, Bertha McAloon, Fred Owen, Judy Carll, Martha LaRiviere, Frank R. Allen, Jr., Gerry Pare'.

Sel. Abbott opened up the meeting to explain that the Finance Committee would be presenting their recommendations on the warrant at this meeting. Millard Genthner reported that SAD haven's received final figures from Augusta, in process of working on the budget. Sel. Monteith cautioned that the final decision is on the town meeting floor not the Finance Committee recommendations. Sel. Abbott explained legal account over run is due to the Walton case. Sel. Abbott explained that haven't microfilmed records for 10-12 years. Chm. Allen arrived at 7:25 p.m. Sel. Abbott explained the assessing account. The reval was turned down at last year's town meeting. Have asked Assessing Services to spread over 4-5 years and would be in the office three days a week. Would look at 25% of the town each year and when done all properties will have been looked at. Bob Fay asked what percentage of towns are now in compliance.

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Willis Lord feels if reval goes up the state valuation will go up. Sel. Abbott pointed out that the state valuation is going up each year anyway. Willis asked how many building permits have been issued. Dwayne Morin reported about 12-15 permits. Willis then asked if only that many permits have been issued is there a need for a Deputy Code Enforcement Officer. Dwayne feels that there is, and the deputy only works on an as needed basis. Discussed Webber Road, Road Review Committee requested \$50,000. and the Finance Committee recommends \$10,000. Dale Witman explained that the Road Review Committee is still in the process of obtaining easements etc. and felt didn't need the full amount now. Road Review Committee Chm. Doug Foglio stated that he has spoke to the owner of the property in question on granting right of ways to the town. There is a mutual agreement as of now, if everything falls into place by town meeting, may change the request at town meeting. Doug also explained that the road projects could be called maintenance. Due to no money being raised for road projects, the Road Review Committee has decided to go with maintenance. Need to save what roads the town has. Debby Downs asked when the conclusions are done on the roads, can other ways be figured out to control the traffic. Doug feels that there is a need for a road striping project, no town roads are stripped. Also need a sweeping program for town roads. Clint Woodsome asked what percentage of usage of Webber Road versus Hamilton Road. Doug explained that they Town has obtained a traffic counter and installed it on the New Dam Road on Thurs. then will move it to the Chadbourne Ridge Road and then to the Webber Road. It will be on the roads for about a week at a time. This will show where the flow of traffic is in Town and this will be a very valuable asset to the Town. bob Gobeil asked where the road projects state in the recommendations to be spent under the direction of the Selectmen, asked if doing away with the Road Comm. Dale would like to say publicly that the Road Commissioner is part of the Road Review Committee and assumes the commissioner would be advising the Road Rev.Comm.and the Selectmen. Sel. Abbott explained the salt and sand shed request, the state will eventually force the towns that the sand piles will need to be covered and this request would be used for seen money for such a project. Also the request on the municipal building would be to build a foyer over the ramp and paint the building. Parks & Rec. was asked why the increase and Bob Gobeil explained that it was due to increase in maintenance. Sel. Abbott asked it they could do it at the Finance Committee recommendation of \$27,500. Bob stated that they will do what they can until the money runs out. Explained the summer program. Chm. Allen explained the increase in the transfer station. The Fire Dept. requested \$99,500. and the Finance Committee recommends \$91,776. The dept. has not been told where the \$8,000. cut is from. Received a note from the committee wand was told to look in the Finance Committee minutes. The clerk request is for a 11% pay raise and the committee felt where other employees are requesting 4% that the clerk should also get 4%. The big item this year is new pagers, going to a different frequency and within two years the present pagers will not be usable.

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Jon Gale spoke and feels that the dept. needs a sufficient reason why cuts were made, need good information. The committee asked on 2/22/94 from the dept. a detail 5 year plan with inventory, a one page of 1/4 million dollars was submitted and have not yet received a detail plan. Sel. Abbott suggests that the Finance Committee and the Fire Dept. sit down and discuss the recommendations together. Also under the new contract with the dept. a list of inventory will be made part of the contract and will become public information. Almost 10% of the request is reduced with no answers. Art Smith stated that in the Finance Committee minutes of March 14th there is a breakdown. Discussed remodeling.

Dale explained the building does not meet zoning, will the remodeling make it ADA, after all the information is put together, could come back to the Board of Selectmen and the Town back them in to going with a commercial lender. Jerry stated that the information is 99% satisfied and can it be voted on at town meeting. Doug stated that the committee voted, even though it is not in the recommendation, that the town co-sign and the town be leasee if the dept. goes defunct, the town will have a interest into the building. Roland Denby told the fire dept. that the dry hydrant that is in his property needs to be fixed, a deer has drowned and the slopes are eroding and the fence is down. Mike Emmons told Roland that the dept. would be responsible if anyone was hurt, not sure if that is correct, but if the repairs are not done soon, then the hydrant will have to be moved. Sel. Abbott suggests that the hydrant have the repairs done quickly. Mike McAlevey asked about the ambulance billing and Ginny told him that they have started billing Medicare and Medicaid. The Conservation Comm. requested \$5,209. Requesting the increase due to work going towards the property donated by Evelyn Thompson.

Sel. Abbott announced that there will be a candidates night in May prior to town meeting.

Selectmen at this time went back into regular session in their office.

DALE WITMAN: Chm. Allen asked Dale in to discuss a bill received from Mainely Business. Dale stated that the committee had only one copy of the warrant with the hand written recommendations. In an attempt to have a worksheet done for the committee's meeting on Monday, he had Mainely Business do it. Chm. Allen told him that he did it without a purchase order and the Finance Committee does not have a budget. Dale stated that he couldn't get a purchase order because the office was closed on Monday due to it being a holiday. Sel. Abbott told him that the committee has had plenty of time to get the recommendations to the Selectmen's Secretary to be included onto the warrant. Have been after the committee for several days to get the recommendations. Dale stated that he couldn't pass in his hen scratching. Dwayne asked Dale if he submitted to Mainely Business the same warrant with his writing and if he did why couldn't he give it to the town office to do. Dale told him that he did. Dale stated that he couldn't get it done due to it being a holiday. Sel. Abbott told him that this is a completely misuse of town funds, could have been done by the office staff.

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If the committee needed it on Monday it would have been done. Dwayne has already told him that it had to be done by Friday. Dale told the Board that he paid the bill out of his pocket and would like to be reimbursed. Sel. Abbott told him that the committee is appointed and accountable to the Board of Selectmen and will vote not to reimburse him for the bill it has always been done out of the Selectmen's Office and will continue to be done out of the Selectmen's Office. Dwayne told him that he couldn't understand why he couldn't get it done from Tues-Fri. Dale told him that he has been working long hours. The Board voted and was in agreement not to reimburse Dale Witman for the bill submitted from Mainely Business in the amount of \$74.05.

**SIGNED:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The motion for adjournment was made at 10:00 p.m.

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