

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 1995

PRESENT: Chm. Dennis Abbott, John C. Monteith, Robert C. Fay, Dwayne Morin, Pam Witman, Dale Witman, Kevin Theriault, Bob Gobeil, Art Smith, Tom Cole, Millard Genthner, Mike McAlevey, Willis Lord, Fred Owen, Fred Fay, Judy Fay, Roland Denby, Don Holden, John Murray, Gus Cook, Doug Foglio, Sheryl Smith, Dwayne Woodsome, Dianne Holden.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT: Chm. Abbott reported that DEP has requested monitoring wells be installed around the old lagoons. The Board has denied them permission. The EPA has recently removed the lagoons for their list. DEP will be coming in to discuss this with the Board. Sel. Fay introduced Tom Cole. Sel. Fay asked him in to discuss the legislation for Lake Arrowhead. Sel. Fay stated that he has a problem with going to the legislature without being addressed to Waterboro townspeople. Lake Arrowhead is a part of Waterboro and if they are requesting municipal status, the townspeople have a right to know. Asked Tom about the financial situation. Tom stated that Lake Arrowhead has sound financial conditions, do see a problem in the future on collecting dues. Have had nine drafts of the legislation done. This legislation would give them some rights as a municipality. Tom stated that he was not in favor of the original draft but he is in favor of it now. They have held a meeting with the member ship. Sen. Willis Lord stated that if they can get municipal status, they would be able to get grant money and be able to borrow money. They need to put water in on the Limerick side, and they plan to put a pipe in under the Ossipee River over to the Limerick side. Sel. Fay stated that it is not just Lake Arrowhead, it is a part of Waterboro. Tom stated that there is a limit allowed to borrow. Rep. Mike McAlevey stated that the bill is being revised and he felt obligated to put the bill in. As soon as it is ready he will send copies out and will notify people when the public hearing will be. Sel. Fay feels if the legislation is for municipal status within Waterboro, then it should be addressed to the townspeople. Rep. McAlevey stated Limerick also. Sen. Willis Lord would like to know what the townspeople for it. Had a meeting with the trustees and told them that they wouldn't support it without going through the membership. Tom stated that the people are involves and approved it. Doug Foglio stated that he has read the legislation and feels it has allot of flaws. Nothing in it states that the fee will be set by the owners and not the trustees. Chm. Abbott informed everyone that once the legislation is received, the Board of Selectmen will hold a public meeting. Rep. McAlevey feels the legislation should be ready in a couple of weeks.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER: Dianne Holden reported that nomination papers will be available March 20th. On Feb. 2nd Margaret & Dianne attended an Optec users meeting. On Feb. 13th Dusty Gerry, Dianne & Margaret attended a voter registration workshop which will take a five year plan to implement. Bertha attended an MMA workshop on Feb. 16th. Have sent out 365 certified mailings of foreclosures. Also the moose permits are in.

ROAD COMMISSIONER: Glenn Bean, Sr. reported that he has nothing to report.

ROAD REVIEW COMMITTEE: Doug Foglio reported that they have submitted their budget to the Finance Committee and will meeting with the Finance Committee later this evening. Doug reported on RTAC committee. Five million dollars will be spend in the next five years to build bikeways and walkways with federal money. Members of the committee are from along the coast, the Route 1 corridor. Money for inland projects will be scarce. Doug also reported how bad a shape the bridge is on the West Road and it has been taken off the repair list. Town is reaching a crossroads where roads cannot be patched anymore and need considerable reconstruction. Doug would like to see at least the roads sealed. Rep. Lord feels sealing doesn't do any good.

SAD 57 DIRECTORS: Millard Genthner reported that they have ratified the teachers contract. The raises will be 2% the first year, 2.4% the second year and 2.8% the third year, plus step increases. The insurance costs increase will be split this year, the second year the teachers take the increase and the third year it will be split. The step increases is for two years, index increased 8 1/2%, brought down the budget to 4.25%. Also agreed to retirement. 22+ steps receive \$10,000. incentive for retirement, this is a one year deal. Sel. Fay asked is steps are a mandated law or local option. Sen. Lord feels doing it on their own. Rep. McAlevey thought is was legislative set. They set the standard and then the school system plugged in their own numbers. Judy Fay asked who sets tenure. Rep. McAlevey replied the state does.

FIRE DEPT: Kevin Theriault reported that they are working on the insurance report. South Waterboro is rated at 5 and the rest of the town at 9. Have been told the dept. does not have adequate equipment and have been working to lower rates. Will be asking the inspector to come around again. Also would like to know what the adequate equipment is. Working on the Fire Dept. building committee.

PLANNING BOARD: Roland Denby reported that it has slowed down. Only one appointment at their next meeting. Will be working on zoning and have been alerted to 911 in naming the roads. Dwayne Woodsome reported that only have had a couple of camps being lifted and adding a foundation.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Dale Witman reported that they have been meeting regularly, some big ticketed items. In the middle of interviews on the budgets. Chm. Abbott passed out cash flow control charts. Judy Fay asked if the fiscal year is changed to a calendar year, could the town still do two tax bills. Dwayne Morin stated that legislation would be needed to change, state law is April 1st. Sen. Lord asked about sending an estimated tax bill. Sen. Lord also asked when the deadline for submitting an article for the warrant is. Chm Abbott told him 60 days prior to town meeting, if after would take a majority vote to be heard.

Rep. McAlevey asked if town meeting could take place other than June. Chm. Abbott told him it can be held anytime. Judy Fay stated that the town report is 1 1/2 years old, and asked if the Selectmen would be willing to hold the meeting another time. Chm. Abbott stated that at town meeting, account balances of that week are available. Judy stated that barely enough people to hold last year's town meeting in June. Chm. Abbott stated that some would say need to go south in March and can't attend town meeting. Sel. Fay stated that when he was campaigning for Selectmen, townspeople had a problem with the June meeting. Will be an article to discuss at town meeting to change to petition. Rep. Lord asked when will it be known if petition is needed. Dianne Holden stated that financially couldn't afford to change fiscal year, feels that the town report should be out in the fall and town meeting can be held anytime during the year. Judy stated that she has heard from young people that they are too tied up to come in June, they have little league, gardening etc. feels would have more people in March. Sel. Monteith stated that 60% of the turnout is for special interest groups and the rest are there for the day.. Sen. Lord stated that there will be a referendum question to go back to March. Doug said that he has his accountant come in to do his books every three months and asked why can't the town do that instead of once a year, this would give accurate figures at town meeting. Chm. Abbott asked why would the town do that when the financial reports that are given each week are 1/2% to 1% correct. Doug would like to know why the town can't be run like a business. Chm. Abbott stated that it is being run like a business.

SELECTMEN'S ASSISTANT/TOWN PLANNER: Dwayne Morin reported that he has been working on the budget and to enact 911 ordinance. Also attended an meeting in Augusta on the release of the Rosser report.

PARKS & RECREATION: Bob Gobeil reported that the skating rink is ready. In process of hiring summer help and working on the summer program. Looking for a director. Will be starting a basketball and skateboard area at Friendship Park.

SOLID WASTE: Sen. Lord stated that if waste management is gone, why shouldn't disposal fees be gone also. Gov. King would like to still keep the fees. Discussed RWS. Chm. Abbott suggests having Chuck Forshay, Eric Root, Frank Allen, Sen. Lord & Rep. McAlevey in to discuss RWS.

FIRE DEPT. BUILDING COMM: Dwayne Morin reported have had four meetings. The consensus of the committee is to go to a central station and are looking into it.

SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMM: Sen. Lord reported on the bills submitted. Chm. Abbott stated that it is covered under zoning and do not need Saco River Corr. Comm.

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OSSIPEE LAKE ASSOC: Donald Holden reported that this is the holiest time of the year on the lake. Have had new signs made and hopefully this will improve the safety on the lake. Will be making a pressure treated frame for the signs. Chm. Abbott asked what impact ice fishing has on the lake. Don stated that it is a tough thing to monitor. Kevin asked if someone has contacted the stated about cleaning up the ice house that someone set afire. Don wants to continue safety on the lake and one proposal is a neighborhood watch program with video cameras and another is a harbor master. Rep. McAlevey told Don that as long as someone has had the 100 hour course, they can do fish & game laws. Possible could hire a police officer for a couple of days a week.

LIBRARY: John Murray reported trying to develop a five year plan. Will be holding public meetings in the next couple of months for input.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Sen. Lord reported on Car Test. Four counties have been dropped from it. Haven't yet proven pollution is in York County. There were no reports handed in until recently, should have been 4-5 a week. Will not be going back on line March 1. Car Test would like to suspend until July 1 and be paid \$195,000. up front and then \$154,000. a month. To shut it down they will need to be paid 8 million dollars.

Rep. McAlevey reported on the status of the vocational school. Movement is to relocate. Rep. Tuttle has had a report done, paid for by him. Trying to get it at the old Nason campus. A meeting will be held on Thursday on this proposal.

Sen. Lord reported that the geographic populous center in York County is where Route 35 crosses Route 111.

ADJOURNMENT: