

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 4, 1995

Regular meeting of the Waterboro Board of Selectmen.

PRESENT: John C. Monteith and Robert C. Fay.

Also present: Selectmen's Assistant Dwayne Morin, Parks & Rec. Chm. Bob Gobeil, Finance Committee member Art Smith and Road Commissioner Glenn Bean, Sr.

NEW BUSINESS:

UNITED VIDEO: General Manager Brian Gasser from United Video was present, also present was Waterboro's Cable TV Rep. Richard Bateman, and SAD #57 Superintendent Fred Bechard. Sel. Monteith opened up the meeting by allowing Supt. Bechard and Mr. Gasser discuss cable at the school. Supt. Bechard asked if the contract is up or in negotiations. Mr. Gasser told Supt. Bechard that there is a three year window to negotiate a new contract with the town. United Video has cable in 87 towns in Maine. Sel. Fay told Mr. Gasser that United hasn't extended in this town and can't blame people for finding other means. Mr. Gasser informed the Board that there is a potential buyer for United Video but he can't release the buyer's name until the contract is signed. There will be one buyer for Maine and possibly 3 or more companies purchasing cable in the other six states. Reported that Time Warner is not the buyer. The company interested has never been in cable but is a national broadcasting company. Supt. Bechard discussed further having cable for Junior High and High School. Mr. Gasser told Supt. Bechard that United does provide technical support for schools and towns and in the past provided equipment. Supt. Bechard told Mr. Gasser that the school would be interested in outdated equipment that they may have. Mr. Gasser asked what Supt. Bechard is looking for and Supt. Bechard told him that he is looking at setting up a broadcasting class. Mr. Gasser also informed Supt. Bechard that many towns have sponsorships with proceeds going to the school broadcasting. Supt. Bechard feels that once the program is set up, usually they are self sufficient. Also feels that there is a tremendous market and a fair number of students interested. Mr. Gasser stated that you really need the interest from the students. Mr. Gasser will get Supt. Bechard information on the other towns having schools with school broadcasting. Supt. Bechard asked how realistic to think this cable company in months or so may still own the company or will a new company buy it. Mr. Gasser feels that within 4-6 weeks the contract should be signed and at that point the name of the buyer will be announced. Mr. Bateman reported that the contract expires in February 1997. Sel. Fay suggests Dwayne, Mr. Bechard and Mr. Bateman be involved in the contract negotiating. Mr. Bateman asked if United is a rural company and Mr. Gasser told him yes. Dwayne asked how many other contracts are up after contract with new company is signed. Mr. Gasser told him about a dozen. Mr. Gasser feels that it is very important to have the new company involved in the new contracts. Discussed extension, haven't been any in a long time. Mr. Bateman has had a lot of requests for extensions and have not taken place and his correspondence has not been answered from United.

Mr. Gasser told the Board that he has only been there for one month and was very surprised and could not understand why letters were not answered. Also with the new fiber optics, can't see why there would be a problem for extensions. Mr. Bateman and Dwayne agree that it has been a problem getting an answer from United. Mr. Bateman asked if the new company will go with satellite dishes. Mr. Gasser did not know. Dwayne requested that the library be hooked up to cable. Mr. Gasser will check into it.

DAVID JONES: Mr. Jones was in representing Federal National Mortgage Assoc. on a zoning violation on Map 43 Lot 827. The Board at this time asked CEO Tim Nelson to join the meeting. Mr. Jones presented the Board with a copy of a survey taken of the property. The survey shows that there is a 11 foot sideline setback violation. The original builder, Peter Harriman, had gone through the Planning Board for approval and still did not comply. Sel. Fay asked Tim what his recommendation was. Tim presented the Board with a written recommendation as follows:

Since this lot received Planning Board review and Mr. Harriman did not request relief from required setbacks, all setbacks should have been met. The contractor is familiar with the Town of Waterboro's Zoning regulations and has constructed several homes in Lake Arrowhead. Recommendation would be a minimum of \$1,500. and the contractor who is responsible will provide a survey for any future construction projects within the Town of Waterboro. Mr. Jones told the Board that the FNMA is selling the house and would like to get the matter settled. At the time FNMA took over the house, a class D survey was done and showed that the dwelling conformed to zoning, but the survey didn't identify the distances. The surveyor either didn't know zoning regulations or didn't bother to look it up. Can't sell until violation is cured. Sel. Fay made the motion to issue a consent decree as per CEO Tim Nelsons recommendation with a fine of \$1,500. Dwayne informed Mr. Jones that it is a policy that after a builder has had three zoning violations a boundary survey will be required before a building permit is issued. Mr. Jones will contact FNMA to discuss the consent decree and fine.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

DWAYNE MORIN: Dwayne discussed the following with the Board.

1. The Town recently received a back bill due from York County for communication services for the fire dept. Dwayne has sent them a letter to let them know that the fire dept. is responsible not the town, the contract is with the fire dept.
2. Dwayne had the Board sign the discontinuance notice to the abutters for discontinuing Old Route 202.
3. Dwayne attended a meeting at Saco River Tel & Tel on starting a bulletin board over computers. Buxton, Hollis and Waterboro will be involved.

4. Board has received a request from the Boy Scouts to sell candy at town meeting. Board voted to allowed the Boy Scouts to sell candy at town meeting as long as they have adult supervision.
5. Board reviewed the town report printing bids. The Board awarded the bid to Print Connection at a bid price of \$5,100. The other bids were: Diamond Press, \$7,655. Edison Press: \$10,181. and Lincoln Press: \$8,725. There will be a penalty clause if the town report is not delivered on time.
6. Reviewed the new zoning district changes.
7. Discussed The Nature Conservancy plans to burn. Art reported that they have permission from the state to do a controlled burn. Dwayne told Art that they need to go before the Planning Board. Sel. Fay can't understand why the Planning Board needs to give a conditional use permit, who on the Board has the expertise on fire burning, Dwayne told the Board that they would hire an expert. Dwayne told the Board that the reason for having to go before the Planning Board for incendiary burning is when the zoning was written it was included due to the 1947 fire.
8. Board agreed to have an article on the warrant for dissolving the Hazardous Waste Commission and put it under the control of the Code Enforcement Office along with the Hazardous Waste Ordinance.
9. Hamilton Road. The Board requested Dwayne to contact the Road Commissioner, Glenn Bean, Sr., for plans for the Hamilton Road.
10. Board agreed to have an ad for residents to get compost at the transfer station.

SIGNED:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The motion for adjournment was made at 9:00 p.m.

approved:


