

Town of Waterboro  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Tuesday, September 24, 1996

Attending: Dennis Abbott, Chair; Dale Witman, Bob Fay, Pat Sicard.

Guests: Kevin Theriault, Tom Jones, Jason L'Heureux, Waterboro Fire Department; Joel Davis, Maine Department of Forestry; Wayne Paradis and Camille Parish, Department of Environmental Protection.

6:45 p.m. The Selectmen met in Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter.  
End of Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

7:05 p.m. Joel Davis and Kevin Theriault met with the Selectmen to discuss returning the Fire Tower monitoring to the Town of Waterboro, and to clear up any misconceptions about ownership. Joel stated that the state owned the tower, paid all costs of repair, equipment and insurance, and was not intending to sell it. It was agreed that the paperwork to switch monitoring responsibility from Hollis to Waterboro would be done annually, beginning in April 1, 1997. The Fire Department has agreed to oversee the monitoring by volunteers.

Selectman Fay suggested that the volunteers receive some stipend for service, and Joel stated that the state has a problem with people getting paid in towers, but the Town could do a stipend". Other issues discussed: Other tower locations in Southern Maine, satisfactory coverage, and the repairs needed for the road to the tower. Contacting Saco River Telephone, owner of the road, to help with repair was discussed.

Tom Jones reported that the proceeds from the sale of the old equipment could be used toward the purchase of needed radios. Pat Sicard agreed to research the Town Meeting minutes and determine if the funds were designated or were to be used for general equipment. Selectman Fay requested press coverage of the new ambulance, and Pat Sicard will pursue pictures and a story in local media. Pat will get back to Tom with all information.

7:30 p.m. Wayne Paradis and geologist Camille Parish from DEP gave an informational presentation about the Waterboro Patent Waste Lagoons, site maps, test pit data (DEP and Sebago Technics) a workplan outline and several courses of action to consider.

Wayne Paradis went back to the 1985 data gathered, and identified and focused on areas showing high concentrations of lead, chromium, barium. Selectman Fay asked who would pay to clean up the lagoons, since the State had licensed them years ago and should take care of the clean-up.

Options discussed: Soil removal of both lagoons would be about 1,000 cu. Yards -which would remove the problems and probably give unrestricted access to the property. Install wells with a "common borrow cap" -external fill brought in. This would give limited access to the property and prohibit housing or wells on the property. Install low permeability caps with long term biannual monitoring.

Selectmen Abbott presented information that Waterboro recognized the problem long ago and looked to DEP for assistance. However, there have been delays in action, poor communications, and then "someone new at DEP decides to look at the lagoons again". He further stated that the years of neglecting the issue by DEP may be due to expectations surrounding EPA involvement. Historically the DEP worked with the patent leather company in forming the lagoons, and in the future there will be discussion about responsibility. For now, since the Town owns 100 acres adjacent to the site any contamination is a moot point since no other owners are affected.

DEP contracted responsibility for water to other areas of contamination in Waterboro. Selectman Fay asked why DEP is looking into this matter now, since other areas in the state and in Waterboro are worse. Wayne Paradis stated this is not a designation site, but one of 12 he is working on, and one of 94 state-wide that have been chosen.

Selectman Fay stated that Waterboro has been a leader in dealing with pollution, and would be the first to identify problems. The question was asked, "Why not test the area around Southern Maine Finishing ? Selectman Witman stated that we have two other sites nearer residential areas that the DEP should address first.

Selectman Abbott stated that we expect to receive complete and timely data if testing begins, and requested a time frame of action so that we are not facing the same problem with new project managers ten years from now. Selectman Abbott further stated that the Town would expect that the water and soil samples would be split so that the Town could do its own testing. Mr. Paradis agreed to this. Selectman Fay stated the Town should move the soil and be done with it. It was agreed by all that the situation should be addressed as soon as possible and a request was made for a report on both other sites.

Time frame outlined by Wayne Paradis: Wells would not go in until Spring, due to length of DEP contract process and frozen ground. The DEP will return to the Selectmen with a complete revised work plan:

1. Briefing of the Selectmen on October 22, 1996 at 7:30 p.m.
2. A public hearing will be scheduled and the time will be set at the October 22nd Selectmen's Meeting.

9:00 The Selectmen signed the warrant and discussed several items for the Special Town Meeting: Sharon Abbott presented the draft of a new building permit, which incorporates all needed information, including the disclaimer language. Selectmen approved the use of the form compiled by CEO Ralph Stanley. Selectmen asked if Diane had begun the water billing yet, or was Sharon still doing this. The code Enforcement

office will need to request additional funds at the Special Town Meeting. Sharon stated that some of her salary was supposed to, but has not been, billed to the Planning Department. Pat to follow-up with Diane. Some items to appear on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting on October 29, 1996: Staggered terms of Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk; winter maintenance on East Shore Road; appropriate money from the sale of the fire equipment; E911 Street re-naming; department requests for operating funds from surplus. Pat will look at financials to determine if any departments will need extra funds over the next 9 months.

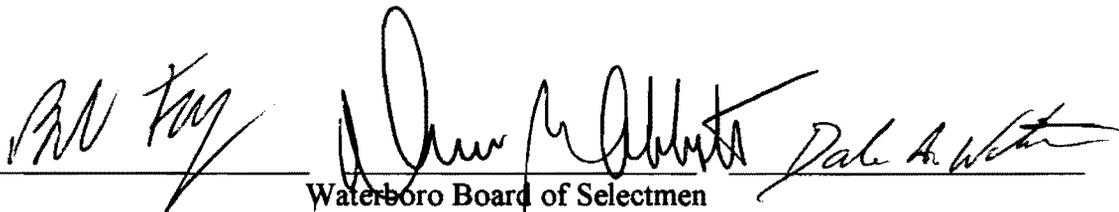
Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia B. Sicard  
Assistant to the Selectmen

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