

**SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 17, 1996  
COUNCIL MEETING**

Attending: Bob Fay, Chairman, Dennis Abbott, Dale Witman, Pat Sicard and 50+ citizens of Waterboro.

Bob Fay introduces all of the above people.

**HONORS**

The meeting begins with Dale introducing and honoring Bob Gobeil for his long years of service and hard work. He has been instrumental in the Park's and Rec. Committee since 1983 and Old Home Days Committee. Bob Gobeil thanks the selectmen, his wife and the girls in the Town Hall office.

Dale introduces the second honoree, Arthur Smith, as a quiet reserved but very instrumental volunteer in this Town. Most noted for his work on the Finance Committee and the development of the Water District.

Bob Fay introduces Betty Champion, who has worked at East Waterboro post office for 28 years, is a member of the Lionesses in Waterboro and for her work getting the Library started in Waterboro, and Thanks her for her years of service.

Bob then introduces Roland Denby, who has served on the Planning Board for 16 years. Roland Thanks everyone for their interest in the Town over the years.

Bob introduces Pam L'Heureux who serves on many committees for countless hours. Bob Bohlmann from FEMA speaks at this time. He says that Pam is one of the most active EMA directors in the county. She is always out there for us. We should be proud of her, as he is.

Bob introduces Helen Carpenter, a retired teacher from Waterboro. Bob tells a story of when he was in school. One year he was out of school for the year with rheumatic fever, Helen stopped by about every other day to tutor Bob so he didn't have to stay back.

Bob then introduces Bernice Fields, who taught school in Waterboro for 34 years. She also had Bob as a student, and says it was a pleasure.

Dennis Abbott introduces Betty Mitchell, who taught for 42 years. She started teaching in the one room school house and retired in 1984 from Massabesic High School.

**SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

Dennis Abbott gives a financial report. We closed the audit since last month with Robert Hunt Associates. The Town is in sound financial state. The town will be working on reducing unappropriated surplus. The Finance Committee and the Selectmen are

putting budgets together. The town runs on 4.5 million a year with a little over \$2 million going to our school budget. The town doesn't run on a deficit.

Dale Witman reports that the selectmen voted to change the yield sign at the end of New Dam Road going onto Chadbourne Ridge road to a Stop sign, due to numerous complaints and various near misses. The Selectmen also voted to change the handling of resources at the landfill area. The town will no longer authorize the sale of crushed stone. We are reserving it for exclusive use of town projects.

There has been a second oil spill at the William Swett site in South Waterboro, of 20 gallons. The owner has been visited by our Code Enforcement Officer, DEP, EPA and the Fire Marshall and he is currently waiting for bank funding to upgrade and modernize that facility.

There have been a rash of burglaries in town, one of them being the Salt Shed where 2 chain saws were stolen. The selectmen request that everyone act as a neighbors keeper and report anything suspicious.

The town received \$22,000.00 from the Government for damages due to flooding in the last bad storm.

#### **SELECTMEN'S ASSISTANT/TOWN PLANNER REPORT**

Pat Sicard thanks Fred Fay for repair work done after the storm that washed out some roads in Waterboro. The damage that was done was corrected very quickly. FEMA was impressed with our public works department.

The town is working on an internship program with Massabesic High School in conjunction with the Park's and Rec department. There are a number of projects set up.

The Recycling Committee "lives". We now have two members, one of which will be writing a column for Our Towne. Recycling is a way to save tax dollars.

Dale Witman says that only 3 or 4 % of our waste is recycled. He welcomes anyone interested in recycling to join the committee.

Dave Dittmer enters discussion, saying that Park's and Rec. will be doing a program after Christmas. They will be accepting old christmas trees at the Lion's field to use as fire wood for the skating rink.

Bob Fay adds that there is a town compost pile at the dump and everyone is welcome to help themselves, it is free.

Bob informs everyone that two people have put in papers to run for Selectmen, Brenda Charland and Tim Nelson.

#### **CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER/CODE ENFORCEMENT/PARKS REC.**

A written report from all these departments was passed out to everyone, and is enclosed.

#### **PLANNING BOARD**

Roland Denby reports the board is working on reviewing subdivision zoning, particularly home occupations. They are soliciting documents from other towns to compare with and would like to have something put together to bring to Town meeting,

changes in home occupations. There will be public forum information meetings every month open to the public to discuss zoning problems or thoughts.

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Pat Sicard reports for this board. The ZBA had a training given by Chris Vaniotis, the Town's Attorney and Southern Maine Regional Planning to identify areas that are going to be worked on. One thing that they would like to work on, is reconstructing the instructions for the appeals application.

### **ROAD REVIEW**

Fred Fay reports that the committee has turned in the budget and meeting with the road commissioner again soon. We have been lucky with weather.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Brenda Charland reports they will be meeting to get information ready to review budgets. Bob Fay states that to give more time to review budgets the Town Report and the Warrant will be printed separately.

### **SAD 57 DIRECTORS**

Millard Genthner reports that the budget process begins on Jan. 6. The school population is up 20 students from 1995-96 and 18 of those are from Waterboro.

Fred Bechard, superintendent of schools is honored to be here to see Helen, Bernice and Betty honored for their teaching. The district has over 300 teachers. He thanked everyone for their support and says they try to touch children's lives. There are 1177 students (314 from Waterboro) in Massabesic High School.

### **CONSTABLE/ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Chauncey Gerry reports that it is time to get dogs licensed and get their rabies shots. Bob Fay says that rabies is a real threat. The town has hired an assistant for Chauncey if he is not available, Ed Brann.

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Jim Cooper is introduced. Scott Hamilton has been appointed as the newest member of this commission. We have two areas in town that they are concentrating on, which are; Ossipee mountain and Moody Pond. This committee has been absolutely dedicated. The land at Moody Pond consists of 18 acres with 257' frontage on the pond.

### **PARKS AND REC DIRECTOR**

Dave Dittmer reports that they are working on the skating rink. There will be a special meeting this Thursday at 7 p.m. to discuss this. They need a lot of help to get this going and keep it working. The plan is to have the rink open on Friday nights, Saturday day and nights, and Sunday afternoons. It will be a social time for people to go and relax and have fun with their children and their neighbors for the winter months.

### **PARKS AND REC. COMMITTEE**

Bob Gobeil reports that the regular meetings are every second Monday of the month and the committee is still looking for volunteers.

### **EMA DIRECTOR**

Pam L'Heureux reports that November has been quiet. She thanks Bob Bohlman for his kind words.

### **911**

Pam L'Heureux reports that the street names have been changed. Now we have to do the numbering. The map we received from Augusta is wrong, so she will have to physically go and count and number all of the houses in Waterboro.

### **RWS**

Millard Genthner reports that budget meeting will be this Thursday morning. Thursday night is the directors meeting. Millard is ours and Hollis representative to RWS which is made up of 31 towns. The contract for the transportation of the silver bullet has been extended to June. RWS is contracting with some towns to continue to do this in the future. Hollis has contracted with Higgins for \$1.80 per mile which Millard would like to see Waterboro do. There is a Goodwill Box at the dump now for anyone wanting to donate used clothing etc.

### **CABLE TV**

No one is present to report, so Dennis explains that we have a representative for Waterboro to Frontier Vision, in an effort with 7 other towns to negotiate a community wide contract with Frontier Vision. We now have a 6 month extension on our contract.

### **FIRE DEPT.**

Elias Smith, the new Fire Chief reports the number of calls that the Fire Dept. has responded to this year. Pat Sicard reports that Neal Courtney, who is doing a survey for the Fire Dept. is reviewing services and getting input, gathering information and will give recommendations to ensure the protection of the community.

### **ROSS CORNER FIRE DEPT.**

Arthur Smith reports that the department has been kind of quiet. They have responded to a few car accidents, covered a fire in Shapleigh. They cooperate with the Waterboro Fire Dept. They've had some problems with Alfred lately, but hope to clear that up soon.

### **SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION**

Mike Towns reports that he was recently appointed as the alternate representative for Waterboro. His first meeting will be 1/22 and he will try to represent Waterboro to the best of his ability and will attend council meeting to report for the commission. If anyone needs anything from him they are more than welcome to call, he is willing to help.

Jim Libby agrees with Bob that the issue of the Saco River Corridor Commission is controversial and that Willis Lord's opinion of it is only asking for no duplication of effort

of this committee and of Shoreland Zoning. Jim would like to hear any ideas that would lead to the settling of this issue.

#### **OSSIPEE LAKE ASSOCIATION**

Pam L'Heureux reports that everything is quiet. They are still working on the neighborhood crime watch program, and the watershed survey. They will have a scholarship to present in June to a student interested in environmental services.

#### **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Betty Mitchell reports that at the Library now you can get free Internet access which is something they are all very proud of. The Friends of The Library group consists of 3 people, she would like to see that increase. Several groups that meet at the Library are; Parent Connection, Girl Scouts, Chess Club and there is a story hour Wednesday morning at 10 a.m.

#### **OLD HOME DAYS**

Bob Gobeil reports that the first meeting for this year will be January 22. He is always looking for volunteers. Without them it makes it very hard for the few who work on the committee. Old Homes Days will be on July 11 and 12 this year and is most famous for the fireworks.

#### **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Meetings are suspended for the Winter. The building next door to the Town Hall is headquarters for the Historical Society. They had a fund drive and raised \$3,000.00 to fix up the building. They are in the process of restoring old cemeteries. There are over 100 of them and they have done 25 so far.

#### **TAYLOR HOUSE**

Dianne Holden reports that meetings are suspended for the winter months. They are continuing to work in the barn. The electrical work was finished in the barn. They will meet in February to prepare for the food sale that they will sponsor at Town Meeting.

#### **JIM LIBBY**

Thanks Waterboro citizens for their support in his election and he enjoyed it. He looks forward to working with us. He took his oath on December 7 and they have chosen the constitutional officers. There are in the House 81 Democrats, 69 Republicans and 1 Independent. In the Senate there are 19 Democrats, 15 Republicans and 1 Independent. The Secretary of State, the Auditor, the Treasurer, and the Attorney General are all Democrats. The Governor is preparing the budget and it should be ready within the next couple of days. If anyone has any questions of him, he would be glad to hear from them. Many questions were asked of Jim from the audience.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council meeting adjourned at 8:35

Selectmen went into their regular meeting at 8:45. Present: Bob Fay, Chairman, Dennis Abbott, Dale Witman, Pat Sicard, Patti Berry.

There were no appointments made this week.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Selectmen discussed asking Steve Lambert from Hollis to be the backup plumbing inspector for the Town, if he is interested.

Pat reports that the Selectmen have a meeting with Richmond Stevens Monday, December 30 to discuss renewing our contract with Custom Transfer.

We will discuss Code of Ethics in a January Selectmen meeting.

The Selectmen plan on doing Ralph's six month review in January on his regularly scheduled meeting with them.

A request to change hours for the Code Enforcement Office on Tuesday nights to close at 7 p.m. to become effective 1/1/97, was presented to the Board. Bob moves to try the new hours. Dale Seconds. Dennis agrees.

Motion is passed.

A discussion to continue to pay a part time employee, Millard Genthner, Holiday pay when he doesn't work 30 hours a week all year, which is the policy for town employees, took place. Dennis motions that we pay the employee Holiday pay through Jan 1, this year, then, we adhere to our current personnel policy and stop paying anyone Holiday pay who does not work at least 30 hours per week for at least 50 weeks per year. Dale seconds. Bob agrees. Motion is passed.

Pat asks if volunteers of the town can put in for mileage reimbursement. The selectmen all vote no.

Pat requests that she discuss with the Board, the Planner position on December 30 meeting.

Pat requests that she contact Fred in the event of bad weather this winter and to notify radio stations if decided that the Town Hall will be closed. After some discussion, the Selectmen decide to stick with the current policy of Pat calling one of the selectmen and they will decide whether or not to close the Town Hall and once all the employees know we won't need to notify any radio stations.

The Dedication of the Town Report was discussed and the Board decided to dedicate it to Fransica Hamilton and Clara Abbott. We will need to get photos and history on them.

The Internet Web page is waiting for the new computer to be set up in the office.

Articles for the Warrant are due January 8. Non money articles are due 60 days before Town Meeting, and money articles are due 90 days before Town Meeting, which is a policy that was voted on for one year only, and it has been traditionally done since then, but is not legally required.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion for executive session was made at 9:35 to discuss a hardship abatement.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made at 9:40.

### **SIGNED**

The Board of Selectmen signed the Warrant for Bills and Payroll.

They also signed: 1. One tax abatement.

2. The minutes for 11/26, 12/3 and 12/10.

**APPROVED** Date 12/3/96

