

**SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 1997**

Regular meeting of the Waterboro Board of Selectmen.

Present: Dennis Abbott, Dale Witman, Brenda Charland, Patti Berry, Fred Fay, Millard Genthner, Doug Foglio, Ron Miller, Frank Birkemose Sr.

Guests: Christopher Ross

**APPOINTMENTS:**

7:00 P.M. Christopher Ross regarding a request for a consent agreement. After discussion Dennis Abbott makes the motion to grant the consent order at no charge to Mr. Ross. Dale Seconds. Vote is 2-1-0 Motion carries.

7:15 Fred Fay Road Commissioner regarding signing of municipal plow contracts. There is some wording changes that will be made and it is agreed upon by all that once that is done the contract can be signed.

7:35 Discussion of the Road Review Committee and what the Board of Selectmen would like from that committee in the future. Dennis Abbott states the Board would like to take a different approach as to the role of the committee. He would like to see the past put in the past and have a new plan for the future. He would like the committee to take a comprehensive look at all 65 miles of roads and categorize the condition of the roads and develop a long term plan. Dale and Brenda both agree with this. Brenda adds that in her opinion it is not the role of the committee to be involved in the budget process of the road projects. She would also like to see more documentation of the road work for historical purposes. There is discussion on the state mandate that road projects costing over \$5,000 must be engineered by a licensed engineer which will add to the cost of our road work. Doug Foglio states that the state can't mandate to the town that the state doesn't fund. Dennis Abbott states that the town receives road block grants from the state. Doug then states that there is equipment that has been bought and not used, there is equipment that could be bought and used and the selectmen have not met with the road review committee many times that they've been requested. There is more discussion on why there are problems between the committee and the selectmen. Dale Witman states that if there is equipment that is needed that it should be included in the budget request. Brenda adds that the point she would like to make is that in her opinion it is not the purpose of the Road Review Committee to establish philosophy on road work, that it should be established by the Road Commissioner and the Selectmen. She adds that at this point it doesn't matter what was done in the past. She is a proponent of engineering. She thinks it is a good idea to have another set of eyes to look at the projects and doesn't think it is a waste of money. Dennis Abbott states that it is not the Board's intent to criticize anyone, the Board would just like to take a different direction. Simply that collectively between the Road Review Committee, the Road Commissioner and the Board of Selectmen to

develop a comprehensive plan as to where we want to go, and put some sort of record of what we've done on the roads. The committee should be made up of people with a general interest of the condition of the roads. Jon Gale comments that in his opinion it seems the selectmen can set the charge as to what they expect from the committee and decide who the committee reports to and who develops the budget. Dennis states that it is the board's intent to put together a committee out of the people who have applied.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Fred Fay regarding Salt Bids. Fred is going to research what it would cost us to hire someone local to go pick up the salt instead of having it delivered before we decide. Fred will do this by the 14<sup>th</sup> and a decision will be made then.
2. Fred informs the Board that he is going to need to get guardrails for Robert's Ridge Road.
3. Setting the tax rate is discussed with the Assessor, Jerry Daigle. The worksheet presented by Jerry is gone over, Dennis explains the calculations. Dale Witman made the motion to set the tax rate at .1830. Dennis Abbott seconds. Vote is 2-1-0, motion carries. There means a 2.4% increase in taxes. The bills will be sent out no later than Friday next week with a due date of November 14<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup>.
4. Public Hearing to deal with the Fire Department Ordinance is set for October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M.
5. Discussion of Articles for Special Town meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup>. It is decided that the following items will be included in the warrant: a.) Fire Department ordinance, b.) Francis Swett property, c.) Parks and Rec. funding, d.) extra money for the snow plowing of the extra miles turned over by the state, e.) more money for extra E911 street signs, f.) request to swap lots by Don Cargill, g.) request to accept gift of lot by David Kerry.
6. The personnel policy will be voted on October 14<sup>th</sup> and any input will be accepted by the Board on October 7 selectmen meeting. A notice will be sent out to all employees and departments.
7. Decision on the public hours of town offices will be made on October 14<sup>th</sup>. All input will be accepted by the board up until that date. A notice will be sent out to all involved.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dennis Abbott made the motion to go into Executive session for the purpose of going over the applications to the Selectmen's Assistant position at 9:30 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

SIGNED

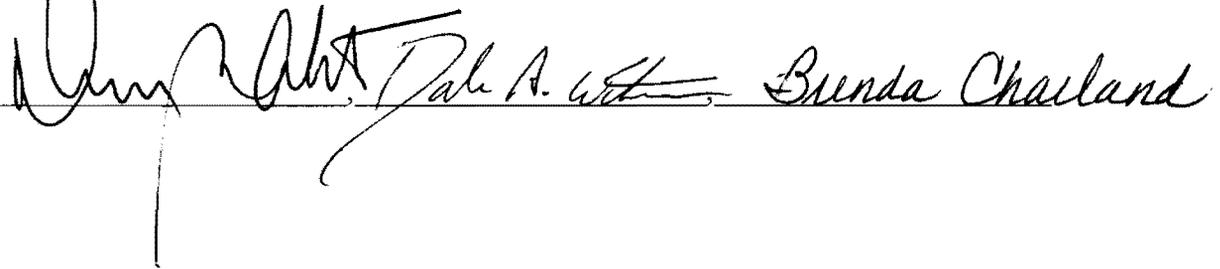
The Waterboro Board of Selectmen signed the Warrant for Bills and Payroll .

They also signed the following:

1. Two background checks for ME State Police.
2. 10 Quitclaims deeds to the following people: Roland Vermette, George Alexion, David Roubo, Constance Lucier, Troy Lisar, Thomas & Carole Paterson, Edwin Clayton, Edmund Pendexter, Victor Roubo, William Kespert, Margaret Pinkham.
3. Application for use of the Town Hall for Richard Rogers.
4. Selectmen meeting minutes for September 23.

APPROVED

Date: 10/7/97

 Brenda Chailand