

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 29, 1998

Attending: Dale Witman, Brenda Charland, Willis Lord, Patti Berry, Don Day, Mr. Herlle, Bob Gobeil, Millard Gneithner, Dick Batemen, Bob Fay, Tony Vigue, Gerald Daible, Mike Curley, Clint Woodsome, Mike McAlevey, Pam Witman, Fred Fay, Jason L'Heureux, Elias Smith, Beverly Sinclair, Larry Jacobsen, Jack Hewes, Judy Powell, Payson MacCormack, Dave Benton. Entering later in the evening is Pam L'Heureux.

Dale Witman calls the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and begins with the **Selectmen's Report**.

Dale reports we have hired a new secretary, Brenda Huntress and she will begin work on October 13. Dale reminds everyone that there is a meeting between the Selectmen, Planning Board, Water District Trustees and Hannaford Brothers this Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Patti is working with SAD 57 on their water problems and in conjunction with Southern Maine Regional Planning applying for an urgent need grant to get the water system hooked up to the school. Candidate's Night is October 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. The Board has requested that Fred Fay ask DOT to review town roads for speed zones and he is working on that. Lake Arrowhead has completed their water shut offs and the Board of Selectmen called forth our EMA resources in case of a need of water. We have been notified that they have settled their financial accounts with these people. We have bids out for the town report and will attempt to get the report out earlier this year. There will be a new Chinese Restaurant, China City in Brookfield Place in South Waterboro. RWS has chosed to increase our tipping fees by \$4.00 bringing them up to \$53.

Dale introduces Gerald Daigle the **Tax Assessor** for his report. Gerry reports that we are working on setting the tax rate tonight. If so the tax bills will be ready to be sent by October 13 and taxes will be due on November 13th and May 13th.

Willis Lord reports that there will be no report from the **Motor Vehicle Agent** due to the fact that Margaret has thrown her back out and she went home tonight.

There is **general discussion** at this time regarding whether to video tape the Selectmen's meetings or not. It is the consencus of the people present tonight that we video tape the meetings and air them on the cable tv channel.

There is **general discussion** at this time regarding the privatization of the Water District Billing.

Dale introduces Mike Curley, the **Parks and Rec Director** for his report. Mike states that the fall programs are up and running and he is working on setting up a basketball program. He is working with the PTC of Waterboro Elementary on their Halloween stroll. Mike asks the Selectmen what is the policy regarding letting people use the Lion's field at night. All agree that there should be a way found to allow town sponsored groups to use the field.

Dale reports for the **Planning Board** since no one is present from that Board. Dale states that Dwayne Woodsome is recuperating from an accident where he broke both of his legs. He is now starting to be up and around. The Planning Board approved a 20' x 24' canopy over the gas pumps at Baker Automotive in South Waterboro, last week.

Dale Witman reports that the **Zoning Board of Appeals** will be holding a workshop here on September 30th for their membership.

Millard Genthner reports as the **RWS representative**. He states that the increase to \$53.00 is not a real increase for us due to the fact that RWS lowered the assessment fee by the same amount to make up for the tipping fee increase.

Millard Genthner reports for **SAD 57 Directors**. He states that the enrollment this year is 3484 which is up from 3397 last year. The water was turned back on at the high school complex for human consumption as of yesterday and the water will continue to be tested for the next couple of months.

Fred Fay reports as the **Road Commissioner**. He states that Webber Road is done. He still needs to contact Maine Line Fencing about guardrails on that road. The striping will be done this Thursday night. They finished brushing the section of Old Route 202 today.

Dave Benton reports for the **Road Review Committee**. There has been three meetings. They are working on a list of immediate problems of roads. They are also making a 3-5 year plan for the roads. Their next meeting is this Thursday, October 1 at 7:30. Fred Owen will be appointed as one new member to the committee.

Mike McAlevey reports for the **Public Safety Committee**. The Committee reviewed the rules and regs for the Fire and Rescue Department and is done with their review and recommendations and ready for the Selectmen's consideration. The last Sunday in October there will be an appreciation breakfast for the department volunteers and their families at the Fire Station served by the Public Safety Committee. The Committee meets on the third Monday of each month.

Millard Genthner reports for the **Recycling Committee**. They are working on a program for the 5 & 6 grades. They met with RWS last night to get direction and ideas about recycling.

Brenda Charland reports for the **Conservation Commission**. They are working on reviewing all town owned property to make a recommendation prior to Town meeting.

Elias Smith reports for the **Fire and Rescue Department**. Engine 3 is up and working. There were 265 fire calls to date, and 381 rescue call to date. 6% of our calls are for mutual aid and we have received 8% mutual aid from other towns. Willis Lord reports at this time that Elias has been appointed as the new Fire Chief and is the first Municipally appointed Fire Chief of the Town of Waterboro.

Pam L'Heureux reports for E911. Fred can put up the new signs but we cannot use the new numbers until has been approved by the post office. We need a copy of our tax maps to compare with the numbering to make sure it is right. All of Lake Arrowhead roads have been given new green and white signs.

Pam L'Heureux reports for the **Library Board of Trustees** that there is an open house at the Library on next Tuesday night and all are welcome to come.

Payson MacCormack reports that all is well in **Lake Arrowhead**.

Tony Vigue reports for the **Cable TV Committee**. The contract has been signed by all parties. Tony thanks the individuals who helped negotiate the finest cable tv contract, especially Dick Bateman who is Waterboro's representative on the committee. Tony explains the minor changes in the contract that he is asking the Selectmen to initial tonight.

Don Day reports for the **Historical Society**. The last meeting is this Thursday. Victor Wright will give a presentation on slate and copper roof restoration. They had a good season this year. They are working on writing a history of Waterboro and they will meet once a month on this project.

Dave Benton reports for the **Water District**. They have the same number of hook ups as last year, 63. They have entered into a contract with SAD 57 to do engineering work in regards to getting the water system to the high school. There is a meeting this Thursday with the Water District, Selectmen, Planning Board and Hannaford Brothers to discuss the potential of running the water system to the proposed Shop N Save site. They have been offered some property by Doug Foglio and are in the process of researching deeds and considering this offer.

Dale Witman reports for the **Finance Committee**, that Jon Gale and David Fedrizzi were elected co-chairs of that committee. They will be gearing up for budget season soon.

Pam L'Heureux reports for the **EMA Committee**. Pam introduces Judy Powell who is the new shelter manager. Their first meeting will be in October. One of the generators is currently being worked on and when that is done the other will be brought up to be worked on.

Jack Hewes reports that the **Assessing Board of Review** currently only has one member and should have three. He asks the Selectmen to address this issue.

Dale Witman offers a moment for **General Discussion**. Mike McAlevey reports that John Smith who serves on the Public Safety Committee has recently had knee surgery and is home recovering.

Mike McAlevey comments on the number of Committee and public officials who were absent from this meeting. The following is a list of Committees and officials that did not have a representative attend Council Meeting: Motor Vehicle Agent, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Code Enforcement Office, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Constable/ Animal Control Officer, Recycling Committee, Conservation Commission, Ossipee Lake Association, Saco River Corridor Commission, Taylor House Committee, Finance Committee.

The Council meeting **Adjourns** at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Berry