

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 26, 1999

Attending: Dale Witman, Willis Lord, Patti Berry, Brenda Huntress, Millard Genthner, Fred Fay, Frank Allen, Dwayne Woodsome, Nancy Brandt, Dianne Holden, Mike Curly, Don Day, Bob Fay, Jason L'Heureux, Carol Look, David Benton, Beverly Sinclair

Dale Witman calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and announces the fund raiser for Jim Earl for the loss of his Getty Station in a fire last night. All donations can be sent to:

Friends of Jim Earl
c/o Biddeford Savings Bank
PO Box 730
Waterboro, ME 04087

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Dale reports that last night there was a Water District and SAD 57 meeting to discuss expanding the water down to the SAD 57 campus and states there is a possibility of securing a grant or a loan for this purpose.

The Board is currently working with the Finance Committee and preparing articles for Town Meeting.

Announcement of significant dates:

- February 14 - 2:00-4:00 PM - Elementary School Gym - Walk Through Waterboro History - Sponsored by Waterboro Historical Society
- February 18 - 7:30 PM - Town Hall - Candidates Night
- February 23 - 7:00 PM - Town Hall - Budget Meeting

Willis suggests an old fashioned barn raiser to help with the labor involved in rebuilding Jim's Getty. He will research and see if they want the help. Dale extends a thank you to the Fire Chief and his crew for a job well done.

Assessor Report: Jerry Daigle reports that he is in the process of reviewing deeds of transfer of ownership and is attempting to computerize all of them.

Motor Vehicle: Published report - Attached.

Town Clerk: Published report - Attached. Willis notes the deadline for filing papers for elected officials is 5:00 PM tomorrow, 1/27/99.

Tax Collector: Published report. Attached.

Parks & Rec: Mike Curly reports the boy's and girl's basketball teams are competing very well. In progress is another trip to Foxwoods, a rec basketball program, and 2 pottery classes for elementary children. Mike reports he is having an inspection of playground equipment at Friendship Park. If the equipment is below standards, it will have to be removed right away. The committee is working on a 2-3 year plan for the development of Friendship Park.

Planning Board: Dwayne Woodsome reports that the proposed Shop & Save has been approved by DOT. The permits are in place and they are finalizing with the Water District. After 6 months to 1 year there will be another traffic study done to see if a traffic light is required.

RWS: Millard reports that the Casco Bay Weekly has published a negative story regarding RWS. Rates are set with CMP until Y2K. CMP is being taken to court decide on rates. They are paying 10 - .13/KW now, under contract until 2008. The rate is set in stone until 2,000. The last 8 years of the contract could go down to .3 - .4/KW. If so, CMP revenue will drop 75%, i.e. \$2,000,000. Millard is concerned as to who will pay for this. Millard figures the town could be liable for \$210,000/yr. to make up loss from CMP.

SAD 57: Millard reports that budget work is in progress. He states he doesn't want to see anything over a 4% increase overall. They are waiting for all departments for a full budget review. February 1st there will be a budget meeting at the Library. Selectmen from all 6 towns are invited. They are in negotiations with the administrators.

Road Commissioner: The Road Commissioner is not present. Dale notes how busy they've been due to the ice and freezing temperatures and commends Fred and his crew on a job well done and offers a thank you to all of them for their hard work..

Road Review: Dave Benton reports that the Road Review Committee has met with the Finance Committee and everything looks good. They are ready for Town Meeting and are working on a 3-5 year plan for roads. The Road Review Committee is down 1 member.

E911: Dale reports that Pam L'Heureux is out of town at a week long seminar. He's spoken with her, and she is reviewing the E911 maps for accuracy. They need to be reviewed by the Post Office, and it could be 6-9 months before completion.

Recycling: Carol Look reports that the January 6th presentation at Waterboro Elementary went very well and will be aired on public cable. A time will be run every hour across the screen for when it will be shown. There is discussion about the problem of cardboard disposal. Regarding silver bullet, Millard states none can be placed until they get direction from Selectmen. Carol questions Selectmen in regard to a swap shed. Willis states if things go right at Town Meeting we may be able to put in a swap shed. Willis feels a trailer would be good for a starting point. Carol reports all schools are recycling cans and paper.

Conservation Commission: Dale reports that the Board has received recommendations on town-owned lots and have forwarded to the Planing Board and Parks and Rec Committee for additional input. Dale states there will be two articles on the town warrant, one to address the non-buildable lots and one for buildable lots, and that it may be possible to form a co-ownership of unbuildable lots declaring them conservation lands with an agreement that no taxes or dues be assessed for these lots. Regarding the buildable lots, Dale states they will propose at Town Meeting that the Board be authorized to dispose of these lots as they deem necessary to best serve Lake Arrowhead interests and interests of the town. They have agreed to rescind the \$25,000 bill. Bob Fay states his feeling is that we should get out of Arrowhead altogether.

Fire & Rescue: Fire Chief Elias Smith reports that nine have attended regional training, twenty five have attended First Response Class. There have been 364 fire calls this year and 510 rescues. There was excellent coverage on the fire at Jim's Getty Station with 50-60 people fighting the fire as well as EMS standing by.

Historical Society: Don Day reports that the Historical Society "Walk Through History" is scheduled for 2/14. They are hoping to make this an annual event. There will be free home made refreshments and free door prizes. Doug Foglio and Jim Carll will present individual slide shows at each end. This is strictly a walk-around situation with no seating.

Water District: Dave Benton reports they have two new customers, Baker Automotive and Angie's Beauty Salon. Negotiations with Shop & Save are looking good as well as with the School Department.

Finance Committee: Don Day reports they are on schedule. All meetings have been held. They are looking at donations, crunching figures etc.

Patti states the town has been served with papers regarding an abuttal situation on Silas Brown Road, bordering Kermit Gerry's land and out to Chauncey Gerry's property. A citizen has obtained a conditional use permit and an abutter is taking strong issue with this, feeling that it should have been handled in the form of a variance. A restraining order is being requested. A hearing was held in Superior Court today at 1:00 and we will have a decision tomorrow by 5:00 PM. Our attorney feels it looks favorable for the Town.

Dale adjourns Council Meeting at 8:10 PM:

TOWN CLERK REPORT
12/1/98 - 1/26/99

DOGS: Have licensed 425 dogs and 4 kennels. A \$3.00 late fee will start Feb. 1st.

VITAL STATS: Have recorded 1-Death, 9-Births and 8-Marriages. Have issued 25 certified copies: 15-Birth, 2-Death and 8-Marriage. Now have a vital program on the computer. All vital records are being manually put in the computer. When all the records are in, will be able to search by last name and be able to print the record requested.

FISH & GAME: Have sold 278 licenses, registered 11-boats, 14-ATV's, 218-snowmobiles and 25 non-resident snowmobiles. Turkey applications are in and the deadline for submitting is Feb. 1st. Moose permit applications are expected any day.

NOMINATIONS PAPERS: Deadline for nomination papers to be filed for the 3/14/99 Annual Town Meeting is 5pm Jan. 27th. Candidates at this time are:

SELECTMEN/ASSESSOR/OVERSEER OF THE POOR

Millard Genthner
Dale A. Witman

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Frederick Fay

TREASURER:

Dianne L. Holden

WATER DISTRICT TRUSTEE:

Alan R. Dyer

Nancy Braund

Town of Waterboro, Maine

TREASURER'S REPORT

as of Jan. 26, 1999

Key Bank Account:

Checking Account:	\$	104,000.00
Victory Federal Money Market Acct:		<u>1,325,103.53</u>
Total, as of Dec. 31, 1998		1,429,103.53

Deposits, Jan.1-26, 1999:		81,016.59
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Checks Written, Jan. 1-26, 1999:		<u>(435,687.01)</u>
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Key Bank Account, as of Jan. 26, 1999:	\$	1,074,433.11
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Key Bank, Repurchase Agreement (see att) as of Jan. 5, 1999:	\$	284,079.31
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Key Bank, Rescue Billing Account as of Dec. 31, 1998:	\$	90,028.20
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January Work Report, includes, but not limited to:

Processing and filing 280 1998 Tax Liens

Discharge paid Tax Liens.

Finalized Audit.

Monthly processing of approximately 300 invoices and time sheets.

Prepare monthly reports and distribute to Department Heads.

Provide assistance to Town Clerk and Tax Collector as needed.

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Motor Vehicle Report

During the past month \$34,509.09 was collected in excise taxes and \$1005.00 for Motor Vehicle Fees.

272 registrations, 28 transfers, 6 duplicate registrations and 32 titles were also processed.

As of February 1 the Titles issued will be larger. A sample of the new Title is displayed in the registration office if anyone should wish to see one.

Margaret Beavis

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