

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2000

**PRESENT:** Brenda Charland, Millard Genthner, Willis Lord, Jon Gale, Debby Downs, Larry Jacobsen, Beth & Mark Cyr, Pat McHugh, Frank Birkemose Jr., Pam L'Heureux, Paul L'Heureux, Jason L'Heureux, Paul Kussman, John Littlefield, and Terry Lowell.

Brenda opened meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Brenda called the meeting to order. She introduced Jon Gale and Debbie Downs. They presented the Comprehensive Plan review. The committee will be charged with determining the parts of the existing plan that can still stand on its own merits and will review portions that may need to be changed. The selection of the committee will be on a non-restrictive basis. (The committee will not be limited in number.) Possible questions to consider:

1. What do Waterboro residents have that they want to keep?
2. What do we have that is not wanted in the town?
3. What things do we not have that we want?

A sampling of age groups may be helpful—youth, adult and seniors. Information would be gathered, reported to the committee and then sent to the review committee.

Brenda mentioned that there are five copies if the original comprehensive plan available in the Selectmen's office for loan purposes. Debbie has a 5 page overview of the plan. This too will be duplicated and made available to the public.

Jon indicated that a facilitator needs to be neutral and familiar with the process. He would be available to do this.

Brenda- The state and Southern Maine Regional asked Waterboro to determine why the original Comprehensive Plan fell through the cracks. She suggested that the plan was not used in the way it was intended to be used. It was suggested that a regional workshop be offered and presented by Southern Maine Regional. Perhaps a 'kick-off' event should be planned to encourage residents to come to the planning meetings. Coffee and donuts?? She suggested that the town proceed with this quickly.

Jon- He believes there is much interest in this project.

Willis—Wondered if funds were available to update this plan.

Brenda- There are two funds available: 1 for towns to get current on the Comprehensive Plan and to determine why the last one was not implemented. 2<sup>nd</sup> for towns who did not write a plan yet.

Willis- The economy is riding high at the moment. He suggests that when the economy dips the comprehensive plans get left behind.

Brenda- Ordinances should result from the Comprehensive Plan.

Paul Kussman- It would be possible to get an unbalanced committee if it was unrestricted membership.

Jon- The initial meetings would be brainstorming activities and all would be welcome but committee groups would be arranged by invitation.

Paul- Focus groups must be well attended and representative of the whole town of Waterboro.

Jon- Chairs of committees and facilitators are different. One or two people would be recorders and it is a possibility that the meetings could be taped.

Millard- Asked about the time frame.

Jon- Expects the focus groups to go on through the summer. Willis suggested 6 months. Jon offered the possibility of having two introductory meetings.

It was decided to have the introductory meeting on Saturday, April 29 at 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon. Shop and Save will be asked to prepare the donuts and coffee. Announcements of this meeting will be placed in the Smart Shopper 2-3 weeks prior. Also notices would be placed in the post offices, library, and other public places.

Brenda extended thanks to Wendy Carter for helping to fill in during Patti's absence.

Frank Birkemose, Jr. addressed the body requesting ½ of the cost of the paramedic course to be paid by the town (\$2750.00). The employer will pay for the other ½. Normally Waterboro pays the whole fee, but since the candidate works for a rescue company it will also aid him in his work. This will give Waterboro an additional paramedic.

Willis- What if the student drops out?

Frank- The individual owes the town the cost of the class if for any reason the credits are not received.

Pat McHugh- Is there a commitment from this person to stay in Waterboro?

Frank- He is already committed to Waterboro paramedics. This is a three year class.

All Selectmen were in agreement—No motion was necessary.

Frank presented new business. Regarding the disposition of surplus property: Rigs are usually stripped of extra items. This loose equipment is kept. Old engine #1 went to Wellington, Maine. He requested that the loose equipment that Waterboro will not be using be allowed to go to the Wellington Fire Department. No trade is available and he assured the committee that this is not useful to Waterboro any more. Willis thought it was a good idea. Frank reminded the assembly that it would go toward fire fighting, public safety and good will. Willis suggested that a list of donated items be prepared for the Public Safety Committee but Paul L'Heureux, chairman of that committee indicated that that was not necessary. Willis made a motion that surplus equipment go to Wellington. Millard seconded the motion. 3-0-0.

Frank- At the grand opening of Shop and Save a check will be presented to the Waterboro Fire Department for \$1000.00 in appreciation for testing the safety equipment at the new store. He had hoped to use this toward the purchase of a Thermal Imaging camera (est. cost \$17,000.00).

Brenda questioned if we had the authority to accept the check but the Town Meeting allowed gifts. If it is placed in a town account it becomes town monies. She suggested that it be placed in a benevolent account. Willis suggested a separate account be established for the camera and that a graph indicate the total amount given.

Dianne will be contacted to establish this account.

There was no old business.

Committee Appointments: Shawn Shoemaker was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals by a vote of 2-1-0, with Willis casting the dissenting vote.

Willis reported on Augusta and the bill LD2655. Lake Arrowhead Community cannot assess Waterboro any fee for maintenance. The vote in committee was 6-5 in favor of the bill with two absent. Willis has prepared a letter from the Waterboro Selectmen requesting passage of this bill. A copy will be sent to the Senate and the House of Representatives. He reported that the "Snack Tax" was repealed in the House and the Senate.

Millard requested that the sheriff's department be contacted to clean up the area outside the dump gates using the Work Release Program.

Pat McHugh- Suggested that the scout troops be given the chance to do this for merit badges etc.  
Millard- Suggested that this issue be considered soon.

Willis moved to accept the minutes of March 28, 2000. Millard seconded the motion. 3-0-0 to accept.

A brief review of the meetings coming up in the next week.

#### **SIGNED**

The Board of Selectmen signed the Warrant for bills and payroll as well as:

1. Minutes of 3/28.
2. Quitclaim Deeds

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

#### **APPROVED**

Date: 4/11/00

Brenda Chauland

Willis A. Ford

Willard Bent