

**Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting
September 12, 2000**

Present: Willis Lord, Brenda Charland, Scott Morelli, Tim Neill, Paul Kussman, M/M Lowell, Beth Cyr, Tammy Wells, Pat, McHugh, Jerry Daigle, Bob Fay, Fred Fay, Wendy Carter

Willis opened the meeting at 7:00 PM reviewing announcements and reminders. The minutes of September 5 were approved by a vote of 2-0-0.

APPOINTMENTS

Jerry Daigle, the Tax Assessor, discussed the tax rate. The valuation of new construction in town (new family and business) increased the valuation to \$11.3 million. There is a choice of tax rates that are available to him reflecting a variety of overlays for the town. Ranging from 18.00 (overlay of \$107,457) to 18.30 (overlay of \$174,000). He plans to establish the tax rate by the end of September. The present tax rate is \$18.50 per thousand. An overlay is to insure that the town does not fall short of finances. It is not revenue to fund any program. The state will come out with new valuation figures this fall. Brenda asked if the town could function well with less of an overlay. Jerry responded that he would feel comfortable with any of the four choices. Paul Kussman inquired about the 5% Maine cap. If at the end of the year there is a surplus of overlay it goes into the General Fund. Some of this is "paper money" and is not available. The auditor suggests that \$200,000 be taken out of surplus for the 2000 budget. The final authority to reduce the tax rate is the Selectmen. The Town Meeting will authorize the use of surplus funds. Bertha, though not present, has indicated that about \$133,000 has not been collected from the last tax period.

Brenda made a motion that the Selectmen approve the contract presented by Mr. Daigle. Vote 2-0-0.

Brenda motioned that this year's Town Report be dedicated to Millard Genthner. Vote 2-0-0.

Willis introduce the discussion regarding the findings of the Public Safety Committee and the issue of Police presence in the town. It will be decided by a referendum vote at the November election whether the voters in Waterboro wish to establish any kind of police protection. The State Police and the Sheriff's department will present options using a public hearing format to allow the citizens to choose a plan which would best suit their needs and the finances of the town. Brenda made a motion that the following be included as a referendum question at the November election:

Will voters of Waterboro favor the investigation of the possibility of police services for the town by the Selectmen, Board of Public Safety and the Finance Committee? Information will be presented in public Hearing format and be included in the warrant at Town Meeting in March 2001. Vote 2-0-0.

Fire Chief, Police, Charter Commission and Snow Plowing will be included in referendum issues on the November 7th ballot. All are due in final form by September 22, 2000. Brenda inquired about the "Recall Ordinance" that had been discussed in June and reminded those present that a large body of residents at that time had been in favor of this to d=be decided at the national election too. Willis suggested that this not be placed on the ballot since the Charter Commission was on the ballot also. The Recycling Committee will conduct an exit poll at the polls allowing citizens to comment on a "pay-per-bag" plan for recycling. Paul suggested that considerable public education be conducted regarding this issue.

Bob Fay reported on the Day trailer. He indicated that it was sturdy and weather tight. No unsafe features are visible. Mrs. Day seems to be very active sewing and cooking. She does accept assistance from friends and visitors. Willis proposes to discuss the issue with the lawyers and offers to lease the property to Mrs. Day for \$1.00 until March 31, 2001. The Town would not be responsible for liability. Mrs. Day will insure the contents of her home. There was some discussion by those in attendance about the town continuing to do this for other 'special circumstances'. It was suggested that the town lease the property to Don Day and thus continue the involvement of the family. Willis said that if the land use is necessary for the development of the New town hall, then Mrs. Day will have to move. It is not expected that the town will need this section of the property.

SELECTMEN'S ASSISTANT

A new web page will be ready on Thursday. York County Agency on Ageing will present a luncheon on the second Thursday of each month. It will be held at the Ossipee Mountaineer's hall on Old Alfred Road. A program will be featured each month.

Brenda discussed the desire of the ACO to investigate the animal owners without registrations for their pets and charge them \$10.00. Checking with Nancy Brandt for the procedure of licensing is suggested.

There is a petition circulating requesting that a new ball park be named for Millard Genthner.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Willis A. Lord
Brenda Chauland