

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 14, 2000**

**PRESENT:** Willis Lord, Bob Fay, Brenda Charland, Scott Morelli, Pam Witman, Frank Birkemose Jr., Det. Lund, Jeff Brown, Carol Cochran, Pat McHugh, Paul L'Heureux, Paul Kussman, Mary Cyr, Fred Fay, Dave Benton, Eric Herrle, Beth Cyr, Dean & Denise Waterhouse, Teresa Lowell, Diane Herrle, Dean Look, Don Mondor and Dale Witman.

Willis opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Motion by Brenda to accept the minutes of 11/9 as written. Seconded by Willis. Vote 3-0-0.

**APPOINTMENTS**

7:15 p.m. – Frank Birkemose explained the circumstances surrounding his recommendation that the house located at 54 Fairview Drive in Lake Arrowhead be condemned. Has a call into the State Fire Marshalls office but has not called back. Det. Lund stated that the Sheriff's Dept. has responded to over 40 calls to this house and the Health Officer has been notified of the conditions. Currently DHS is involved and is working to remove a 15 year old child from the custody of its mother. Have made 15-20 arrests also. Stated that most every runaway in York County ends up at this house and the Sheriff's Dept. is requesting that the CEO condemn the building. Jeff Brown, Manager of Lake Arrowhead Community stated that he is indebted to Chief Dep. Ouellette, Det. Lund and Chief Birkemose for all they have done. He has personally visited this home upwards of 24 times. Stated that no one should be living in this house. The Lake Arrowhead Community have fined the owners multiple times and this place is a nuisance to Lake Arrowhead. Stated that they will probably end up taking the home owner to court if the town does not step in and handle this situation. Stated that there is no one living in the house at the moment. The children staying there have been using the kitchen floor to light fires for heat. Motion by Bob Fay to send the SEO to inspect and return with a recommendation. Seconded by Brenda. Willis questioned if the bank has been called in and Jeff reported that the owner has filed for bankruptcy so the bank is not involved. Det. Lund stated that if the CEO would like he can call the Sheriff's Dept. for an escort. Vote 3-0-0.

7:30 p.m. – Dale Witman questioned why nothing has been done so far with the gate at the end of Bagley Road Ext. Bob stated that at the last Selectmen's Meeting they voted to take court action to have the gate removed. Feels that if it is open at both ends it is still a town road. Fred Fay stated that the town has put money into Thyng's Mills Road and still doesn't maintain it but it must remain open and this is the same situation. Felt that if the town puts money into a road it's a town road and can't be gated. Willis stated that the individual who installed the gate only owns one side of the road. Stated that he feels if the other end is a town road it all is.

**HEARING OF DELEGATION**

Diane Herrle reported that last weekend a group of approximately 100 volunteers gave the playground at the elementary school a facelift and thought they should be thanked for their efforts. Bob Fay requested that the leaders of this effort be invited to the next Council Meeting so they can be thanked publicly.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Dean Look reported that the Recycling Committee compiled the results of the survey on pay as you throw only the night before and as he recalled the results were unofficially 1/3 in favor, 1/3 against and 1/3 wanting more information.
2. Brenda stated that she has spoken with a Lyman Selectman regarding the section of Deering Ridge Rd. which is actually in Lyman but the Town of Waterboro has always plowed. Was informed that this will not happen this year and wants the assurance that it will happen before

signing the snowplow contracts. Dale explained previous agreements with surrounding towns for plowing and felt the Selectmen should get these agreements in writing to prevent such actions in the future. Brenda suggested holding an area meeting with other Selectmen and work out agreements with them.

Scott stated that the Contractor has clearly stated that he will not plow anything but Waterboro roads. Will also only plow to the turnaround on Sandcrossing Road. Fred stated that this will be a very dangerous situation if the contractor does not plow the small sections which are in other towns. Dean Look suggested adding a mile of road to the contract. Bob Fay felt perhaps they should get legal counsel before including out of town roads in the contract, stated that the referendum question stated Waterboro roads. Eric Herrle agreed with Brenda and stated that the contractor was aware of this situation prior to bidding. Scott stated that the town did not vote on a specific contractor, believes that the Selectmen can put anything they want in it. Bob Fay stated that they have a reciprocal agreement with Alfred Lyman and Hollis. Scott to get agreements with these towns. Hollis does a section of Whitehouse Rd. for Waterboro, Alfred does a section of Federal St. Temporarily postponed signing of snowplow contracts.

3. Discussed rates paid for sanding roads. Motion by Bob to increase the sanding rate to \$35.00 per hour. Seconded by Willis. Vote 2-0-1.
4. The position for taping meetings which came out of last weeks meeting was an item to Be considered when formulating the budget not for more discussion.
5. Discussed forming a committee to write the Community Development Block Grant. Motion by Willis and seconded by Bob to form a committee of 5 to write the grant and assist in implementing it should it be granted. Eric stated that it is his understanding that there are people within the Fire Dept. who are experienced in writing grants. Scott stated that Wendy has expressed interest as has Mark Ford. Motion by Bob to appoint Mark Ford, Wendy Carter and Eric Herrle. Seconded by Brenda. Vote 3-0-0.
6. Motion by Willis to appoint Paul Verrell to the Finance Committee. Bob stated that they have a second application from Pat McHugh. Dale stated that in the past when they had multiple applications they did interviews. Willis withdrew his motion. Will schedule interviews.
7. Discussed moving the dump attendants shack. Willis stated that it won't cost anything to move it. CMP will move the lines at no cost and Fred will move the building. Brenda stated that only \$2,500 was appropriated for renovations at the transfer station. Motion to move the shack as soon as possible. Noted that with the move everyone will have to enter in front of the shack. Currently some come from behind and the attendant doesn't always see them. Seconded by Willis. Vote 2-1-0.
8. Motion by Bob to appoint Brett Davis, Deb Wentworth and Shawn Shoemaker to the Charter Commission. Seconded by Brenda. Teresa Lowell questioned if they shouldn't hold interviews for this also. Vote 2-1-0.
9. Motion by Brenda to appoint Kathy Fagan as Tax Collector to complete the term of Bertha McAloon ending 6/30/01. Seconded by Bob. Scott recommended starting salary at \$20,000. Brenda recommended that she also train as backup Motor Vehicle Agent. Willis stated that she has worked for a collection agency not tax collector. Should wait on Motor Vehicle until trained. Bob stated that at the staff meeting should discuss back up. Currently most positions have no backup in the event of vacation, illness or just a day off. Vote to appoint Kathy Fagan as Tax Collector 3-0-0.

## **OTHER**

1. Dave Benton stated that the Water District held their annual meeting and locks had been changed. Could not get into their office. Stated that they rent space and were unable to hold

their meeting. Discussed the change in the alarm code. Scott reported that the locks were changed because apparently files were missing from the Code Enforcement Office.

2. Discussed tapes being taken to Standish. Denise Waterhouse volunteered to pick them up on Friday mornings and take them for us.
3. Discussed the new address for the Town Hall. Scott believes it will be 26 Townhouse Road and will notify all departments of the new address once confirmed.
4. Brenda requested that the Board of Selectmen be put on the Finance Committee's agenda at their first meeting. Stated that they need to agree on a wage increase figure. Bob felt it should be a merit increase not automatic.
5. Discussed state valuation. Carol Cochran questioned if it would do any good to e-mail the Governor.
6. Brenda congratulated Massabesic on being 11-0. They are meeting Bangor this week in Portland for the state championship.
7. Willis thanked all those who helped him with the renovations at the transfer station, Eric Herrle, Paul L'Heureux, Dusty Lowell and Dean Waterhouse. *plus Brett Davis & Mark Cup*

#### SELECTMEN'S ASSISTANT

1. Reported that the Town Hall has not had water for 2 days. They have replaced the pump and the switch. Now need some electrical work done which should be completed tomorrow. Also reported that the well is 244' deep and has 222' of water.
2. Switched to AT&T for long distance for a better rate of \$.075 per minute.
3. Working on changing everyone's alarm code.
4. Budgets are due tomorrow. Brenda stated that they need to meet to discuss the budget. Requested a spread sheet prior to the meeting.
5. Discussed the need to hire a Planning Board/CEO Secretary.
6. Will be putting Town Report out to bid immediately.

Motion by Bob Fay to go into Executive Session for a personnel issue at 8:50 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

#### SIGNED:

1. Minutes of 11/9
2. Abatements
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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