

COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 15, 2007
6:00 p.m.

Present: TammyJo Girard, Evan Grover, Dennis Abbott, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, David Lowe, Pam Witman, Cindy Durney, Bob Gobeil, Jack Seery, Tom Ursia, Jon Tufts, Brigit McCallum, Jerry Daigle, Matt Bors, Frank Allen, Willis Lord, Mike DeAngelis, Deb Eisenhauer and Dick Bateman.

Selectman Abbott opened Council Meeting at 6 pm with Pledge of Allegiance. Reviewed the workshop held with the auditor prior to the Council Meeting.

Library Report – Still have tax forms. Had water tested and it is undrinkable. Jeff Newman of Radon Systems, installed piping to help eliminate the radon problem. Held an altered book workshop. Book club met. April is read-a-thon month. Brigit & Bobbie Gallant held a workshop on book repair. Knitting workshop held on Wednesday mornings. Will hold a bedtime story hour April 30th at 6:30. Dave Lowe will be taking over as the computer tech at the Library for Tom Cyr. February had 683 adult patrons, 276 children and 207 computer users, March had 727 adult patrons, 361 children and 249 computer users.

Friends of the Library – Sent two articles to the Reporter which is a comprehensive summary on where they are now and how they got here. Working on a comprehensive proposal for the fall. Private fundraising is continuing. Have the Walk-A-Thon scheduled for June, a silent auction in conjunction with Old Home Days on July 12th and mid-August will hold the Mega-Sale. Agency 1 will also be holding their yard sale the same day.

Town Clerk Report – Attached

Tax Collector Report – Attached

Motor Vehicle Agent Report – Attached

Assessor – Attached

Zoning Board of Appeals Report – No appeals. Questioned what is happening with the fees and Selectman Abbott explained that they have held 3 public hearings and will be meeting with WAB next week.

Town Planner – Held a scoping session in Scarborough with DOT regarding Goodall Phase 2. State has reviewed the Rite Aid application and they only need an entrance permit. Working with Land Use and there are a couple of non-compliance issues which need to be remedied by September. Working with DEP on a Shoreland Zoning issue which needs to be addressed by next June. Working with MEMA and looking at a potential grant which they hope to apply for in the next 60 days. Working to embellish the site review plan. Working with the library on a square foot cost analysis. Have been communicating with Poland Spring regarding their satellite facility in Shapleigh. Need to monitor for any traffic impact. Selectman Gale stated that at the next 12 Town Group they will have a representative from Nestle. Discussed the engine brake signs and agreed that they can be larger. Tom stated that all Poland Spring trucks are GPS linked to the Hollis facility so can always call with concerns and they will be addressed. Not so with the independents but they will work to try to correct the problem.

Road Review Committee Report – Reported that they are working on the snowplow contract and discussing damages from winter.

Historical Society – Holding a Vintage Fashion Show on April 26th.

Lake Arrowhead Community – Set their budget last month. Raising dues by \$11 per year to \$900. Redoing the bathrooms in Clubhouse #2. Installed a sauna. Trustees meet the 3rd Saturday of every month.

Lake Arrowhead Conservation – Reported that Limerick has committed to \$7,500 for the milfoil harvester and a boat has been donated. Working on a list of volunteers. The boat is also equipped with fire fighting equipment.

Finance Committee Report – Meeting tomorrow with several departments.

York County Budget Committee – Currently paying for two county managers. Hired Michael Foley as the Finance Manager. Have a budget which is 4.2% over last year for a total of \$19,202,263.53. Waterboro's portion is \$342,834.13 which is an increase of \$7,990.43. One week from tomorrow will be a public hearing on the budget.

EcoMaine – Reported that the recycling rate for February was 17.62%. Sent 203.19 tons of Household Waste in the month of February. Reported that the recycling rate for the year is at 16.3%. Had 1068.21 tons of paper and 159.76 tons of cardboard for a total income of \$20,134.00. Reported that there are 11 communities on single stream and that recycling is increasing with single stream.

Fire/EMS – Reported that in may their 2 students will be graduating and they will be looking at replacing them. The tanker has arrived and is in service. Year to date have had 617 calls. Did print out the call stats and will post on the web-site. The 14 town group is still meeting, they are looking at where the back-up dispatch will be located when County moves to Sanford. There is nothing in the contract with DPS requiring Gray to provide back-up. Will be receiving a forestry vehicle next week and will have through the forest fire season. Reported that the Forest Service will be meeting on Saturday at 11 on fire safety in Lake Arrowhead Clubhouse 2. Discussed the truck at the town garage and reported that they advertised 4 times and received no offers.

Transfer Station Committee – Reported that 24 composters were sold along with a number of kitchen pails and wingdiggers. The sale has closed and the order placed.

Parks & Recreation – Reported that basketball wrapped up last month and now into AAU basketball. Doing a flyer with the Legion Baseball schedule for the Reporter. Bob Davis has collected \$4,000 in donations for the Legion Baseball. Will also be doing a legion catalog. Working on the summer program insert for the Reporter. Camp will be starting July 7th at the elementary school for 6 weeks. Have been looking at the buses used for camps and with the increased cost will need to raise the rates by about \$50 for the camps. Will get registrations going in the next month. Also will be working on hiring staff for camp, hope to bring back some from last year. Will need to hire beach staff which is difficult to do. Shaker Valley has taken over some of the maintenance of the little league field at Friendship Park. Reported that Hannaford will be doing a clean up at Friendship Park.

Old Home Days – Reported that they are still working on the budget for 2009. Stated that the Shriners are the only ones they hire for the parade. Did hire someone for a music festival for the kids but hope that next year they will be able to run it themselves. Have 13 active members and continue to have revenue from the ad book.

Little Ossipee Lake Assn. – Held their first meeting last Saturday and had no complaints about winter vandalism.

Cable TV – Reported that they will be renewing the contract with Time Warner. Sent out a flyer looking for input from the community. Stated that if equipment needs to be upgraded they can put in for capital improvement so need to know what is needed. Also requested input from the Selectmen on changes for the new contract. Had a couple complaints about the cable boxes not working, Dick will look into it.

Land Trust Report: Reported that the Sock Hop was a great success and they will be holding another in the fall. They meet the 4th Wednesday of each month. Currently working on the deeds for the town property and should be complete in a couple more weeks.

Meeting closed at 7:36 p.m.

**TOWN OF WATERBORO
COUNCIL MEETING REPORT
TOWN CLERK
February 1, 2008- March 31, 2008**

Snowmobiles		Dogs Registered					
Resident	55	Spayed/Neutered	141				\$846.00
Non Resident	2	Unaltered	37				\$407.00
Total	57	Kennels	1				\$42.00
ATV'S		PASSPORTS					
Resident	12	Total	179	Town money			\$1,295.00
Non Resident	0	Total Processed		Total Moneys to Town			\$200.00
Hunting and Fishing Licenses		Fishing	Archery	Hunting	Combo	Bear	Turkey
Resident	28	1	1	5	4	2	5
Non Resident	3	0	0	2	0	0	1
Total Agent Fees of FOWING ATVs and Snow							\$838.00
Vitals Recorded		Total Sales of Vital Records licenses and certificates					
Marriages		Births	Deaths				
2	14	7					\$110.00

Respectfully Submitted by: Kerry E Thorne, Town Clerk

Receipt Summary

Type	Count	Amount
90 Real Estate Payment	105	55,099.66
91 Tax Lien Payment	13	5,313.91
92 Personal Property Payment	6	304.85
	124	60,718.42

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Type	Count	Amount
90 Real Estate Payment	164	86,758.61
91 Tax Lien Payment	96	49,988.25
92 Personal Property Payment	3	129.68
	263	136,876.54

GRAND TOTAL: \$197,594.96**

The GRAND TOTAL amount above reflects the total taxes collected during February and March 2008.

Respectfully,

Sharon L Reed
Sharon L Reed/Tax Collector

MOTOR VEHICLE AGENT REPORT

March 2008

The following is a list of vehicles registered through this office during the past month:

Passenger	412
Commercial	32
Trailers	49
Tractors Farm & special equipment	9
Motorcycles & motor homes	11
Transfers	36

Excise Tax in the amount of \$ 76,011.46 was collected in this office.
Excise Tax in the amount of \$ 9,143.63 was collected by Rapid Renewal

Total excise for the month \$ 85,155.09

Respectfully submitted
Brenda Crenner, MV Agent

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: WATERBORO- SELECTMEN
FROM: JULIE GILES, TREASURER
SUBJECT: EXPENSE/REVENUE 4-15-08
DATE: 4/17/2008
CC: NANCY BRANDT, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

APRIL 15, 2008

REVENUES

CURRENT BUDGET	DEBITS	CREDITS	UNCOLLECTED BALANCE	
9,918,485.30	86,548.69	9,477,780.02	527,253.97	5.32%

EXPENSES

CURRENT BUDGET	DEBITS	CREDITS	UNEXPENDED BALANCE	
9,794,563.00	8,737,370.88	339,168.66	1,396,360.78	14.26%

ALL BANK STATEMENTS BALANCED

NEW ACCOUNT NUMBERS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO AID TRANSFER STATION

FINAL INSPECTION HAS BEEN MADE ON STORM DAMAGE OF 2007

Phase-down of the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement (BETR) Program

Introduction of the Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE) Program

Background:

- Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program (BETR) has reimbursed businesses directly for qualified equipment placed in service after 4/1/1995.
- For the biennium of fiscal years 2006 and 2007, the State paid \$134 million to businesses eligible for personal property tax reimbursements under the BETR program.

(TITLE 36 MASA SECTIONS 691-700B) EFFECTIVE 09/01/08

~~LD 2056:~~ Exempt eligible business personal property from taxation:

- Continue the existing BETR program for eligible business property first subject to personal property tax on or before April 1, 2007.
- Establish a personal property tax exemption for all BETR-eligible personal property that would first be subject to property tax on or after April 1, 2008, in the absence of this exemption.
- Local assessors will be responsible for establishing the valuation of exempt property. The State Tax Assessor has the authority to review valuations for purposes of municipal claims for reimbursement.
- The State will reimburse municipalities for lost property tax revenues as a result of this exemption as follows:

Property tax year 2008	100%
Property tax year 2009	90%
Property tax year 2010	80%
Property tax year 2011	70%
Property tax year 2012	60%
Property tax years <u>after</u> 2012	50%

- Municipalities in which more that 5% of their tax base is made up of business personal property may be entitled to a greater percentage of lost tax revenue.
- Municipalities which rely of a greater percentage of tax revenue lost to pay towards their authorized Tax Increment Financing District project costs than is provided above will be reimbursed for that percentage retained under the TIF

- Personal property qualified for the BETR program receives 100% reimbursement* for the first 12 years, and:

75% in the 13th year,
70% for the 14th
65% for the 15th
60% for the 16th
55% for the 17th
50% for the 18th and successive years.

Justification for BETE Program:

- Long-term elimination of property tax on business personal property removes a significant disincentive to capital investment in Maine businesses.
- State reimbursement to municipalities (particularly where reimbursement is above constitutionally mandated at 50% reimbursement) provides for a gradual assumption of the local 50% share.
- Elimination of business personal property tax will make Maine's economic development efforts more competitive with other states because many states do not have business equipment taxes.

36, §699. Legislative findings; intent

1. Findings. The Legislature finds that encouragement of the growth of capital investment in this State is in the public interest and promotes the general welfare of the people of the State. The Legislature further finds that the high cost of owning qualified business property in this State is a disincentive to the growth of capital investment in this State. The Legislature further finds that the tax exemption set forth in this subchapter is a reasonable means of overcoming this disincentive and will encourage capital investment in this State.

TOWN OF WATERBORO, MAINE

Personal Property valuation for FY2008 : \$7,577,600.00

Personal property includes machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures used in business establishments and in commercial operations. Residential properties are not taxed for household items or any other personal property.

Personal Property taxes in Waterboro produced \$76,533.76 in tax dollars for FY2008 and is equal to \$1.00+ on the FY2008 tax rate.