COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 13, 2009
6:00 p.m.

Present: TammyJo Girard, Gordon Littlefield, Dennis Abbott, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Mike DeAngelis, Bob Gobeil, Fred Fay, Jack Seery, Brigit McCallum, Chris Binette, Tom Ursia, Sylvia Hebert, Mary Ross, Rep. Joe Wagner, Nancy Johnson, and Willis Lord.

Selectman Abbott opened Council Meeting at 6 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Planner – Report attached. Also thanked Jack Seery for all his work on the new library. Requested the Board compile questions for Commissioner Richardson so they can be emailed to him in advance.

Town Clerk Report – Report attached.

Tax Collector Report – Report attached.

Motor Vehicle Agent Report – Report attached

Treasurer – Report attached.

Assessor's Agent Report – Report attached.

Planning Board – Report that they are in the first steps of Meadowbrook Phase II which is a 13 lot sub-division.

Economic Development Committee – Reported that they are working on signs for the entrances to Waterboro and that KL Designs is the designer. Discussed work such as flowers around the sign and they are discussing granite posts. Will put a couple on the web-site and let the citizens vote.

Road Commissioner – Reported that Maine Line Fence is getting him a price on used guardrail. Need 700' for the Chadbourne Ridge Road and also a section on Roberts Ridge Road which was damaged by an accident.

Librarian – Report attached.

Friends of the Library – Reported that they are now meeting every Monday. The web-site is up and running and the address is fowpl.com. They are planning a fund raiser on November 21st. Reported that they are very happy with Matthew Eddy of Eaton Peabody.

R.S.U. 57 Director – Reported that the Transportation Committee has been researching propane buses. They are in the beginning stages of a new curriculum and the policy book is almost complete. Stated that the PR Committee want a table at voting to get information out and receive input. Reported that the Finance Committee has frozen the budget for non-essential items. Reported they heard there could be a curtailment of as much as $1 million of stimulus money. Discussed the bus stop issues in Lake Arrowhead.

York County Sheriff – Discussed whether or not Sgt. Chauvette is using the town's cruiser, will find out. Have hired back some of the Sheriff's and Shawn is next on the list to be brought back.

York County Budget Committee – The Caucus is tomorrow night and Willis stated that he does not want to continue serving but agreed to give it more thought.

Transfer Station/Recycling Committee – Reported that the met last week and David Woodsome, Clint Andrews and Selectman Abbott will be meeting on Monday to finalize the ordinance and permitting process.

EcoMaine Representative – Stated that he is disturbed that businesses in town are putting their recycling in with the household trash.

Parks & Recreation Director – Reported on his fall programs and stated that he has been busy with registrations which will be continuing for a few more days. Needs a workshop to discuss maintenance and would like that sooner rather than later. Reported that Mike Risti rebuilt the well-house at Friendship Park as well as the ramp and stairs at town hall. Reported that Haunted Town Hall will be held on October 30th 6 to 7:30 pm.

Old Home Days Committee – Reported that they are alive and well and planning for the 25th Anniversary. Next meeting is October 29th.

Land Trust – Reported that they will be holding a Halloween Dance on October 24th and tickets are $10.00 each. Will be held at the Sokokis Function Hall on Foss Road in Limerick.

General Discussion – Selectman Abbott reported that in lieu of Council Meetings they will have a committee or two during each Selectmen's Meeting.

Representative Wagner was not aware of curtailing stimulus money but will look into it.

Meeting closed at 7:30 p.m.

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Primary talking points with Town Planner

CIP Preparation: Initial briefing and deadlines set with department heads and Board of Selectmen for the next round of capital improvement projects proposed for FY 10-15. Reminder: All projects must be submitted with current estimates on or before Oct. 30th.

2010 Congressional appropriations: Given the beginning of the new fiscal Federal year, I have had initial conversations with staff members of Congresswoman Chellie Pingree. In-person briefing scheduled on October 19th to flush out any potential Federal grants.

West Road Reconstruction Project: Communications maintained with MDOT Project Engineer regarding project budget and project closure. Several small site details need to be accomplished (2 large tree removals & 1 driveway apron modification), plus State/District office accounting. Best forecasted closure date: December 2009.

Speed Control Signage: Communications, arrangements and on-site meetings with MDOT in order to establish additional and new updated "35 MPH" signage on Goodwin Mills Road (Lyman line) and within school zone. Optimistic State approvals and installation of new signage before the end of November.

Gratitude meeting with MDECD: Commissioner John Richardson is still scheduled to appear before the Board on November 10, 2009. This is an important public relations opportunity for the Town, particularly in light of the advancement of new economic development.

Architectural Glazing Technologies building: A series of advisory meetings and site planning guidance has been offered to commercial venture prospects for the AGT building. Multiple conversations have transpired with Nicolas Tsakiris (co-owner of building), potential lessee/purchaser(s) and the Town's representative.

AGT building appraisal: An appraisal has been commissioned with Appraisal Consultants and will be completed on or before Wednesday, October 14th. This appraisal will be become a critical component in determining current market value during a period of commercial property devaluation.

Central York County Transportation Study: Tom Allen earmark funding intended to be used for this study was NOT approved for spending by Congress last month. MDOT is now looking for alternative funding obligation logistics. RFQ still likely in Dec. 2009.

Municipal Client Seminar: Attendance & celebral calisthenics with Jensen Baird attorneys on September 30th. (It was any interesting municipal legislative overview.)

TOWN OF WATERBORO
COUNCIL MEETING REPORT
TOWN CLERK
August 2009- September 2009

Boat's Registered	**36**	**Dogs Registered**	2
ATV's			
Resident	**70**		
Non Resident	**13**		

Dog licenses for 2010 are available on October 15th 2009 and fees for un-altered dogs are $11and fixed dogs are $6

Hunting and Fishing Licenses	Combo	Archery	Hunting	Fishing	Bear	Special
Resident	**4**	**13**	**17**	**16**	**6**	**10**
Non-Resident	0			**1**		

Total Agent fees for Inland Fisheries & Wildlife **$348.50**

Marriages	Births	Deaths
13	**15**	**8**

Absentee Ballots are now available for the November 3rd Referendum election

Respectfully Submitted by: Kerry E Thorne, Town Clerk

Waterboro
10:55 AM

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Close Out Date 08/04/2009 07:05 PM - 007894 To 08/28/2009 05:04 PM - 007983, Receipt Type Between 90 and 92

Receipt Summary

Type	Count	Amount
90 Real Estate Payment	188	120,391.27
91 Tax Lien Payment	27	5,388.31
92 Personal Property Payment	2	655.92
	217	126,435.50

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8:57 AM

Receipt Search Report

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Close Out Date 09/01/2009 06:59 PM - 007990 To 09/30/2009 05:11 PM - 008088, Receipt Type Between 90 and 92

Receipt Summary

Type	Count	Amount
90 Real Estate Payment	1364	1,226,909.85
91 Tax Lien Payment	69	39,553.31
92 Personal Property Payment	61	30,346.43
	1494	1,296,809.59

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9:07 AM

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Close Out Date 10/01/2009 05:01 PM - 008093 To 10/08/2009 05:12 PM - 008115, Receipt Type Between 90 and 92

Receipt Summary

Type	Count	Amount
90 Real Estate Payment	2343	2,122,464.74
91 Tax Lien Payment	24	10,625.14
92 Personal Property Payment	48	12,844.42
	2415	2,145,934.30

GRAND TOTAL: $3,569,179.39**

The GRAND TOTAL amount above reflects the total taxes collected during the months August and September and eight days of October.

Respectfully,
Sharon L Reed
Sharon L Reed/Tax Collector

MOTOR VEHICLE AGENT REPORT

August 2009

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

Passenger	401
Commercial	20
Trailers	61
Tractors Farm & special equipment	4
Motorcycles & motor homes	32
Transfers	53

Excise Tax in the amount of $ 77,831.84 was collected in this office.
Excise Tax in the amount of $ 13,746.43 was collected by Rapid Renewal

Total excise for the month $ 91,578.27

Brenda J Crenner

Respectfully submitted
Brenda Crenner, MV Agent

MOTOR VEHICLE AGENT REPORT

September 2009

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

Passenger	478
Commercial	34
Trailers	49
Tractors Farm & special equipment	1
Motorcycles & motor homes	29
Transfers	31

Excise Tax in the amount of $ 84,973.82 was collected in this office.
Excise Tax in the amount of $ 12,396.43 was collected by Rapid Renewal

Total excise for the month $ 97,370.25

Brenda Crenner

Respectfully submitted
Brenda Crenner, MV Agent

MEMO

To: Dennis Abbott, Chairman and Members of the Board of Selectmen

From: Jerry Daigle, Assessors' Agent

Re: Council Meeting - Assessing Update

Date: October 13, 2009

The following are some of the projects that the Assessing department has been working on and completed since July:

- Sales Analysis July & August - FY2010

Since my last report to the Board of Selectmen/Assessors on June 24, 2009, I have been able to review the sale of properties that took place from July 1st through August 31st. The deeds for September have not yet been forwarded from the County. There were only 8 sales in July and 9 sales in August that were "arms length" sales and 17 foreclosures for both months. In June, my report indicated that Waterboro's Assessing Ratio was at about 107% and predictions were that we would be close to 100% by end of summer.

A sales study of July and August shows that the town's assessing ratio is at 105% and all indications are that sales will continue on a sluggish pace towards the 100% level through the winter period. Removing LAC sales and waterfront sales produces a ratio near 103%. State Statutes do allow municipalities to annually assess property valuations in a range from 90% to 110% of value.

- Town Tax Maps

The town tax maps for 2009 have been updated and the new maps were available for public viewing in the Assessing office and the Code Enforcement since September 29th. All 59 updated Tax Maps for the Town of Waterboro are available on the Town's website at www.waterboro-me.gov through the Town Assessor tab to access and to print.

- FY2010 Property Valuation

The FY2010 tax bills were printed and mailed by September 9th as planned with the required adjustments and corrections resulting from new transfer deeds, address changes, valuation adjustments and many other items gathered over a 12 month period.

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The roof is finished and it held up when we had several heavy rains. Brigit went to the selectmen's meeting to see about the roof being checked out by Robert Fulmer before payment is made to D. G. Walls for the work. I sent an email to Robert Fulmer, but have not heard back from him.

Fall has arrived and our snow birds are leaving for warmer climates. As usual they take several books on tape to listen to on the way down, and will mail them back to us when they reach their winter homes.

Our Babysit Lapsit and Preschool Story Time started the second week in September. Pat is holding the Baby Lapsit upstairs at the same time I am working with the older children in the downstairs meeting room at 10 am. We once again have several families with a child under two and an older sibling, and the parent has them all go to the preschool story hour. I am averaging about fifteen to seventeen children each week. There are a few homeschooling families who attended story hour, and the older sibling spend story hour looking for books to read, or working on homework. It can be quite hectic after story hour as the families who attend look for books, work on a project and the little ones play in the toy room. At the same time, other patrons are coming in, dropping off and checking out materials for their children who may be in school.

Sylvia Davis has begun our outreach story hour to the Children's Challenge Day Care in Waterboro. She sings with the children, reads to them and has a craft for them to make each week. I have had a request from another day care for someone to come read to the children, but have no one to visit them at this time.

Jean and I attended a Fire Extinguisher class at the Fire Barn on Thursday, September 17th along with other town employees. We watched a Power Point presentation of the use of fire extinguishers, then everyone took a turn with a water extinguisher putting out a small fire. Each of the attendees received a certificate for attending the class.

The Teach Home School Group has donated many boxes of homeschool materials to the library so that the materials can be used by more people with access at the library. I have not had a chance to look through all the materials yet, but they are a good edition to our collection. Since the room behind the children's desk needs to be gutted and redone due to water in the walls and ceiling, I would like to put shelves on one wall for all our home school materials as we have no

space in the main rooms of the library. I am looking for someone to do the work now that the roof repairs are completed and repairing the back room ceiling and walls was the second part of the work to be done.

I am still looking for someone to paint the trim in the children's room and adult rooms. I have asked several people who told me they were interested in painting, but no one has made a commitment to do the work.

I have a home school teen willing to finish the children's room mural that was started la year ago. Everyone likes what has been done so far, and it will be nice to have the rest of the mural completed.

Neal Hurlbert, our cleaner will be looking into purchasing a new toilet for the upstairs bathroom. Repairs have been made on it over the year's and it is now reaching the age of needing to be replaced. The inner workings are not working, and we had to try to fix the insides to stop the toilet from running during our work hours.

On Monday, September 28, a photographer from the Biddeford Journal came to the library along with Tracy Wells, a reporter to take pictures and talk to me about the library. Tracy had already spoken with Jack about the plans for the new library and asked me questions about the current building. The article was in the October 3rd issue of the paper and gave information out about the current library, and plans for the new library.

Library Statistics
Our statistics are down from last year as the library is now open eleven less hours per week, about 44 hours per month less. Many patrons were only able to come in on Tuesday or Wednesday nights, and are now using other libraries that are open those evenings. They said they will gladly return when we reopen on the nights we are now closed.

	People in Library	Materials Checked Out	Computer Use
Septermber 08	1189	1963	233
September 09	973	1798	144

Sincerely,
Ruth Blake
Director