

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**

### **OCTOBER 1, 1996**

Regular meeting of the Waterboro Board of Selectmen.

Present: Bob Fay, Dennis Abbott, Dale Witman, Pat Sicard, Patti Berry, Chauncey Gerry, Bob G.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

**6:45** Chauncey comes in at the selectmen's request to discuss the idea of a barking dog ordinance. Bob Fay wonders how we would enforce such a thing. Chauncey says that people should try to work these problems out between themselves and if it can't be solved that way, to call him, and if that doesn't work it should be considered a harassment problem and brought to the sheriff's department. Bob moves that the board vote no to a barking dog ordinance. Dale seconds. Motion is passed. Chauncey comments on the dog problem that he knows will be reported by Doug Yohman. He says he has gone up there many times and has never seen the dogs loose, yet, but will continue to keep checking.

**7:20** Doug Yohman enters the meeting at his request. He has a problem with his neighbors dogs running loose. He says they have been chained for a week since Chauncey has been out there. We will check to see if the dogs are licensed. Mr. Yohman is very concerned about rabies. He says the dogs have "challenged him in his own yard", that they bark all the time, chases the cat through the yard where his children are playing and running at large most of the time. He has tried to catch the dogs but hasn't been able to. He says the owners are "indifferent and feign ignorance that their dogs are loose." He says he doesn't want to deal with the owner himself. Dale suggests that whenever there is a problem with these dogs, to call Chauncey so that the amount of calls can be recorded if needed for proof of harassment by sheriffs if he has to go to that extent.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Dale wants to have the minutes of 9/24 meeting amended to include the DEP conversation with Mr. Paradis. We said we would have our own water and soils tests done at the site and we would split the samples and this was agreed to by Mr. Paradis.

Dale reports what he found out about the Taylor House. He says work needs to be done on the circuit breaker box, water had gotten into it. That will be worked on. They are also having work done to the outside wiring to prevent water damage in the future. They are having the light boxed in a little more. They are working on a proposal to the Selectmen.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Dennis moves to go into executive session at 7:03 to discuss an abatement. A personnel matter was also discussed. The Board comes out of executive session at 7:20.

## **DISCUSSION**

Bob motions to hire a school kid to do the sign weekly. Everyone is in agreement. There was a boy at the meeting at the time volunteering folding a mass mailing. The Board asked him if he would like the job and he agreed to do it.

Bob Gobeil will get together with Pat Sicard after the next Park's and Rec. meeting as to Dave Dittmer's role with the committee. Pat s. says that she has witnessed a very good working relationship between Bob and Dave. Dale suggests that Park's and Rec. ordinance be looked at and revised if needed.

Dennis reports that in reading a DEP letter that Kittery has put in a proposal to dump sludge on Jim Hamilton's land and stockpiling it. He wonders when and how does it ever get announced. Applicant has to comply with State licensing. Is Jim Hamilton obligated to notify people or what are the requirements? What rights does the town have? Pat S. says she couldn't find that we had an ordinance that would apply to this.

## **SELECTMEN'S ASSISTANT REPORT**

Pat Sicard reports that she met with the Principal, Pres. of Student Council and the History and Business Departments. We will be setting up a program with them to have a volunteer come in on an internship program. The superintendent seems excited about this relationship of getting kids involved in town government. Also there is a video club that we will discuss getting involved with the town. Dick Bateman and Millard Genthner met with Pat and will meet again Thursday night on this subject.

Pat reports that we have not heard from the individual who is behind on their payment arrangement with the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen want Pat to send them a second letter, registered mail giving them 2 weeks to respond and if they don't that we will assume they have no intentions of paying and we will demand full payment of balance due.

The draft of the Warrant for the special Town Meeting was passed out for the selectmen to look over so we can make them official. On the Fire dept. article, we decided to change the amount requested to the full amount that was raised by the sale of the vehicles to \$3351.50, to buy equipment.

We need another member of the Finance Committee, and we need to set up a meeting right away so that they can go over and make recommendations to these Articles.

The board decided to move Article 4 to the last of the list of articles.

On Zoning changes, there has to be a 14 day notice for public hearing , not the regular 7 day notice. The Zoning changes that were discussed at public hearing but were not on the agenda for that hearing cannot be included in this town meeting. There would have to be another public hearing addressing these particular issues and there isn't enough time to do that. If there are changes in an article they have to go before another public hearing to be approved for the Warrant for town meeting.

On section 907 that allows an additional 5 years to replace a structure after fire or disaster. We would need to know what requirements do you have to meet to come back for an extension.

Dennis says he doesn't see why we should try to rush these changes through at this town meeting. We could have another special town meeting in January just for Zoning changes.

Put workshops together .

The planning Board has extended authority to Pat S. and Doug Foglio to have final say in changes but still have to go to public hearing. Our goal is to loosen up the zoning regulations and plug in some common sense into our zoning. "Housekeeping"

Bob makes a motion to have special town meeting in January dealing with the zoning changes that we couldn't get into this meeting and any others that we feel need changing. Dale seconds. Dennis had already voiced this earlier in the meeting. Motion is passed. Dale would like the Planning Board to receive our appreciation on the steps being taken we were hoping for a more comprehensive approach to housecleaning. They have our support and encouragement on the work being done. We really want to take an extensive approach to this. Dennis says we will have to have multiple meetings to have a more comprehensive approach.

Dennis moves to take off the Article asking for moving of money to the Code Enforcement Office. Says we should hold off until we see how the fees come in.

Dale....(I didn't get your vote recorded here)

Bob.....(I didn't get your vote recorded here)

Pat brings up a bookkeeping problem in the code enforcement office. She says we need to add a line item for extra functions Sharon is doing in assessing. It is all getting billed to

code enforcement office. Pat S. would like to put expenses accurately. For now we are going to keep charging it to CEO office 10 hours a week for assessing that Sharon is doing. We will do housekeeping at March Town Meeting.

Pat is to talk with Karen Lovell on the wording of the Article on terms for the clerk, tax collector, and treasurer.

The wording on the East Shore road should be changed “to perform winter maintenance.”

Dennis wants to have Doug Foglio in about winter plowing soon. And we also need to get a list from Caroline Rouillard of bus turnarounds for snowplowing.

Pat S. reports the road salt bid prices. Dennis motions to go with Morton again this year. Bob and Dale both vote yes. Motion passed.

Pat S. reports she is still getting information together on the Fuel Bids.

Dennis reports that DEP is having a workshop on proposed composting regulations on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **SIGNED**

The Board signed the warrant for bills and payroll. They also signed:

1. Certified letter.
2. Three Maine State Police request for background check.
3. Tax abatement.
4. General and referendums elections warrant.

### **APPROVED**

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