

**SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 30, 1996**

Regular meeting of the Waterboro Board of Selectmen.

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

Guests: Richmond Stevens and wife. Dave Dittmer, Paul L'Heureux representing Parks and Rec. Fred Fay, Glenn Bean Sr., Doug Foglio Sr., Dwayne Woodsome, David Benton-representing the Road Review Committee. Ginny Pare', Pam L'Heureux, Tom Jones, Elias Smith Jr., Beverly Sinclair - representing the Fire Dept.

**APPOINTMENTS**

7:00 Richmond Stevens, from Custom Transfer, enters meeting to discuss the renewal of his contract with the Town. The Board of Selectmen would like wording added that the employee that is provided by Custom Transfer at our dump be subject to approval or rejection of the Board. Also the Board would like a Termination for Cause added that in the event Richmond sells Custom Transfer, we are not bound to continue our contract. The Board would like Richmond to send us a copy of his certificate of insurance. The Town will add the clauses to the contract and send two copies to Richmond, one of which he will sign and return and one for him to keep for his records.

7:30 Parks and Rec. Committee has appointment to go over the budget request. Dave Dittmer and Paul L'Heureux are present. The Route 5 boat ramp is in "horrible shape and needs work." According to Dave Dittmer. Dennis Abbott says that the State should help with the funding on this because it is a public boat ramp. Friendship park needs more playground equipment and improvements. There is request for moneys to do a survey on what it will cost to have a new ballfield possibly in Lake Arrowhead. Although they seem to be not as interested as they once did in having it there. Bob Fay requests that the contracts for the Route 5 picnic area attendants be much more specific than the one we have at present, and that Dave understands all hiring goes through the Board of Selectmen.

7:45 Fred Fay goes over his budget request as Road Commissioner with the Board. Compared this years request to last year's. Dale requests that the amount of paving costs be added to the project it is being used for, instead of separately so that the Board and the Town have a clearer idea of what the road projects actually cost, and whether or not the infrastructure is improving.

8:00 The Road Review Committee comes in to go over their budget request. Glenn Bean Sr., Dwayne Woodsome, Doug Foglio, David Benton, and Fred Fay represent this committee. The total budget request does not match the amount of all road projects. The reason for this is that the Road Review Committee wants the Selectmen to prioritize the

six projects down to four equalling the amount of money in the request. The price on the road projects does not include cost of paving or cost of crushing. The individual projects were gone over and the Board and Committee selected the four Road projects that they will bring to Town meeting. The first road discussed was Roberts Ridge Rd, which needs reconstruction. The second is Ossipee Hill Road, which needs drainage and culverts. The third is Deering Ridge Road, which needs blasting of the ledge, drainage, gravel and culverts. The cost figure used for the blasting on this road was figured on the worst case scenario on the depth of the ledge. The fourth is Ross Corner Road, which needs drainage and gravel.

Webber road was not chosen to be one of the project for this year. Not that it doesn't need work, but in Doug Foglio's opinion, Webber road will not deteriorate if we put off working on it, but the other roads would. Webber road does get a lot of traffic for a secondary road. The projects that don't get picked for this year will be the first to be chosen for next year's road projects.

There are some roads needing work that are State aid roads. The selectmen decided the Board should meet with the State Highway Dept. and see if they will fix some of these roads. The mailboxes on the corner of Rt. 5 and West Shore Road should be moved off route 5. That is most of the problem with that intersection.

8:45 The Fire Department comes in to go over their budget request. Elias Smith Jr., Virginia Pare', Beverly Sinclair, Tom Jones, Pam L'Heureux represent the Department. The Board asked all present what is up with Ross Corner Fire Department and they really did not have an answer for the selectmen. The Board discussed with them the increases that are in the request. The salary increase is for cost of living, mileage is up due to the volume of calls going up. The total call volume is estimated 550 for the year. The request for telephone, training and education, fire prevention is the same as last year. The request for radio repair went up \$250 from last year. There are four requests that the Fire Department would like to have as separate Articles. (1.) Tank 4 needs work; it needs tires, front end work and body work in order to take a sticker, which will cost \$4000.00 (2.) The department would like to fix up Forestry 2 truck that was donated to them and would cost less to fix this than the one they have now. They are requesting \$4000.00 for this. (3.) Fire and Rescue for \$25,0000.00. ( 4.) Dry Hydrants for \$2,000.00 . The total budget request does not reflect the \$18,800.00 payment for this year for the ambulance purchased. The Fire department will have all statistics ready to present at Town meeting.

## **DISCUSSION**

Dennis brought up the decision not to pay volunteers for mileage. There was a letter sent out to Millard Genthner informing him that we would not be paying volunteers for mileage. The Selectmen decided to stick to the decision they made not to pay mileage but with some reservation. These volunteers can deduct the mileage they put on from their income taxes. The Board decided they would like Pat to put together a report and/or

proposal on what the Town can do for it's volunteers. How they should be treated, what benefits they should get. To keep them interested in volunteering.

Papers for anyone running for office are due 1/22/97. There is an opening for selectmen and one opening for the school board.

The finance committee is meeting one week from today. The Board will forward to that committee the four road projects from the Road Review request that was decided on tonight. Pat Sicard will make recommendations to be endorsed by the Board of Selectmen to present to the Finance committee. The selectmen informed whoever is typing the Articles not to include the money figures in the warrant article like we did at the special town meeting in November.

There is a problem with the hours that are charged from code enforcement for the hours that Sharon spends with assessing. The hours that she works for assessing needs to be charged to that department to show a true amount of moneys for that department, and for the code enforcement department., which right now is running on a deficit. Will spring fees cover the overdraft of the CEO department? Pat will research this. Bob would like to know when the assessing contract runs out and how long it is for.

Some discussion went on about electing some committee members. Pat Sicard wonders whether there should be term limits on committee memberships. Bob thinks the town might be better represented if the Finance Committee were elected by the people of the Town, not appointed by the Board of Selectmen. There should be an Article for town meeting spelling out how many positions to be elected for next year, and should be done on referendum vote. Will discuss this more next week.

There is a budget request from the Saco River Corridor Commission. We have never voted to grant them money before, but if they agree to reduce duplication of Shoreland Zoning and up the quorum we would consider endorsing this budget request.

The Planning position will be discussed next week. Conflict of interest will be discussed next week.

Bob motions to hire someone to haul off hazardous waste at the dump, (waste oil) to comply with state law and to discontinue the current policy, upon the advise of the Town Attorney. Dale seconds. Motion is passed.

Dennis Pratt has submitted a cost for the renovations he has proposed. A total of \$60,000.00 , half of which would be for the room addition in the hall and half of it bringing the building up to code on handicap accessibility. The Board agrees that our first concern should be to get the Main entrance ramp up to code. We can get some bids on that.