

## WATERBORO CHARTER COMMISSION

Regular Meeting, July 14, 1981, 8:00 pm, Town Hall.

Members present were: Chmn. Daniel Willett, Frank Goodwin, James Hamilton, Thomas Cole, Paulette Silva, Michael Hammond, Robert Fay and Paul Willihnganz. Also attending; Dianne Holden, Clerk.

Minutes of pervious meeting was corrected. The third paragraph should read "15-20 hours bi-weekly", not weekly.

Copies of a report Mr. Fay obtained from Maine Municipal Assoc. in regards to Municipalities with Managers and ones with Administrative Asst. was distributed to members. Noting out of 490 towns in Maine, 200 have Managers, 20 have Admin. Asst. with the remainder having part-time Selectmen.

It was decided to order five (5) more sets of the Charter Study Series booklet published by the Univ. of Maine for the members that don't have them. Clerk to order.

Mr. Goodwin spoke on scheduling the work of the Commission. Suggesting that perhaps some of the thoughts and ideas should go onto paper for working purposes. James Hamilton noted that the Commission has only approximately six more months in order to meet the deadlines set.

Representatives of the Fire Dept. were invited and arrived at 8:15 pm. Those attending were: Raymond Emmons, Jr., Chief; Edmund Bullard, Asst.; and Ansel Hammond, Radio Dispatcher. A summary of topics discussed is as follows:

The Fire Dept. was is a non-profit corporation set up in 1947 and is registered with the State of Maine as such.

The Corporation owns the land and buildings.

They have 9 pieces of equipment, three of which are leased from the Town for \$1. ea. per year.

The ambulance is part of the Fire Dept.

Insurance is paid by the corporation.

Upkeep is paid by the corporation, although subsidized by the Town.

Noted that 3 or 4 years ago the State Statutes added that the Selectmen appoint the Fire Chief. The Dept. Reps had been told that it was voted at a Town Meeting that the Town would accept the same Fire Chief as voted by the Dept. Clerk to look into this. However, it was felt that this should be addressed in the Charter.

Dept. felt there were no problems with the budget or their requests to the Town.

Discussion of CEP/CD in relationship to Fire Dept.

Questioned as to whether the Fire Chief was considered a Municipal Officer.

Review of the Commission's work was done for the new members present.

Scheduling the work was discussed. Mr. Cole suggested that their be an adgenda to follow for the next meeting. Decided that adgendas and a timetable would be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Next meeting: July 28, 1981.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Goodwin, Secretary