



TOWN OF WATERBORO
PLANNING BOARD

WATERBORO, MAINE

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING - Sept. 27, 1978

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chmn. Foglio; others present were Mr. Gardner, Mr. Keith and Mr. Goodwin. Also present were Chmn. Randel and Mr. Darling of the Appeals Board; Mr. Munro, Asst. C.E.O. and Mr. Roger Batchelder and son Mark, parties interested in the Thyng's Mill Dam reclamation and Selectmen Robert C. Fay. Mr. Keith was empowered to vote.

The entire meeting was devoted to discussion of the proposed reconstruction of the breached Thyng's Mill Dam by George Cameron who had submitted an application to the Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection (D.E.P.) for approval. The Board had been in possession since its last regular meeting on Sept. 13th., of a copy of the application which included a plan of the proposed reconstruction and a topographical sketch of most of the flowage.

The following matters of concern were pointed out and discussed:

1. The quality of the concrete and the adequacy of the reinforcing in that part of the old dam now standing and which is proposed to be used in the repaired dam as a core.
2. There is no indication that the existing concrete is or the proposed core will be keyed into bedrock.
3. The many voids between the existing concrete and the ledge.
4. The compacting and sealing characteristics of the local "borrow" which is assumed to be the "common fill" referred to on the plan.
5. At least one abuttor avows he has not been notified as prescribed by law - it is, therefore, questionable as to whether or not others have been.
6. Although a check of the U.S.G.S. Map of the area shows that the Ross Corner Road will be inundated by 4 ft. or more of water by the empoundment. This is not indicated on the topographical sketch.
7. When the former dam constructed by the same interests, went out it washed out a large section of Town road plus a relatively new steel framed bridge which crossed the stream just below the former dam. There has been no restitution for this damage which, it is felt, was due to inadequate precautions nor is there any indication on the plan or any statement to the effect that this road and bridge will be replaced.

It was decided and the Selectmen agreed that the rebuilding of this dam was of enough concern to landowners both above and below the dam to justify the retention of our own engineer to review the proposal to ensure the adequacy of the dam in all respects. The Planning Board was empowered by the Selectmen to contact Land Use Consultants, Inc. to do so. The Secretary was instructed to notify the firm by letter enclosing a set of the plans and requesting a meeting as soon as the plans could be digested and comments prepared.

The Secretary was also instructed to put the Board's concerns in a letter to the D.E.P. and request a further extension until the recommendations from our engineer have been received.

Both Mr. Batchelder and his son affirmed that they were going to oppose the impoundment due to serious flooding of many acres of their property.

Due to the amount of Planning Board business, a special meeting was scheduled for Oct. 4th. at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank P. Goodwin

Frank Goodwin, Secretary

Approved. By:

Douglas C. Fogler

Russell L. Keith
