

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Oct. 16, 1984

Present: Selectmen: Chmn. Robert Fay, Dennis Abbott, Andrew Woodsome, Jr.
Town Clerk: Dianne Holden
Constable: Ed Waterhouse
Road Comm.: Roland Oakes, Ed Waterhouse, Dwayne Woodsome
Finance Comm: John Monteith, Jon Gale, Dorothy Stetson
ZBA: Irmagard Linscott
C.E.O.: Van Foglio
Industrial Dev. Comm: Don Turner, Jr., Evelyn Wishart
Conservation Comm: Debra Downs, Dan Langill
Planning Bd.: Kathleen Moody
Fire Dept: John Smith, Charles Drapeau
Self Eval. Team: Jean Chick, Barbara StLouis, Van Foglio, Jon Gale
C.E.P. Director: Owen Grant

Meeting opened by Chmn. Robert Fay. Fay announced that the Tax Bills for 1984 were out with an increase of \$1.25 over last year, making the tax rate \$15.50 per thousand valuation. Fay said that Mark Caldwell, Assessor will be available in the office on Oct. 24th. to review the tax assessments with citizens.

Fay said that he had talked with DEP representative Norman Anderson on the telephone concerning the spill of sodium cyanide at Southern Maine Finishing Corp.. Fay said that Anderson did not feel that the spill was serious enough to harm anyone as the body tends to change cyanide into a less toxic substance. However, if over a long period of time in large doses cyanide would cause drowsiness, dizziness and headaches. Fay said Anderson said the DEP had not tested regularly because of conflicting Federal Law and State Laws. Anderson will forward to the Town a letter detailing information on the testing of the spillage. Fay said that Stu Gannett owner of the Southern Maine Finishing Corp. had invited the Selectmen, Planning Board and C.E.O. to visit the Plant in November.

Candidates Day, Fay announced the upcoming event to take place on Nov. 4th., in the Waterboro Town Hall, at 2:00 PM.

Regional Selectmen's Meeting held the 25th. of Sept. was well attended and an interesting talk on Cable TV by MMA staff members was very informative. Fay said the Selectmen had voted to purchase 24 chairs and 6 tables for the Town Hall. Fay said the Town Dump problems continue. Dwayne Woodsome Contractor for the Stump Dump maintenance said that a full barrel was still at the Dump, left there by New England Hide but it appeared to be sludge and not hides. Fay said that in spite of telephone call and a letter the barrel had not been removed.

Dennis Abbott said that he talked with Bob Carroll of the Saco River Communication Corp. concerning the cable channel 3 that is available to the Town at no cost, to be used for announcements and even entire programs, meeting, Fire Dept. tapes on fire fighting, etc. Abbott said that he felt this would be a good tool to use to explain the Town Budget before Annual Town Meeting. This channel can also be used by the School District.

Chmn. Fay congratulated Dennis Abbott on his election to the MMA Legislative Board. Also John Monteith mentioned a newspaper item on Abbott being chosen as one of the two outstanding young men from Southern Maine.

Selectman Woodsome said that he had nothing against DEP but felt that the Department was too small to handle the entire State of Maine in licensing and control. That the Town's Hazardous Waste Ordinance would be in effect very shortly. As for DEP, Woodsome said that Waterboro was very lucky to have them respond to their calls as soon as they do because of lack of manpower. Chmn. Fay said that the Planning Board would be getting the Ordinance Applications out this week and that the Ordinance would not have much control over the older businesses in Town as they are grandfathered but all new businesses would be easier to control.

Dianne Holden: Reported that the Collection of 1984 taxes good and that a large amount of new registered voters and absentee balloting. Dianne Reported activity of the Parks & Recreation Comm. A representative of the State Grant Office will meet with the Comm. and Town Engineer Walt Stinson tomorrow to review the plans for a project on Old Alfred Rd., Town property. The Commission are hoping to receive State or Federal Grants. The Comm. has tentatively accepted a bid from D.C. Foglio for approx. \$12,000. for work needed on the Old Alfred Rd. property. Dec. 1st., the Commission will sponsor a Craft Fair at the Town Hall and will also sponsor a diet club every Thursday night for ten weeks.

Ossipee Hill Rd: Chmn. Fay said that the work was going slow on this project and that the Board would have to take a stronger stand with the Contractor. Fay also mentioned the outcome of the suite the Town of Lyman Selectmen had with the Lyman Road Commissioner, the Commissioner lost the case.

Self Evaluation Team: Jean Chick explained that the Team had presented the Board with a Transition Plan to make the Town Hall and Offices more accessible to the handicapped. The Town must comply with Section 504 of the Federal Revenue Sharing Act before Oct. 1986.

Industrial Development Comm: Chmn. Turner said that the Dyer property on the corner of Old Alfred Rd. would be purchased by William Welch of Mass. Mr. Welch has also owned a cottage at Ossipee Lake for 20 years. Welch will be starting a machine shop doing similar work that GTE does at their Plant. Chmn. Fay congratulated the Comm. for the work they had done to help Mr. Welch.

Fire Dept: John Smith said that he would like a smoke detector Ordinance for the Town. After much discuss it was decided that Smith would prepare a proposed Ordinance and present it to the Board to be placed on the Warrant at Annual Town Meeting in March 1985.

C.E.P.: Owen Grant announced an Open House in Alfred Court House that the C.E.P. is holding next Sunday, all invited.

Conservation Comm: Chmn. Debra Downs said the Comm. was working on several projects, public awareness slides on radon held last night at the Town Hall, a resident survey on water testing. Also the Comm. is waiting to hear from Southern Maine Regional Planning Comm. regarding a Grant they plan to use to test water in the York County area.

ZBA: Alternate member Linscott reported that the Board had held a variance hearing this evening for Robert Paquette on Ossipee Lake to construct a garage within 7 feet of his property line. The variance was granted.

Planning Board: Chmn. Moody said the Board would be sending out the Hazardous Waste Ordinance Application and letter to businesses this week. The Board approved plans for the elderly housing as presented at their last meeting. The project will be started by York-Cumberland Dev. by April 1985 and will be renting in the Fall.

John Monteith: Monteith said that he had not held any Finance Comm. meeting as yet. He did state that the tax bills were mailed out later this year therefore, costing the town alot of interest. Discussion was held on this and also on the State Valuation of Waterboro and surrounding Towns.

Ed Waterhouse, Constable: Nothing to report.

Roland Oakes: Nothing to report.

Dar Langill: Nothing to report.

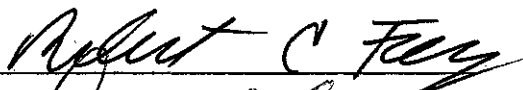

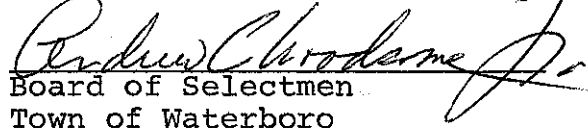
Jon Gale: SAD #57 Director for Waterboro explained the budget process and that the budget committee for SAD #57 would be meeting in different locations to discuss the budget, Oct.31 at the Elementary School in East Waterboro.

He said that the SAD Directors have in mind a major computer education in all grade levels, guidance Councilors and Principals in all elementary schools.

The new addition payment to the high school was discussed at length. If the payment is made in one year it would be \$84,356. which would mean a \$1.20 increase in the tax rate or they could pay within two years with still no interest with an increase of .60 on the tax rate. There will also be a five year plan with finance charges of \$20,000. per year, a .30 inc. on the tax rate. This will be decided on by the Directors and each Town will abide by the same payments, one, two or five years. Starter schools are planned for both Alfred and Limerick for between 3½ to 4 million dollars, within the next 2 or 3 years.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Approved by:




Board of Selectmen
Town of Waterboro