

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Town of Waterboro

**Board of Selectmen's Minutes
Town of Waterboro
November 26, 1996**

Attending: Bob Fay, Dale Witman, Millard Genthner, Steve Everett, Guy L'Italien, Don Holden, Deborah Aja (DEP). Dennis Abbott was excused. The meeting with Bob Hunt was postponed to 12/3 1996 due to weather conditions.

6:35 p.m. Millard Genthner discussed burning the stumpage at the dump and the Selectmen approved having the contractor that has performed this service in the past be contacted by Pat Sicard to do it again.

Additionally, the RWS recycling contract was discussed, and Pat reported that we are waiting for Eric Root to give an update on his efforts to bid out the recycling process. She has spoken to two other haulers, Richmond Stevens and Eric Higgins, and we will be covered no matter what RWS does.

Millard also reports that the padlock was stolen from the gate at the transfer station, and the Selectmen approved getting a new padlock, and referred him to Pat, who is the purchasing agent for the Town, as stated by Bob Fay.

7:00 p.m. A discussion regarding a letter that was received and reported problems with dogs and neighbors at Lake Arrowhead.

7:15 p.m. The Selectmen requested that Bertha McAloon, Tax Collector, discuss the explanation of tax abatements that she submitted to the Selectmen. Abatements for the 97 taxes equal 11,688, but are somewhat offset by supplemental bills issued for the same time period totaling 10,491. Part of the 24,538 in total abatements listed for 1993-1997 taxes include the write-off on Lake Arrowhead property now held by the town.

7:25 p.m. Representatives of the Lake Association and DEP met with the Selectmen to explain the proposed watershed study of Little Ossipee Pond. Volunteers will be recruited and trained to do the study, and a steering committee comprised of Town representatives, and Association members will give guidance. Deb Aja (DEP) and Pat Sicard (Selectmen's Assistant) agreed to assist the steering committee as needed with publicity, training, etc.

The purpose of the study: 1. To raise awareness of the watershed and 2. To get citizens involved, and 3. To preserve the present level of quality. Volunteers will look at soil quality and erosion to give an evaluation of phosphorous content in the water. Selectmen Fay asked if the DEP will also evaluate the effect of boat traffic and gas/oil on the quality of the water. Ms. Aja stated that a study was just done by

Jeff Dennis (DEP) as a response to a request by Steve Kasperzak. She will get the results to the Selectmen, and could not respond to Bob Fay's question as to why neither the Town nor the Lake Association was notified that a study was in progress.

Dale Witman stated he has observed that the vegetation in the coves has increased and the color of vegetation has changed recently. Bob Fay stated that the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife have jurisdiction over the lake.

Steps in this study will include: 1. Set up a steering committee; 2. Publicize the study in media and hold a public meeting; 3. Recruit and train volunteers to perform the testing (Don Holden reports he has volunteers already); 4. Volunteers perform tests; 5. DEP will evaluate results. Deb Aja stated that at least 8 teams of two volunteers are needed (total of 16), and that DEP will need a few months to process results. The testing should take place after the snow melts to get a clear picture of the run off from melting.

Pat asked if the Town had GIS mapping capability, would that help. Deb said yes. Dale Witman stated that the Town has results of a watershed study, and other documentation that would help. Pat will work with volunteers to pull this information together for mid-January (after the budget process is completed). Deb stated that the DEP is not looking to do enforcement, unless a danger to safety is uncovered, and will help to locate funding sources if the Town and Lake Association wish to initiate any corrective measures that are suggested following the release of test results.

The discussion ended with the group agreeing to form the steering committee and review data in mid-January. Dale Witman agreed to serve on the Steering Committee. The Association agreed to pay ½ the cost of training, and the Town will provide the rest. Deb Aja suggested planning to have the study cost up to 1,000.00.

9:00 p.m. The Selectmen signed the warrant and Pat brought up several issues:

Contractors buying the Town crushed rock stockpile: The pile is diminishing and needs to be available for Town use. Selectmen voted to stop the sales, and approved upholding a policy that requires anyone requesting material from the stockpile to get written approval from the Town.

Hazardous Waste at the Transfer Station: Pat suggested that the Town cease allowing local businesses to haul away the oil waste to be used as heating fuel. To avoid liability, she suggests having a licensed hauler of hazardous waste take care of the oil and anti-freeze drums. Dale Witman suggested having a release to absolve the Town from liability, and Pat stated that releases are not worth the paper they are printed on. She will get a recommendation from the Town Attorney.

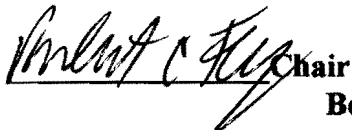
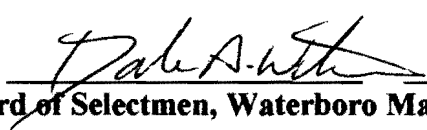
Additional insurance needed for youth programs as outlined by Alden Thayer. Selectmen voted to approve the additional \$5000 coverage for a cost of 300.00, and requested that it be implemented prior to the start of the skating program.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m. Motion by Dale Witman, second by Bob Fay.

Respectfully submitted,

**Patricia Sicard
Assistant to the Selectmen**

Approved on: _____ by

 **Chair** 
Board of Selectmen, Waterboro Maine

Items rescheduled: the December 3, 1996 agenda:

- 1. Town Speed Ordinance: Road Commissioner requests that the Selectmen approve upholding the 30 mph speed on town roads, and also asks that the Selectmen approve purchase of new signs needed.**
- 2. Discuss contract with Richmond Stevens (copy sent to Selectmen 11/22)**