# SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 28, 1997

Regular meeting of the Waterboro Board of Selectmen.

Present: Bob Fay, Dennis Abbott, Bob Gobeil, Patti Berry.

# **APPOINTMENTS**

7:00 Margaret Beavis enters meeting at Pat Sicard's request to give the Selectmen a report on the new computer system for Motor Vehicle registrations that she has been learning and working with. Margaret reports that there were printing problems at first, but that has been cleared up. There was also a problem with print priority codes, causing printing errors on the registrations that had to be whited out. That has been fixed. Bob Fay asks Margaret who helps her. Bertha is Margaret's back-up. (Deputy) Someone has to have the authority to act for Margaret when she is out, or away from her desk. Margaret is also Deputy to Nancy & Dianne if it happens that both of them are out. Dennis asks her if the electronic on line system is quicker. Yes it is. Some history gets lost, however, if someone coming in to register their vehicle is late. That has to be entered manually. Other town's have experienced some problems. The State determined when we would be going on line.

Dennis asks Margaret if she had a window for strictly Motor Vehicle and she could set the amount of hours she would be open, just to service the townspeople on motor vehicle, how many hours is strictly motor vehicle. 30 hours a week? Margaret says, at least that. Motor Vehicle is open 45 hours a week now and some people feel she is not available enough.

A discussion of the back-up system in that office ensues. Bertha backs up Margaret. Nancy backs up Dianne. There is a back up system in instances when a person is out or at lunch or just away from their desk, so that the public can be served as efficiently as possible.

Bob Fay says that townspeople shouldn't have to elect a tax collector, he feels it is a clerical position. He also states that if it wasn't for the back-up system, the Town clerk would have to be here. Margaret says that there are times when one has to be away from your desk. There are times when it is quiet, and times when people are lined up.

Bob asks if the attendance is good for everyone. Margaret says that it is, in her opinion. Bob asks what Margaret is up to for vacation. 4 weeks. Bob asks what everyone else is up to for vacation. Margaret says she believes everyone is at 4 weeks. Dennis adds that even though they are elected they have chosen to stick to the current personnel policy as

their guide to vacation time. Bob says they are elected and can take what vacation they want, but have to answer to voters. That's all. He also says at this time that he is just trying to understand the system and how it is working, That all.

Margaret says she is getting the bugs out of her new system.

Bob asks Margaret for a key to that office.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

A discussion of the Warrant for Town meeting began. The selectmen approved a request from Little Ossipee Lake Association for an article concerning lowering the level of the lake an additional one foot every 5 years beginning the year 2000 to allow shoreline repairs.

A request for an article was sent in by the residents of Thyng's Mill Road. Bob asks to have Nancy Brandt verify the signatures on the petition. The selectmen agree to allow the article to be submitted by the residents.

The Board would like a letter to go out to all on the Road Review committee requesting recommendations on Ricker Lane, Thyngs Mill Road, McLucas Road, and Long Causeway.

Dennis informed Patti to keep the Warrant in the same order as last year. To have a draft prepared for next Tuesday to finalize.

Joseph Fortunato submitted a request for the Town to convey a part of Old Waterboro Road over to him, it was discontinued by the State. We need to research if the State turned the property over to the Town, and exactly where his lot is, and hold a hearing if in fact the land is the Town's to convey to him.

The David Fedrizzi request for assistance in determining the Town's position on a discontinued road, Old Knight Road, and Barbara Andersen's request for maintenance of Long Causeway are not to be submitted as articles at this time. These people have not met the requirements to be placed on the Warrant and the selectmen's office cannot do research for people.

Bob Fay makes a motion to move the conflict of interest policy until after town meeting. Dennis seconds. Motion is passed.

# DISCUSSION

There was a phone call from Karen Lovell today regarding the Simanonok suit. She stated that the Lamontagne's filed with the courts for a dismissal and Mr. Simanonok did not answer, so the case was dismissed. Karen suggests that the Town do the same, and

wanted to know if we want her to do it, or do we want to wait for the insurance company to assign their own lawyer. The Board agreed to tell Karen to file for a dismissal.

Bob Fay requested more information on the portable toilet bids. Have they been sent out? Who have they been sent out to? The Board would like to keep the business local. Patti stated that she didn't believe the bids have been sent to anyone yet, that Dave Dittmer has been waiting for selectmen's approval before sending them out. Bob asked why are we putting these out to bid anyway. Patti believes that Dave is following the purchase order policy, that states anything over \$1000.00 must go out to bid.

A request was made by Rebekah Lodge, submitted by Sharon Abbott, to have a craft table at the Town Meeting. The Board approved this request.

Bob Gobeil was present and discussed the Park's and Rec. committee. The selectmen explained to him that in the ordinance it states that all requests are funneled through the Director, the committee is an advisory but the committee does not have authority over him.

There was a request from a person from Florida who owns two lots in Lake Arrowhead to turn them over to the town. The Board wants a letter to go out to her, Mrs. Scinto, to formerly request this in writing and that it would have to go before the Townspeople to vote on.

The Board would like to know when the snowplow contract is up. Bob would like a 15 year survey on storms if possible, maybe from DOT.

# **SIGNED**

The Waterboro Board of Selectmen signed the Warrant for Bills and Payroll.

- They also signed: 1. Minutes of 1/21/97 Selectmen meeting.
  - 2. Minutes of 1/22/97 Selectmen meeting.
  - 3. Two ME State Police request for background check.
  - 4. Two building use applications.

# ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment was made at 8:30, all approved.

APPROVED Date