

COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 25, 1997

Attending 83 people.

Bob Fay introduces Pat Sicard who introduces Dave Dittmer. Dave says this is a chance to honor the children of the town. The children are our future, and will become our future leaders. These are the youth that stand out as the best of the best. Our future is up to them.

Pat Sicard explains that the town has been forming a partnership between town hall and the schools and introduces Fred Bechard the superintendent of schools.

Fred Bechard finds this very rewarding that we are honoring students at council meeting who deserve recognition. He introduces Mr. Bull, Assistant Principal at the High School, Mr. Fisher, Principal at the Jr. High, and Mr. Petersen, the Principal at the Elementary School. Fred says that he is very proud and pleased for the opportunity to congratulate these youths who stand out in their profession, which is to be a student.

He introduces the students from the elementary while Mr. Petersen hands them their award. The six students are: Caitlin Sanborn, Matt Krueger, Valerie LaRiviere, Kim Metcalf, Ryan Foltz, Phil Applin.

The students from the Jr. High were introduced while Mr. Fisher hands them their award. The six students are: Joe Clough, Charity Cyr, Nathan Holmes, Jenny Skiles, Sarah Weymouth, Stephen Thyng.

The students from the High School are introduced while Mr. Bull hands them their award. The six students are: Jamie Chavez, Kurt Kneppshield, Meagen Krueger, Magen Pare', Jason Sullivan and Matt Vitirioso.

Pat Sicard honors a teacher who is special in SAD 57. Sheila Clough is introduced and is honored for her dedication to her students and to the community. Fred Bechard says that she is a true gift to our children.

Bob Fay asks Millard Genthner to introduce the members of the school board who are present. Millard says that he has been on the school board for 10 years and events like tonight make it all worth while. He then introduces Susan Powers, Adrienne Johnson, and Bill Griffin.

Bob Fay begins our council meeting where we have a sharing of town business.

Dale Witman gives the selectmen's report. We've been busy putting together reports since town meeting. The selectmen have met with the fire department and Neal Courtney discussing developing a municipal department. Have been working to correct the problem with the traffic signal in S. Waterboro. We are also working on getting prices for the new street signs once the E911 project is completed. There have been concerns about drainage problems, guardrails that Fred Fay has been made aware and is working to solve. Patti Berry and Pat Sicard are going to a general assistance seminar on April 14 and 15th. Dale says that last Thursday he spent the day at the Legislature and witnessed the bills that pertain to roads being turned back to small towns for maintenance and is petitioning our representatives to support the passage of those bills.

Dennis Abbott gives a financial report of the town. He says that, At town meeting \$1.9 million was raised for municipal government, which includes roads, fire department, sanitation. We have the budget information from SAD 57 budget which is \$2.9 million. The treasurer has collected \$1.6 million the first half of the year which includes current taxes and back taxes.

Bob Fay speaks at this time. Town meeting is over, and as always the selectmen accept what comes out of town meeting. He introduces Brenda Charland, who was voted in as our new selectmen and as of July will be a fresher, brighter selectman.

Pat Sicard reports as selectmen's assistant. She has been working on a risk management program as part of a total safety program. Is making sure that everyone working for the town follows safety measures. She is working with Maine Employers Mutual and Southern Maine Medical Center to establish a protocol if someone is injured. Along with being good for the town and everyone who works for the town, it will also lower our worker's comp. Rates. Rabies in southern Maine is at a danger point and will increase. We are putting together a rabies team which includes our health officer, animal control, and working on a procedure to take care of any incidences quickly and safely. It is important for everyone to realize that if asked to do safety precautions it is for your benefit as well as the town's.

Bob Fay introduces Payson MacCormack who ran for selectman and who we hope will continue to contribute to the town.

Larry Jacobsen reports for the PLANNING BOARD. There will be a meeting tomorrow night. There was a zoning change voted in at town meeting liberalizing home occupations.

Dave Krueger reports for the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. There are no cases before the board at this time. There is a meeting April 16th where there will be a workshop for the board. They are working on making the appeals process more friendly.

Bob Fay reads the reports submitted by the Tax Collector, the Motor Vehicle Agent, the Town Clerk and the Code Enforcement Office. Those reports are included with these minutes.

Jon Gale reports for the FINANCE COMMITTEE. There have been no meetings since town meeting. He suggests that next year once the committee is appointed, that they meet once every other month, so that issues being worked on can be made aware to the committee. That would help with the last minute crunch in January and February. The committee finds that they don't have enough time to communicate and animosity develops. We are really all working together with the same goals. It would give more opportunity to spend more time together to iron out any differences before town meeting.

Millard Genthner reports for SAD 57 DIRECTORS. The school board will be meeting tomorrow where the budget of \$18,789,000.+ will be presented. Millard assumes it will pass.

Fred Bechard Thanks the selectmen for what they have done this evening. In 27 years of being in public education he has never seen anyone as sincere, and conscientious and who follows through like Millard Genthner. He upholds the town's and the kid's needs at all times. Fred says he hopes to one day attend one of these council meetings in honor of Millard.

Maura Krueger asks Fred where is this district on the list of priorities to add on to the school. Fred says we are still on the list, and we haven't moved much. He believes that with all our over crowding difficulties that we have he feels that there is some sense of fairness to the system because the schools that are moved up on the list do have more difficulties than we do.

Bob Fay asks Fred Bechard what are the pluses and minuses of this proposed budget. Fred says that this budget does call for position increases this year. Dale Witman asks Fred about the districts transportation needs. Fred says that they plan to replace 4 buses a year. We have a 36 bus fleet, the bus life is 10 years, and they travel a total of 5000 miles a day. The goal is to never have a bus over 10 years old. There will be one more bus route added next year. Dennis Abbott asks Fred about future building proposal. Fred is hoping that this legislature or the next one puts in a new construction formula. We are building one school a year in this state. Dale asks Fred to give a brief breakdown of the budget. Fred says 83 % of the budget is locked due to contractual obligations. 12% of the budget is negotiable. A low percentage of the budget is for equipment. Brenda Charland asks what the cost per pupil is, and is it the same for all students from all of the towns in this district. Fred says it is the same for all towns, and that for the elementary it is approximately \$4,300 and for the secondary schools it is approximately \$5,300. He also says that out of 24 High schools in Cumberland and York counties, Massabesic is 22 from the bottom on cost per pupil, while giving a very high rate of education.

Scott Hamilton reports for the CONSERVATION COMMISSION. Their main projects are the Moody Pond nature center, and the Ossipee Hill town property. They are working on getting community support, possibly high school students. The Moody Pond area will be more for students and teachers to use for biology research, but would be accessible to everyone. Bob Fay says that he would like to see the Ossipee Hill area open for biking, observation, and to develop the area for snowmobiles.

Dave Dittmer reports for PARKS AND REC. The basketball season has just ended and summer rec. is right around the corner. Summer Rec. will run from July 7 through August 7. Jr. Rec. is for 7,8,9 graders and will focus more on outdoors type of activities. They are working on having Tennis and Golf clinics which will be open for all ages.

Payson MacCormack reports for LAKE ARROWHEAD ASSOCIATION. Their crime watch program is going good, with about 35 members and everything else seems to be going great.

Pat Sicard reports for EMA, E911. The risk management that she is working on is a critical piece to have an emergency plan. And the volunteers are working on correcting the maps for the E911 system.

Dennis Abbott reports for CABLE TV. The franchise is up for renewal. It is spearheaded by Tony Vigue. The contract is being negotiated as a whole involving six other communities. Richard Bateman is our representative in the committee.

Bob Fay speaks about the article in Casco Bay Weekly on RWS. Says it is "blistering" and is terrifying if true. Millard Genthner reports for RWS. He doesn't know at this time how much of that article is true. He will be talking with Chuck F. from RWS to see what % of the article is true. If anyone wants a copy of the article it will be available in the selectmen's office. Millard says he hasn't seen a draft of their budget yet.

Francis Towns reports for SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION. There are 9 applications that will be voted on at tomorrow's meeting. 4 of them should pass, and 5 will have some discussion on. There have been very little problems with most applications recently. Bob Fay asks if anything is being done as to duplications with Shoreland Zoning and the SRCC. Francis reports that SRCC and our Code enforcement officer have exchanged fee schedules and comparing them and are working to make one application. Bob asks is anything being done about having a quorum to vote. Francis says that he doesn't know of anything being done yet. Bob asks who set the rules. Francis says the rules were set by legislature when the commission was formed. Francis says his frustrations are that no one shows up at public hearings except for the people applying. People who file appeals don't do what is required of them. Dale asks is there anyone to help them with the appeals process. Francis says that the applications are question and answer and are very easy. And that the commissioner, Dennis Finn is always willing to tour sites with applicants and answer any questions if asked. Bob Fay asks if the commission ever meets with town officials. Francis believes that when Dennis Finn came

in, did a presentation to towns and as far as he knows is willing to meet with anyone who has questions.

Guy Latelian reports for OSSIPPEE LAKE ASSOCIATION. They are getting ready to do the watershed survey. They test the water of the lake every 2 weeks from April through October. There are areas that get cloudy after heavy downpours. By popular vote the lake association decided to do the survey of the watershed of the lake. The survey will take place on April 19th. The main goal is to find out where phosphorous materials are getting into the lake. Looking to improve or at least maintain the quality of the lake. It is the landowners option to let the people doing the survey to walk their property. Tom Searles a property owner of the lake and member of conservation commission speaks at this time. The phosphorous problem is coming from erosion, sediment from washoff and drainage and natural runoff, and they are trying to spot areas of these types of erosion. Guy L. says there is a handout by the door and a volunteer list. They are looking for 20 people to help with the survey. The training for the survey will be on April 12. Watershed area includes Ossipee Hill runoff. Tim Nelson states that there are maps in the code enforcement office of watershed of that area. Bob Fay asks Tim Nelson to explain shoreland zoning. Tim says that 250' from the high water mark there is very protective cutting, that it is very intense and very complicated.

Maura Krueger asks about the K-1 spill in S. Waterboro. Pat Sicard reports that many steps have been taken, the facility has had to make changes to comply with standards set forth. Dale Witman adds that the facility has been mandated to upgrade and has agreed to get financing to do the upgrades required.

Bob Gobeil reports for OLD HOME DAYS. Permits are being obtained, they are working on the parade. They still need volunteers. Old Home Days will be July 11, and 12th. The fireworks will be on the 12th. It will be at Massabesic High School.

Jon Gale reports for TAYLOR HOUSE. They met before town meeting to decide who would do what for the bake sale at town meeting. Other than that, they haven't met through the winter.

Pat Sicard reports for the HISTORICAL SOCIETY. They don't meet through the winter. Meetings will start in April. The membership is dwindling and encourages everyone to join. There is a lot of history in Waterboro.

Pat Sicard introduces Scott Hamilton and Tom Searles as new members of the RECYCLING COMMITTEE. There are 3 new members to the conservation committee and 5 new members to the recycling committee. Nan and John MacDowell have been appointed to recycling recently. Mike and Valerie Leach also have been appointed to recycling. And Nancy Bean has been appointed to Old Home Days Committee.

Tom Searles reports for the RECYCLING COMMITTEE. He was just elected "keeper of the key" making him the chair of that committee. They are trying to get more

community activity to make recycling easier. Some ideas are to make a recycling shed at the dump where people can leave things they don't need or get things that they do need. They are working on getting students to make posters and write essays and will give recognition to students who get involved. This would possibly get people involved and get homes to start recycling. This would lower our tipping fees. He believes that advertising more and getting more businesses involved to put up posters on recycling will help to get people motivated to recycle. Bob Fay states that this could be the toughest committee because you have to motivate people. Pat Sicard thanks Larry Jacobsen for information he has shared. Dale Witman states that Waterboro recycles 3-4% of our waste and this is an area where we as citizens can have a direct input in reducing the cost of town government. Tom Searles says that the committee will be working with Parks and Rec. on a project of doing a float in the parade for Old Home Days on Recycling. Bob Fay says that Pat has recruited the recycling committee since she has been here. When Pat started here the committee had dwindled to nothing.

Pat Sicard reports that the Internet Page she got a communication from Manitoba school which we responded to when none of the other communities the school contacted through the Internet responded. Ray Boudoin brought us through the process of setting up the Internet and puts in many volunteer hours helping us with it. Dave Dittmer has also put in a tremendous amount of hours.

Council Meeting Adjourns at 8:45.

Town of Waterboro

March 25, 1997

Robert Fay, Chairman

Board of Selectmen
POB 130
Waterboro, Me. 04087

Dear Sir:

The following is my report as Tax Collector. for the Town of Waterboro to be distributed at the Council Meeting this evening.

Excise Tax collected for the period of the last month is \$47, 969.24.

Taxes collected to date for 1997 \$1,630,908.30.

Bertha McAloon
Tax Collector

Town of Waterboro

March 25, 1997

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Code Enforcement Office

Re: Report for Council Meeting

The Building, Plumbing, Shoreland Zoning, Land Use Zoning and Enforcement issues are on going. The weather has been good for contractors this winter. Due to the various duties that we deal with on a regular basis we many times only report on the building portion of our jobs. Spring is the time of year that brings new issues, some being repair of retaining walls along the water, additions or renovations to homes and cottages, determining the number of trees and area to be cleared in a shoreland zone. Even during the slow times of the year we are busy answering questions and for those of you that call for information on zoning, plumbing, construction, etc. we hope that you receive the necessary information. If we can be of assistance to you in any of these areas in the future please do not hesitate to call on us.

Ralph Stanley, CEO
Sharon Abbott, Deputy

Motor Vehicle Agent Report
Feb 20 - March 24, '97

During the above period of time the following have been processed through this office:

81 New registrations
272 re-registrations
16 Commercial vehicles
57 Trailers
16 Tractors
4 Motorcycles
27 Transfers

\$6,211.08	Sales Tax
\$47,969.24	Excise Tax
\$1,538.00	M.V. Fees

Margaret Beavis,
M.V. Agent

**TOWN CLERK REPORT
FROM 2/18/97 - 3/24/97**

FISH & GAME LICENSES ISSUED:

Hunting - 5 Fishing - 19 Combo - 22 Jr. Hunt - 3 Archery - 4

RV ISSUED:

ATV'S - 16 Boat - 9 Snowmobiles - 11 Non-Res. Snowmobiles - 1

DOG LICENSES ISSUED:

Male/Female - 4 Neutered/Spayed - 21

Since October 15, 1996, a total of 488 dogs have been licensed for the 1997 year.

VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED:

Births - 5 Deaths - 7 Marriages - 2

FEES RECEIVED:

Fish & Game- \$ 90.00

Dogs - 67.00

Certified Copies - 208.00

Total \$365.00

Waterboro's Oldest Citizen, Vivian Collupy, will be 97 years old on April 6th. For anyone interested in sending her a birthday card, her address is :

Vivian Collupy

HCR 72 Box 5520

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