

COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 23, 1997

Attending: Waterboro Board of Selectmen and 30 committee members and residents of Waterboro.

Dennis Abbott calls the meeting to order and asks Dale Witman to introduce two new employees of the Town Hall. Dale introduces Rob Baker as the new Code Enforcement Officer who comes to us from Harrison. Dale then introduces Gerald Daigle as the new Assessor who comes to us from Cape Elizabeth. It is announced the Sue Macey has been hired as the new Planning Board Secretary but could not attend this meeting.

Dave Dittmer is asked to do a presentation on Parks and Recreation. Dave starts by stating he will be asking the community for direction as to where they would like to see the Parks and Rec. department go, to put a long term plan into effect for the future. Parks and Rec. has been getting involved in community activities such as the Lion's Cranberry-Apple festival. The swim program was a success this year at Lake Arrowhead Community. Parks and Rec. will be needing more volunteers than ever as the programs grow. There will be two skating rinks this year, one for hockey and one for everyone to skate on. There will be another Winter Carnival this year. There might also be some caroling events. There will be another haunting at Halloween, but at Friendship Park instead of the Town Hall. Projects for the Spring will include working on the parks in Waterboro. Summer will be building on the Summer Rec program. There will be a request at the special town meeting on October 21 concerning funding of Parks and Rec. The fees generated by summer rec were not applied this year to Parks and Rec, therefore the program will not have the funds that it has always had. There will be an article on the Warrant to rectify this situation. There has been a problem at the Route 5 picnic area with vandalism. Dave asks people to be aware of this and if they happen to see anything suspicious anywhere in town to please report it. Dave announces that Massabesic Adult Ed has two Boston trips this year if anyone is interested.

Dennis Abbott gives the SELECTMEN'S REPORT. There will be a special town meeting on October 21. A public hearing will be held the first part of October. Some of the issues that will be on the warrant are: 1. Bringing the Fire Department under the Town of Waterboro municipal department. The Fire Department has already filed an intent to dissolve the corporation with the Secretary of State. 2. The issue with the Parks and Rec. funding. 3. State of Me. Has turned over some winter maintenance of roads back to the Town and will require \$25,000 in additional funding. The snow plow contracts have been awarded to Foglio Inc. pending funding, the Town to provide salt and sand. 4. A subdivision going in on Webber Road may involve the town receiving some land to repair that road. 5. At the corner of Robert's Ridge Road and Townhouse road is a piece of property that the town has maintained and used for years that belongs to Francis Swett. The Town is proposing to accept the gift of the land to relieve Francis of the liability issue of the Town using this road. Among other issues.

Dennis Abbott states that this is Pat Sicard's last meeting with us. She has resigned her position as of tomorrow. Dennis thanks Pat for her service to the town.

Dale Witman adds that the Selectmen have established an approved vendor list for contractors. Rates have been reviewed and a flat rate has been set for various pieces of equipment. The Town has learned that the State is requiring all road projects costing over \$5,000. To be engineered by a licensed engineer. The Governor visited town the second week of August and along with Dale, Willis Lord and Mike MacAlevy toured Horton's Seafood.

Brenda Charland adds that Pat Sicard has been working on the personnel policy and it is nearing completion. The job descriptions still need to be finalized.

Pat Sicard adds that the Taylor House will be having Hay rides this Christmas and will be decorating the wagon in victorian style. Pat has been working on mitigation grants on areas of roads that continually wash out in storms. The grants have been approved but the Maine Historical Society feels that this area has potential to be a historic site. The Federal Government will not sign off on the grants until the sites have been inspected.

Dennis Abbott informs everyone that there is a referendum vote on November 4th with 6 questions on the ballot.

TOWN CLERK report is read and is enclosed.

MOTOR VEHICLE AGENT report is read and is enclosed.

TREASURERS report is read and enclosed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE report is read.

PLANNING BOARD There are a number of new subdivisions proposed in town. A new secretary has been hired for the Planning Board.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Dave Kruegar reports that there were two cases heard in August. They are hoping to have a workshop in November as there are new members on the board.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER Dennis Abbott states that there have been a number of nuisance complaints that the town has turned over to the Sheriff's department.

RWS Millard Genthner reports that the negotiations with DEP should be coming to a close soon. On Thursday will be a vote on refinancing \$6.7 million of debt. It will take a ¾ affirmative vote of the entire board to approve this. John Montieth asks if the savings of this would be passed down to the Town's in less tipping fees. Millard says they are

looking at several scenarios and is not sure how the use of the savings will be passed on to us.

Dennis Abbott states that Richmond Stevens' son passed away this week. Richmond is the owner of Custom Transfer which runs our transfer station.

SAD 57 Millard Genthner reports that everything seems to be running fine. The vandalism at the elementary school which broke a line to an oil tank and 248 gallons were spilled. The lines have been boxed in to prevent this from happening again.

Fred Bechard adds that the insurance company will be covering this accident in full which will amount to in excess of \$5,000.00. He echoes what Dave Dittmer said about reporting any suspicious behavior.

Fred reports that school opened smoothly. Enrollment is up 148 from last year, with a total enrollment of 3,478 in the district. The elementary school is down 8 kids from last year due to redistricting. Massabesic Jr. High is up 40 students to a total of 597. Title 9 is alive and well in SAD 57, reporting that there are more females taking part in extra curricular activities than males. John Monteith asks Fred where do we stand on the list of districts to get a new school. Fred states that they met on this subject this morning where a new application was presented. We are somewhere in the 20's on the list. The towns that get funding for new schools are the very desperate cases.

ROAD COMMISSIONER Fred Fay reports that Robert's Ridge Road is almost done, still needs to be paved, and needs to be topcoated next spring. Deering Ridge Road should be graveled on Thursday or Friday. This road had to be engineered which costs more than was expected, also more money had to be spent on blasting than was originally thought. Should be ready to pave soon.

E911 Pam L'Heureux reports that the maps are in Augusta being finalized. The street signs have been ordered for the new and the changed roads. She is getting a list of road whose street signs are missing and those will be ordered in the future. She is working on putting tax map addresses into the computer to match up with street addresses from the post office. It will be closer to spring by the time this process is complete.

EMA Pam L'Heureux reports that she attended the first meeting of the season in Alfred and there will be a 9 state drill on Hurricane disaster that she will be attending. She will be attending a school in March to teach stop drop and roll.

CONSERVATION Dave Fedrizzi reports that the three major projects being worked on at this time are: 1. Making use of the town owned property on Ossipee Mountain for hiking trails, cross country skiing etc. 2. Talking about an off street parking lot at the Thompson reserve property and 3. Going over the list of town owned property to see if there are any practical uses.

SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION Mike Towns reports that 8-12 applications are processed each month 30 % of them being Waterboro cases. There is a meeting tomorrow on a proposed gas line under the Saco River. The attendance has been poor this summer but have met quorum.

LIBRARY Molly MacDaniel reports that the Chess Club meets the last Saturday of the month. The library had a table at the Cranberry/Apple festival and made \$140 to go towards books and passes for the Children's Museum in Portland.

FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMEN Elias Smith Jr. reports that to date there have been 165 fire calls and 411 rescue calls. Have been working on becoming part of municipal government. On October 8 there will be an inspection of the department. The rescues were inspected last week and were found to be in excellent condition.

LAKE ARROWHEAD Len VanGassbeek reports that annual elections were held with 53 people attending. In 1987 there were 355 houses in Lake Arrowhead, in 1997 there are 900 houses. It takes \$1.20 per minute to run the community. They have put GL textile down on one road to try it out and will see how it makes it through the winter. The neighborhood crime watch is active with 40 members and seems to have cut down on petty vandalism. Len has a question of the Board, why is the minimum bid for swap pool lots so high. The board will discuss this with him at a later date.

CABLE TV Dave Dittmer reports that last month's meeting the proposal was requested and has been delayed through early October. We have requested materials and equipment to improve our capabilities. Dennis Abbott reports that Frontier Vision is our cable company and is in the process of renegotiating franchises with the towns it represents.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY Ginny Hewes reports that October 2nd is the last meeting of the year where everyone will bring an antique and describe it = Show and Tell. There will also be a display of cemetery work that has been done to preserve the old cemeteries in Waterboro. Ginny states that there has been vandalism to some old stones, gun shots and broken stones.

GENERAL DISCUSSION Millard Genthner reports that TWM will be at the dump to pump out the contaminated oil barrels. Dennis Abbott explains that at the dump we have waste oil barrels that operate on the honor system and what would normally cost nothing to dispose of will cost us \$1,500.00 for 600 gallons of contaminated oil. We need to use the facilities the way they were intended, because it costs all of us in tax dollars when these things occur.

Pam L'Heureux informs everyone that Ossipee Tower is now a National Historic Lookout Tower.

ADJOURNMENT 8:45

TOWN CLERK REPORT

8/1/97 - 9/22/97

I am unable to attend Council Meeting due to starting EMT classes but I would like to submit the following report:

Fish & Game Licenses issued:

Archery- 18	Jr. Hunt - 32
Combo- 6	Bear Permit- 15
Fishing- 10	Duplicates- 3
Hunting- 145	Expanded Archery - 6
Duck Stamps - 15	Pheasant Stamp - 1

Fish & Game Registrations issued:

Boats - 34
ATV's - 41
Snowmobile - 1 (FYI Snowmobile registration has increased from \$20. to \$25.)

Vital Stats Recorded:

Birth- 13
Death - 1
Marriages - 7

Dogs Licensed:

New dogs - 6

Election:

Referendum election will be held on Nov. 4th. Absentee ballots are available. On the back of this report is a copy of the Notice of Referendum Election which was formally known as the Warrant, with the questions to be voted on.

I will be attending a Elections workshop on October 14th on the new election laws.

National Voter Registration Act:

Since the first notices were sent out to 1,119 Inactive voters in July, so far 324 names have been removed from the voters list. Currently there are 3,482 registered voters.

State of Maine
NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION
Tuesday, November 4, 1997

Municipality _____ Voting District _____

Voting Place Name _____

Voting Place Location _____

Polls Open At _____ A.M. Polls Close At **8:00** P.M.

A person may register to vote and/or enroll in a political party on or before election day.

Pursuant to Title 21-A, Section 759(7), absentee ballots will be processed centrally/at the polls at the following times:

Questions To Be Voted On:

Question 1 - Carry-over Measure: Do you want the Compact for Maine's Forests to become law to promote sustainable forest management practices throughout the State?

Question 2 - Bond Issue: Do you favor a \$7,000,000 bond issue, which will match \$15,000,000 in federal funds, to construct water pollution control facilities, to clean up tire stockpiles and to make drinking water improvements?

Question 3 - Bond Issue: Do you favor a \$10,000,000 bond issue to provide funding for the Adaptive Equipment Loan Program fund, which provides loans to individuals with disabilities to purchase adaptive equipment and to small businesses to improve accessibility, and for improving accessibility and addressing related safety issues at the University of Maine System and at the State House?

Question 4 - Bond Issue: Do you favor a \$56,850,000 bond issue for improvements to municipal and state roads, state and local bridges, airports, state ferry vessels and terminals and rail and marine facilities that makes the State eligible for approximately \$129,740,000 in matching federal funds?

Question 5 - Constitutional Amendment: Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to remove the language providing that all persons under guardianship for reasons of mental illness are disqualified from voting?

Question 6 - Referendum Question: Do you favor adding one travel lane in each direction to the southern end of the Maine Turnpike, paid for by turnpike tolls, to reduce accidents and congestion?

A True Copy
Attested _____

(Signature of Municipal Clerk)

Date _____

September 22, 1997

From: MV Agent, Town of Waterboro.

As of September 13 the federal law that limits the amount of information that the Bureau of Motor Vehicles can disclose to certain people entitled The Drivers Privacy Protection Act, goes into effect. An informational brochure is available at the Town Hall.

Also, as of September 19, upon purchasing a 1997 or 1998 year vehicle it will be necessary to present along with the owner's copy of the title application and dealer's certificate for sales tax, the 'window price sticker'. These three papers will be required in order to register your vehicle.

An excise tax from Comm Vehicles in the amount of \$735.16 was received from the State.

Total received from excise tax for the past month \$47,380.89.

458 Motor vehicle transactions were processed,

Margaret Beavis
MV Agent, Waterboro,