

## SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 27, 1998

Regular meeting of the Waterboro Board of Selectmen. Attending: Dennis Abbott, Chairman, Dale Witman, Brenda Charland, Claire Poissant, Patti Berry, Fred Fay, Bob Fay, Willis Lord, Payson MacCormack, Elias Smith Jr., Ginny Pare', Dianne Holden, Nancy Brandt.

### APPOINTMENTS

7:00 P.M. Elected officials regarding referendum question on terms of elected officials. Dennis Abbott explains why we called the meeting and requests input. Willis Lord asked if the vote to change fiscal year as by referendum. Dennis states that no, it was by town meeting vote and it was by a vote of the Board of Selectmen when the annual elections occur. At that time they chose to keep the elections consistent with years past and keep them with town meeting. Bob Fay asks, if someone is elected for a certain term, wouldn't the selectmen have to get their permission to shorten that term? Nancy Brandt states that the oath of office people take runs from July 1 to June 30. Fred Fay asks if we can't just move the elections to June. Bob Fay states that it would not attract many voters. Dennis Abbott states that we could run the elections with the primary or with the SAD 57 budget vote. Willis Lord states that the alternative is to change the fiscal year back. Dennis Abbott states that he does not see the need to do anything, and just keep things the same. Dianne Holden states maybe we should just have an official vote to keep it the same. Nancy Brandt asks if the town attorney has been contacted. Dennis states that no, but we went through legal council when we changed our fiscal year and this issue was not brought up then. Dale Witman states that maybe we should have an article on the warrant instead of referendum question. Payson MacCormack asks Brenda Charland how beneficial it was to her to have 3 months from the date of election until taking office. Brenda states that it was very beneficial. Dale Witman states again that it might be better to put this in the form of an article on the warrant. Bob Fay states that if it is a referendum it can't be changed on the townhouse floor. Nancy Brandt reminds everyone that tomorrow is the deadline for submitting referendum questions.

Bob Fay asks if the selectmen are going to adopt the State's changes in the criteria for getting a variance through the zoning board of appeals. If it is a referendum the deadline is tomorrow. Nancy states that there would have to be public hearings 10 days prior to town meeting. Dennis Abbott thinks we should get input from the Planning Board. Dale States that a memo has been generated by Patti to that effect to the Planning Board.

**Fred Fay re: poles to be set on Webber Road.** Fred wonders about the poles to be set there because they are proposed to be in the area that the Town would like to reconstruct. Fred wants to know if we should have a center line profile done? Fred will check on this tomorrow.

**Meeting with Elias Smith Jr. and Ginny Pare' re: properties owned by the department to be voted to accept at town meeting.** Elias Smith discussed the revolving account and requests that the warrant article dealing with that be revised to state any left over moneys be kept in an account of special/major purchases. (such as an ambulance or pumper). Dennis states that the wording has to be clear so people understand we are not asking for funds for the rescue, we are asking to use the moneys brought in by the rescue. Brenda states that we should make a provision that any moneys left over get brought forward. Ginny and Elias agree. Dennis states that we need language to the effect that moneys above and beyond what is designated, and Brenda adds that this should be

done yearly. Dennis states that it should be added that any money taken out is to be spent with town meeting approval.

Assets of the fire department are discussed. It is decided to state in the article that all assets of the Waterboro Fire Department be accepted at town meeting. Another issue is that if a new fire chief should need to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen there will be a search committee to make a recommendation to the Selectmen.

Dennis states that there is also an issue with keeping a working safety program with the Fire Department. Who will be the safety officer, and we will need minutes of all safety meetings.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Nancy Brandt submitted a question regarding whether she should charge a \$1 fee for upgrading boat registrations. The Board agreed that we will not charge the fee but to keep track of the amount of upgrades.
2. Discussion of Warrant articles is put off until next week.
3. Request from Selectmen of Hollis regarding the fees we charge for the use of Waterboro's stump dump. The Board agreed we would not go up on the fees this year.
4. Memo from DOT was discussed earlier with Fred Fay. See above.
5. Letter from Jo-Dee Troiani was read and warrant article for Thyngs Mills Road was discussed. We will review the minutes of the meeting where it was decided to plow that road this year and will discuss this next week.
6. Patti reports the following:
  - a. Lake Arrowhead's regular meeting has been rescheduled to January 31, at 9 a.m. due to the weather last week.
  - b. Questions the deed from David Kercz for Map 45 Lot 1808 that was accepted as a gift at special town meeting, the wording non-buildable was not in the deed we accepted and Dennis Abbott agreed with Patti that it only needs to be in the deed that we provide should we sell this lot at auction or otherwise.
  - c. Northern Data has submitted a bill for \$960 for a State mandated upgrade on our Motor Vehicle program. Patti spoke with NDS today and informed them that she felt this would be included in our maintenance agreement and that this was not budgeted for. NDS informed Patti that other towns have made the same comments, and they are not sure that they can make us pay for that upgrade. They will get back to her.
  - d. There is a question regarding voice mail on the Tax Collector's phone line. She does not feel she has time to check the voice mail and distribute the messages. The Town Clerk would like to have voice mail. Patti would like to know if we can have the voice mail put on that line instead. Dennis will be in to speak with the Bertha.
  - e. Rob Baker met with the attorney regarding a zoning violation on East Shore Road. Patti reports that Rob took with him the two deck violations on the Lake that have yet to be dealt with since this summer. We will be moving forward with those also.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Quote from Key Bank for computer upgrade. Dale Witman made the motion to approve the upgrade and for the warrant article at this year's town meeting to reflect the moneys needed for this lease agreement. Dennis Abbott seconded. Vote is 3-0-0. Motion passes.

2. The complaint on damage to a fence on Lakewood Drive will be tabled until next week. We have not had a chance to have the right of way measured yet.
3. The Selectmen reviewed the memos to Ginny Pare' and Margaret Beavis regarding their sideletters to the personnel policy. They approved and signed the memos stating that both would not lose accrued sick time since the adoption of the new policy and that Margaret would not lose a week of vacation time a year.

#### OTHER

1. Dale Witman stated that he spoke with Rob Baker regarding adopting the updated the Boca Codes. Dennis thinks we should wait because he believes there is a movement to make a standard building code anyway.
2. Pam L'Heureux requested to meet with the Board next week to go over the figures for damages incurred due to the ice storm for FEMA reimbursement. A meeting is set up for 7 p.m. next week.

#### SIGNED

The Waterboro Board of Selectmen signed the Warrant for Bills and Payroll.  
They also signed the following:

1. Three background checks.
2. Minutes of 1/6/98 selectmen meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

APPROVED

Date: 2/17/98



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