

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

May 22, 2001

**Present:** Willis Lord, Bob Fay, Brenda Charland, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Chief Deputy Ouellette Pam L'Heureux, Jason L'Heureux, Chuck & Ruth Kearn, John Littlefield, Beth Cyr, Diane Herrle, Teresa Lowell, Carole Cochran, Jerry Daigle, Russ Lowell, Eric Herrle, Bill Griffin, Fred Bechard, Mike DeAngelis, Bob Gobeil, Cindy Gilmore, Brenda Crenner, Howard Doe, Debby Downs, Sue Dunlap and Jon Gale.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Selectmen's Report:** Willis reported that Clean Up Day has been scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be limiting to four (4) tires per registered vehicle. Reported that RWS will not be doing a hazardous waste pick up this year due to the cost. He will contact DEP to see about a regional hazardous waste pickup and offer Waterboro as the location in this area. Will be a Special Town Meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 10 a.m. at the town hall. Brenda stated that the CEO is doing a marvelous job on enforcement and hopes that he can continue. Bob reported that RWS will be voting tomorrow night to make Waterboro a full voting member and not just a half member.

**Selectmen's Asst. Report:** Reported that she has been working on the warrant, the Hollis agreement is complete and the new computer system will be coming on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**State Police:** Reported that they responded to 72 calls in April including crack cocaine and an alleged sexual assault at Blackburn's Campground. Have been doing seatbelt detail and working on speed. Doing more seatbelt enforcement because of grants. Bob reported that 12 moose were seen at Ross Corner last night. Questioned spot checks on tractor trailers in Waterboro. Discussed speeding on Evergreen Drive in North Waterboro. Questioned if providing license numbers is a good idea and was told it would be very helpful.

**York County Sheriff's Dept.:** Reported on the contract deputy and the meeting with the Public Safety Committee last evening. Requested that everyone be more cautious with summer coming. Reported that calls in Waterboro are up about 6% over last year.

**Assessor's Report:** Reported that the field work is underway and about 20% complete. Should be completed by last July. Has added \$1,000,000 in new value at this point.

**Motor Vehicle Agent Report:** Report attached.

**Town Clerk:** Report attached.

**Tax Collector:** Report attached.

**Code Enforcement Office:** Report attached.

**Planning Board Report:** Report attached. Discussed an incident which occurred at a recent workshop. Discussed holding a workshop to review this type of behavior. Pam suggested that volunteers should be subject to the personnel policy and the zero tolerance portion of that policy. Carole noted that a lot of bad language came out of last weeks Selectmen's Meeting so it is not just in committee meetings. Sue stated that there has been a lot of abuse from the public towards the board

and there needs to be mutual respect. Discussed the zoning book being reviewed by Sebago Tech. and possible changes.

**Parks & Recreation:** Mike reported that he is finalizing registrations and reservations for the summer rec. program, tennis lessons, and the golf league. Swim program will be run again in early July, has been hiring attendants for Gobeil Park and working on the erosion problem there also. Is looking into dance lessons, been holding the senior luncheons twice a month, working on the Friendship Park project, and horsemanship lessons. Discussed relocating the basketball and tennis from town hall to Friendship Park. Was agreed that it should remain at the town hall.

**Old Home Days Report:** Reported that still need help and everything is on schedule at this point.

**RWS:** Willis reported that their budget has been reduced by \$1,000,000 this year.

**SAD #57:** Reported that the budget passed 3-1 in favor of the kids. Provided the audit report to the Selectmen. Provided his contract details and reported that graduation is scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>. Discussed the recent threat of violence at the high school and the concerns of the parents. Discussed the annuity which the district contributes \$10,000 to annually from the budget. Discussed better advertising on the budget vote as well as a possible mailing.

**Road Commissioner:** Reported that he will be paving Middle Road on Thursday.

**Road Review Committee:** Reported that they met with Mr. Winchell and discussed what work needs to be done to bring his road up to town standards and they have inspected Sherwood Drive and it needs top coat and sealer before being accepted. Can't approve at town meeting until the work is complete. The road in the Kasprzak Development has been inspected and is fine for approval. These should wait until the next annual town meeting and not be handled at a special. Discussed the meeting on Thursday morning regarding FEMA money. Reported that there is a piece of New Road and also a piece on West Shore Road that should qualify for this FEMA money.

**E911:** Reported that she has been working with the post offices on switching over addresses.

**EMA Director:** Reminded the Selectmen of their meeting next Tuesday at 6 p.m. with Bob Bohlman, County EMA Director.

**Library Board of Trustees:** Reported that they raised \$78.00 on their cake auction. Discussed selling the current library when they are ready to build a new one. Discussed who holds the deed to the library and possible deed restrictions. Reported that there was damage to the front steps during the last storm. Brenda requested a formal report on the damage and they will research it.

**Fire Dept./EMS:** Reported another busy month. There were 28 fire calls this month for a total of 130 year to date and 31 rescue calls for a total of 152 year to date. Held their first bean supper for a season and served over 190 people with three fire calls coming in during the supper. The next supper is schedule for June 2<sup>nd</sup> 4:30 to 6 and an Open House has been scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> with a parade beginning at Shop 'N Save at 9 a.m.

**Finance Committee:** Reported that they have begun working on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting and will be meeting monthly from now on. Brenda suggested that they should meet with the

new auditor and the treasurer regarding a new reporting program. Jon stated that they have discussed meeting with Nancy and Marlene monthly.

**Charter Commission:** Reported that they met twice in May and have developed a survey which will be circulated very soon. Will be submitting a summary report to the town in August and their next meeting will be held June 6<sup>th</sup> in Lake Arrowhead at Clubhouse 2. Bob stated that there is a lot of talk in favor of a Town Manager including past Selectmen. They also seem to be in favor of a five (5) member board of Selectmen instead of three (3).

**Comprehensive Plan Committee:** Reported that they are working on a grant and have it approximately 2/3 written. Will need \$3,300 from the town as matching funds. Must include a letter from the Selectmen indicating that there will be a warrant item on the town meeting warrant for \$3,300 to go with the grant application. Would like a contingency plan for \$4,000 - \$5,000 should the grant not be awarded to Waterboro. The grant application has to be in Augusta by next Friday and will be awarded on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Will need to have the Selectmen sign off on the application by next Wednesday. Questioned how the grant money can be spent. The next meeting will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the town hall.

**Cemetery Commission:** Read the report from last night's meeting. Requested a \$300 advance appropriation to cover their current expense. Mike offered to fund them through Parks & Rec. Reported that there is a block of granite at the back of the cemetery behind town hall which needs to be put back in place.

**General Discussion:** Reviewed the list of meeting announcements. Announced that the Garden Club will be holding a Plant Sale at the Lion's Club on June 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Council Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.