

COUNCIL MEETING

October 9, 2001

Present: Bob Fay, Willis Lord, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Mike DeAngelis, Fred Bechard, Chuck & Ruth Kearn, Jerry Daigle, Jason L'Heureux, Dean & Carol Look, John Littlefield, Pam Pierce, Nichole Tracy, Bob Gobeil, Carole Cochran, Russ & Teresa Lowell, Dan Burgess, Paul Verrell, Sr., Baron Wormser, Maine Poet Laureate, Scott Hamilton, Cheryl Page, Emma LaDuke, Len Carlson, Terry Jo Fay, Larry Jacobsen, David Benton, Richard Pinette & Fred Fay.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bob thanked the judges in the poetry contest, Mike DeAngelis, Terry Jo Fay, Cheryl Paige, Len Carlson, Emma LaDuke and Pam Pierce. Terry read a poem that she had written immediately following the attack on September 11th. Mike reported that they have selected nine poems to be read this evening by the winners of various age groups. Baron Wormser addressed the audience and read a poem. The winners who were present and read their winner are Sara Cabana, Scott Gerry, Melissa Lapierre and Tawni Turcotte. Those not present are Haleigh Marston, Kristi Larned, Ashley Meserve, Ariella Thornhill and Sarah Maxwell. Fred Bechard spoke to the participants and their families. Thanked the Town of Waterboro and those involved for sponsoring such a wonderful opportunity for the children. Introduced Mark Petersen, Principal Waterboro Elementary, Mark Fisher, Assistant Principal, Massabesic Junior High and Dennis Ela, Principal of Massabesic Junior High. Dennis Ela thanked all for sponsoring and pulling this contest together.

Selectmen's Report: Bob reported that they have met with Hazel Stevens of Custom Transfer and have been given some new prices. Will report back with the final offer. Willis reported that they have a lot of new signs for the transfer station and will have the road commissioner put them up. Bob reported that the letters and liability release requests will be going out this week. Also reported that Candidates Night is next Tuesday, October 16th at 7 p.m. Did interview a candidate for CEO and made an offer but have been turned down so are still looking.

Assessor's Report: Reported that they have been successful in integrating the old and new software. Tax rate is currently at \$20.50, when the new value is in the computer the tax rate will be \$16.50. Hopefully tax bills will go out in the next week. Per the state they have given a value of \$326,600,000 to the town of Waterboro. Feels that the total value the state has come up with is right in line. Should not affect revenue sharing but will reduce the amount received for the schools.

Motor Vehicle Agent Report: Report attached.

Town Clerk: Report attached.

Tax Collector: Report attached.

Parks & Recreation: Reported that he is meeting on Wednesday with the PTC to work on the Halloween Program scheduled for October 27th. On September 27th they honored the first annual golf champion, Ruth Kearn. Ruth stated that Mike did a fantastic job running the golf league. Mike reported that they had 28 members this year. The Tennis Club champion was honored on October 5th and is 75 year old Victor Wakefield.

Old Home Days: No meetings until January.

Constable/Animal Control: Nancy reported that the 2002 dog licenses will be available October 15th.

RWS Representative: Reported that for Waterboro as of 8/31/01, 52 tons out of 575 tons were recycled. Maritime & Northeast Pipeline want to put a compressor station on the Gorham property. They have approved the surveying of the property. Looking into volume discounts to large haulers to deposit directly at RWS. Also looking at a compactor on site for excess. RWS is in mediation with DEP. They are also looking at hazardous waste collection but need some state funding.

SAD #57: Fred thanked the Selectmen and citizens again for all the support to the kids. Reported that they are averaging approximately 100 new students per year. Have sent another application to the state for a new middle school. When this is approved will see more than half of the portable classrooms disappear. They are getting on board with Maine State Learning Results and explained what that entails. Reported that MSAD 57 does have a new policy on dogs on school property, no dogs are allowed on campus. Discussed a moratorium on building to help reduce enrollment. Reported that 34 of 38 portables are leased and would go back, the state pays approximately 50% of the lease. Discussed the number of students graduating and where they go after high school, 66%-67% go on to higher education and approximately 3%-7% go into the military. The rest enter the workforce. The split is approximately 50/50 as far as how many are going to out of state schools and how many remain in state.

Road Commissioner: Reported that they have 5 or 6 projects going on right now. Have paved Silas Brown Rd. and New Dam Rd. Still have several projects before the hot top plants close for the season. Discussed guardrails on New Dam Road, reported that they do need to widen the shoulders. Discussed the old fire barn in Center Waterboro and that ATV's are breaking down the banking. Discussed Denby's pond. Discussed combining sanding and plowing. Discussed using straight sale, not mixed with sand.

Road Review Committee: Reported that they have looked at the intersection of Straw Mill Brook and Ossipee Hill Road and feel they should move the yield sign closer to the intersection and install three dangerous intersection signs.

Recycling Committee: Reported that they have a new website and reviewed what can be found on the website. Reported that there is a ban on backyard trash burning by DEP. Are working on new signs for the silver bullets.

Conservation Commission: Reported that their projects are still underway.

Ossipee Lake Association: Explained the project at Gobeil Park to abate the erosion problem.

Fire Dept. /EMS: Reported that they had 35 fire calls in September making it 284 year to date and 41 rescue calls making a total of 355 year to date. Served 175 at the last bean supper and the next supper will be held on November 3rd. This will be the last supper until spring.

Saco River Community Television Corp.: Reported that they will be holding an Open House on Saturday.

Water District: Reported that the new credit union will be going on line. Received a notice from the FBI on water system security. Had a fabricator do some work to help make it more secure. Reported that they only do quarterly water testing. Have discussed hiring security.

Charter Commission: Reported that they have received 61 surveys. Reviewed the results as of this date. Hopes more surveys will be sent in. Next meeting is October 17th at 7 p.m.

Cemetery Committee: Closed up for the season.

Council Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.