

Special Town Meeting, Waterboro, Maine

Present at gavel: 75

The Inhabitants of the Town of Waterboro, qualified as herein expressed, met at the Waterboro Town Hall at the stated time, 10:00 AM, Saturday, June 23, 2001, and transacted the following business pursuant to the foregoing warrant:

Article 1: Willis Lord made the motion for Robert Powers as Moderator, Robert Fay seconded. Nominations ceased, passed by show of hands.

Cast of ballots for Robert Powers as Moderator was held. Robert Powers was elected moderator to preside over said meeting. Robert Powers was sworn in to office by Cindy Gilmore, Deputy Town Clerk.

Moderator asked participants to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 2: Fred Fay, Road Commissioner, suggested that the article be amended to include the following accounts: Brush Cut; Middle Road; Roads & Bridges; Seal Coats & Tar; and Clarks Bridge Rd. Mr. Fay indicated that bills were still coming in regarding these accounts. Bill Griffin made a motion to approve amendment, John Carter seconded.

Brenda Charland explained that ongoing accounts including Brush Cut, Roads & Bridges, and Seal Coats & Tar are typically rolled over to the next fiscal year. Furthermore, any outstanding invoices would be accrued. Nevertheless, special project accounts like Middle Road and Clarks Bridge Road should be identified to carry over.

Dave Fedrizzi made a motion to amend article to include Middle Road and Clarks Bridge Rd accounts (special projects). Willis Lord seconded. Amendment voted and passed.

Mike D'Angelis made a motion to amend the article to include Junior Recreation Expense account and Tennis account, and to have the Athletic Field account stricken. Pam L'Heureux seconded. Amendment voted and passed.

Article 2 voted and passed as amended.

Article 3: Willis Lord made a motion to correct amount indicated in warrant from \$12,000 to \$10,500, Russell Lowell seconded.

Motion to approve corrected amount made by Robert Fay, Charlie Cressey seconded. Voted and passed as corrected.

Article 4: Robert Fay made the motion to approve article as presented, David Benton seconded. Voted and passed.

Article 5: Robert Fay made the motion to approve article per Finance Committee recommendation, John Littlefield seconded. Voted and passed.

Article 6: Willis Lord made the motion to correct total amount identified in article from \$8,368.64 to \$8,100.00; \$4,868.64 from Salary Income; \$3,231.36 from Surplus, Russell Lowell seconded. Voted and passed as corrected.

Article 7: Robert Fay made the motion to approve, Dave Fedrizzi seconded.

Fred Fay stated that work has not been completed. Trees have been removed and shoulder has been completed.

Bill Griffin asked that if Belanger Drive became a Town Road, would it cost the town more money?

Vote taken to allow Mr. Wentzell, contractor regarding Belanger Drive, to speak, passed. Mr. Wentzell indicated that he was not aware that this article was to be included in warrant. He has obtained necessary permits and it will not take much time to complete remaining work on cul-de-sac.

William Weber indicated that he had no warning that the road would be proposed to become a town road. Mr. Weber discussed his concerns regarding the safety of his child should the road become town property with increased traffic.

Robert Fay indicated that this item was on the Annual Town Meeting warrant in March.

Dwayne Woodsome explained that the Planning Board has been working on the Belanger Drive issue for 10 years. Mr. Belanger has paid for the plowing and sanding from his own resources.

Doug Foglio asked that the town not accept this road until it is completed. Mr. Wencell has not followed through, nor has he maintained the bond.

Gary Fecteau asked if a request could be made to town for warning signs regarding handicapped child.

Dale Witman expressed that any and all roads should be completed according to town ordinance before acceptance as a Town Road.

Doug Foglio made the motion to accept the Road Committee's recommendation, Dale Witman seconded. Voted and passed per Road Committee's recommendation.

Article 8: Robert Fay made the motion to approve Road Committee's recommendation, Dale Witman seconded.

David Benton indicated that only the base had been laid, and that there was a drainage issue that has not yet been addressed.

Gary Fecteau asked if a road can be accepted just for plowing? It was explained that there are no roads plowed that are not town roads. Voted and passed per Road Committee's recommendation.

Article 9: Willis Lord made the motion to approve as written, Robert Fay seconded.

It was explained that because this article is an ordinance, it could not be amended.

Article 10: Barbara Leighton expressed concerns regarding her kennel. She stated that one dog barking could set the other dogs to barking as well.

Robert Fay explained that the ordinance would be enforced with a common sense approach. Moreover, it was explained that the police officer called upon would need to hear a dog continually barking for the 30 minutes or 15 minutes per the ordinance, before taking action.

Brenda Charland stated that safety concerns led to the development of the ordinance.

Someone made the motion to accept the ordinance as written, Beth Cyr seconded. Voted and passed.

Other Business: Willis Lord introduced the Town's new police officer, David Chauvette. Officer Chauvette thanked the community for inviting him to serve the town, and stated that he would be reestablishing the Crime Watch Program again in Lake Arrowhead. Anyone interested can contact him at 247-4227.

Article 11: David Benton, Chair of the Road Committee, explained that \$50,000 was appropriated for the building and road issues. It was his understanding that \$5,000 was apportioned for the demolition of the building, and \$45,000 to remove the end of the road. Mr. Benton indicated that the building could be renovated and used for town business and help diffuse the demand on the Town Hall's facilities. He also explained that the State has agreed to take care of the road problem and remove the end of the road. Therefore, the funds appropriated for the road could be used for building renovations. Mr. Benton estimated that it would cost approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000 to renovate. He also stated that there is sufficient room for both a well and septic system.

Brenda Charland made the motion to reallocate the \$50,000 as follows: appropriate \$25,000 of the Memorial Park Fund to renovate the building per the committee's report, under the advisement of the finance committee, and under the direction of the Selectmen, and to set aside \$25,000 for road closure should the state not perform, Willis Lord seconded.

Eric Herrle stated that the town should not spend a dime on renovations until the road situation is addressed. He suggested using Jersey Barriers to close the road.

Brenda Charland explained that we could not close the road unless the State approves.

Theresa Lowell made the motion to amend the article such that the building would remain closed to the public until the road issues are resolved, Willis Lord seconded. Amendment approved by show of hands. Voted and passed as amended and appropriated.

Article 12: Robert Fay made the motion to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation, Dave Fedrizzi seconded. Voted and passed.

Article 13: Robert Fay made the motion to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation of \$5,000 from Surplus, John Littlefield seconded. Voted and passed.

Article 14: Pam L'Heureux made the motion to approve the request of \$1,100 from Surplus, Brenda Charland seconded.

Gary Fecteau made the motion to allow the Director of York County Shelters to speak, someone seconded.

The Director of York County Shelters explained that the shelter provides Homelessness Prevention services including literacy education and substance abuse. He further explained that they help the poorest of the poor.

Brenda Charland made the motion to allow York County Shelters' Financial Director to speak, Pam L'Heureux seconded.

The Shelters' Financial Director explained that they currently have 47 funding sources that do not fully fund programs. Donations from York county towns provide resources to continue initiatives like life skills training and food.

The question was asked why the Finance Committee recommended no allocation. Dave Fedrizzi answered that at the time the committee reviewed this,

there was no current financial information available. Information requested included current administrative costs per dollar contributed.

Brenda Charland asked Wendy Carter if General Assistance had been billed during the year for services provided by York County Shelters. Ms. Carter responded that General Assistance had been billed for \$440.00, but did not approve payment because it was unclear why they were billed. Ms. Carter also stated that the shelter could provide individuals with her telephone number so she may apprise them of other services available. Ms. Charland asked if communication could be improved between General Assistance and York County Shelters, and Ms. Carter and the Director of York County Shelters agreed to work on this in the future.

Robert Fay made the motion to cease debate, Brett Davis seconded. Voted and passed to allocate \$1,100 to York County Shelters.

Article 15: Willis Lord made the motion to correct the amount needed to \$16,000 (from Surplus), Robert Fay seconded. Voted and passed for \$16,000.

Article 16: Eric Herrle made the motion to approve, Robert Fay seconded. Voted and passed.

Robert Fay asked who would operate the gate, and expressed concerns if it was to become the responsibility of neighbors.

Mike D'Angelis stated that the Parks & Recreation committee expected the gate to be operated by an ad hoc group/committee of concerned citizens. Voted and passed.

Article 17: Willis Lord made the motion to approve Park & Recreation Committee's recommendation, Robert Fay seconded.

Article 18: Robert Fay made the motion to approve, Willis Lord seconded. Voted and passed.

Article 19: Robert Fay made the motion to approve Finance Committee's recommendation, John Carter seconded. Voted and passed.

Article 20: Motion to approve as printed by Robert Fay, Wendy Carter seconded.

Willis Lord stated that the new cardboard compactor would pay for itself in 3 years.

Bob Kussman made the motion to amend the article as follows: to support recommended appropriation but that a study be conducted to determine the most cost-effective system for our town, and to incorporate outcome in Comprehensive

Plan. Representation should include members from Finance committee, Selectmen, Recycling Committee and WS Representative, 2nd by Robert Fay.
Amendment approved by show of hands

Brenda Charland expressed concerns regarding the increases in expenses in recent years, and asked the Chair of the Recycling committee if Transfer Station abuses, that drive a good deal of the inflated expenses, would be seriously addressed.

The committee chair expressed similar concerns and stated that they would be working hard to address the abuses and called upon the community for input. She also mentioned that a new sticker had been developed.

Robert Fay made the motion to move cease discussion and move to question, Dale Witman seconded. Voted and passed as amended.

Article 21: Willis Lord made the motion to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation, Robert Fay seconded. Voted and passed.

Article 22: Doug Foglio made the motion to approve \$2,500, Robert Fay seconded. Voted and passed.

Article 23: Theresa Lowell made the motion to approve per Finance Committee's recommendation, Pam L'Heureux seconded. Voted and passed.

Article 24: Dave Fedrizzi made the motion to approve Board of Selectmen's recommendation, Bill Griffin seconded. Voted and passed.

Article 25: Pam L'Heureux made the motion to approve Finance Committee's recommendation, Robert Fay seconded. Voted and passed.

Article 26: Robert Fay made the motion to approve Finance Committee's recommendation, Willis Lord seconded. Voted and passed.

Article 27: Willis Lord made a motion to correct the article such that no funds are now required, Russell Lowell seconded. Voted and passed.

Article 28: Willis Lord made a motion to pass as written, Dean Waterhouse seconded.

Douglas Foglio stated that the Planning Board should have worked with the town in developing this ordinance. This will not work in subdivision, the construction requirements included in ordinance are substandard.

Brett Davis stated that roads built as wide as indicated in ordinance could create greater risk due to increased driving speed.

Brett Davis made the motion to move to question by Brett Davis, Robert Fay seconded. Voted, defeated.

Willis Lord made the motion to adjourn meeting, Robert Fay seconded.
Moderator Robert Powers declared meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Gilmore,
Deputy Town Clerk