

AGENDA
JANUARY 5, 1996
3:00 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES OF 12/13/95

SIGN WARRANTS

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

OLD BUSINESS:

TAX ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS/ PARADIS AND THERIAULT

FLOORING FOR FRONT OFFICE

PERSONNEL POLICY -- CHANGES

ROADS GRANT

NEW BUSINESS:

MARCEL THERIAULT --- MILL SITE IN PORTAGE

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 1996
3:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Belanger at 3:00 P.M.

Those present were Steve Belanger, Gloria Curtis, Pat Raymond and Sharon Rafford.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes with the correction as follows: the .60 raise was to read as .50 instead. This was concerning Sue Beaulier's compensation for not taking the employee insurance offered to her by the Town. The motion was carried as corrected.

A question arose about the money we pay to the State for the Seaplane Base permit. The board felt that we had decided that we were not to expend a monies. It was the general consensus that any costs were to be paid by Jim Strang, who is leasing the property. The board asked Sharon to contact Mr. Strang and advise him of these costs.

Sharon advised the board that we are not responsible for any tax bills that were sent to the wrong place due to clerical or human error. The tax payer has three years to come forward to correct the error. In other words, if the tax payer finds that he has been wrongly taxed he can ask the Town to go back 3 years and abate the taxes. The Town can also go back 4 years to supplement a tax payer.

A discussion on the new floor for the front office followed. Sharon gave the board an estimate on replacing the floor in the front office with ceramic tile and new carpet. Sharon stated that she had asked Peter St. Peter to install the tile but he really did not want to do it. Sharon thought that it might be cheaper to have someone from the area as opposed to someone from Art's Appliance, (they had even suggested this). Steve said we should call Nelson Craig to find out how much he would charge to lay the tile. At this time it was moved and seconded to have the carpet Invemere installed at \$720.05 and have the tile installed by Art's at 660.00 if we cannot get Nelson to do it for a lessor cost. Motion carried. Also, Steve suggested that we get estimates for all the flooring upstairs, (Ralph's room, Sharon's office and the conference room.).

Sharon stated that Joella McBriety had called and asked if we still wanted to go for the grant. She explained that we might have to do another survey to find out if we are a low to moderate income Town still. Steve asked if we could use the survey results of 1991. Sharon did not know but would find out.

It was moved and seconded to apply for \$30,000.00 in the small community septic grant program. Motion carried.

Sharon asked the board what their feelings were on having a pay phone installed in the entry way. Steve felt it might be very expensive. Sharon stated that she had gotten a few requests concerning this due to the fact there is no phone available to anyone when the office is closed during nights and weekends. It was suggested to check into the cost of a pay phone or even a regular phone with a long-distance block on it .

At this time Herb McPherson came into the meeting to talk to the board about the 911 system. He stated that it would be on line in 1997. We need to set up a committee to work with it. They said they would have a letter in the Town report to ask for volunteers to work towards getting it on line in Portage.

Sharon showed the board the letter she had received from Dave Despres concerning his foreclosure and the taxes on his property located on Oak Point. It was moved and seconded to write Mr. Despres a letter and set a date to meet with him. Motion carried.

Marcel Theriault came into the meeting at 4:15 p.m. He asked what the requirements would be to have his new mill put on the site his mill is on now. Discussion on how many he would employ, what he was looking at in valuation and what the fee would be for his building permit. The board felt they could possibly work with him on the permit fees but did not feel they could give him any tax relief. They felt that they would be opening a pandora's box by doing this. Marcel agreed and stated that he would really like to put his mill here if possible. The board felt the same way. Marcel was going to take a copy of our minimum zoning ordinance home and study it to see if there would be anything in there that might possibly hold him up. Sharon said she was going to check with Ralph, CEO to see what the septic requirements would be. No motion needed.

At this time, as there was no other business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:00p.m. Steve had to leave at 4:30. 2 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Rafford

AGENDA
JANUARY 17, 1996
7:00 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES OF 01/05/96

SIGN WARRANTS

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

OLD BUSINESS:

FLOORING IN FRONT OFFICE
PERSONNEL POLICY
ROADS GRANT -- DRAFT

NEW BUSINESS:

ROADS
COMPUTER PRINTER
sidewalks
AUDIT 2/14/96

MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 1996
7:00 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Stephen Belanger at 7:00 p.m.

Those present were Steve Belanger, Patrick Raymond, Gloria Curtis, and Sharon Rafford.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of 01/05/96 as written. Motion carried.

Warrants were approved and signed by full board.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with the public comment period as no one was there. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to approve the new personnel policy as written. Motion carried.

Sharon informed the board that we will need a new income survey done if we get into phase II of the Public Facilities Grant. The board agreed that a written survey would best serve the Town. No motion necessary.

Sharon stated that there is a problem getting hold of Russell during a snow storm and when he is in the truck. We have no communication devise. The board suggested a radio that can be heard over the Fire Dept.'s radio band. Check!!!!

It was moved and seconded to purchase a new printer for the computer in the front office. The old one calved!!! Motion carried.

It has been brought to the attention of the board and the Town Manager that the sidewalks should be plowed. The board agreed that they have no equipment to do this. Originally the State was cleaning out the drive ways they plugged up but they have stopped doing this. The board feels that if we clean one out we would have to do it for everyone.

As there was no other business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. 2 hr.

Respectfully submitted
Sharon Rafford

AGENDA

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES OF 2/2/96

SIGN WARRANTS

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

OLD BUSINESS:

**RUSSELL -- HOW TO REACH HIM
CLEANING THE BLDG.
BOAT LANDING**

NEW BUSINESS

**STUMPAGE PERMIT
COMPUTER / TYPEWRITTER
BUDGET WORK**

MINUTES
FEBRUARY 02, 1996
7:00 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Steve Belanger at 3:00 p.m. Those present were Steve Belanger, Pat Raymond, Gloria Curtis, Sue Beaulier, and Sharon Rafford.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Warrants were signed by full board.

The General Assistance Ordinance was signed by full board.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with the public comment period as there was no one here. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to accept a check in the amount of 1202.63 for the tax acquired property of Priscilla Whittemore, this amount reflects the amount of taxes owed to the Town for the years of "93" "94" and "95". Motion carried. It was also moved and seconded to issue the Whittemore's a quit-claim deed for the property in question. Motion carried. Quit-claim deed was signed by full board.

There was a question on what we would do in order to reach Russel if we needed him. Sharon told the board that he had no phone. The board asked Sharon to request that Russell be present at the next scheduled meeting 2/14/96.

It was moved and seconded to call Maxine Cyr to see if she would be willing to clean will Amy was gone. It was also discussed that we should talk to Amy when she comes back about the job. The board felt that trying to find someone to replace her when she leaves has become too much of a hassel.

Discussion on the amount of sand that people could get if they needed it for their driveways. Steve stated that originally that they were allowed 2 (5) gal. buckets with no charge. The board said to have the salt/sand shed door locked at all times when there was no supervision.

Steve asked Sharon to get hold of Richard Skinner and set up a public hearing concerning the Town's options with the purchase of the boat landing.

It was moved and seconded to have the Budget Committee meet on the 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room, with the following to be appointed to the committee; Don Paradis, Judy Moreau, Allen Murphey, Diana Michaud, Shirley Nason, Raymond Chasse, Bud Clark, and Betty Dumond as an alternate if needed. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to give Sue her raise of .25/hr. The board asked Sharon how she was doing. Sharon expressed complete satisfaction with her work and was very pleased that she has come on board. Motion carried.

As there was no other business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. 1hr.

Respaectfully submitted,
Sharon Rafford

2/14/96 MINUTES
~~MARCH 1~~, 1996
7:00 P.M.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Steve Belanger. Those present were Steve Belanger, Pat Raymond, Gloria Curtis, Sharon Rafford, and Russell Morris.

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of 2/2/96 as written. Motion carried.

Warrants were signed by full board.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with the public comment period. Motion carried.

The board had asked Russell to come in to discuss the problem with contacting him when necessary. In the past he has'nt had a phone. Russell stated that he had a phone where he was living now and that he would give Sharon the number where he could be reached.

Also at this time the board discussed with Russell any equipment needs or repairs. Russell stated that there were still a few things to be done. He told the board that the spare truck does not have any warning lights on it. The board asked him to place a light so as the people could see it from any side. A radio for the truck was mentioned. We need some way to contact him from the office when he is out on the roads. Sharon is to check with Herb.

Sharon stated that the budget meeting was scheduled for the 26th of Feb. and that a few had contacted her to serve on the board.

Sharon told the board that she had received quotes from both Martin's Sanitation and D.C.'s Trash Away for trash pick-up, they are as follows;

Martin's \$2.50/wk picked up on Monday's

Chasse's \$ 137.00/yr. picked up on Wednesday's

It was moved and seconded to go with Martin's. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to sign the stumpage permit presented to the Town by Bowater. Motion carried.

At this time the board worked on the budget for 1996.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. 3hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Rafford

AGENDA
MARCH 1, 1996
3:00 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES OF 2/14/96

SIGN WARRANTS

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

OLD BUSINESS

MODERATOR FOR TOWN MEETING

COMPUTER

NEW BUSINESS

DRUG TESTING PROCEDURES POLICY
SELECTMENS MEETINGS SCHEDULE
AUDITOR RECOMMENDATIONS
PRINTING TOWN BOOKS
TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY

MINUTES
MARCH 1, 1996
3:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Belanger at 3:00 p.m. Those present were Steve Belanger, Gloria Curtis, Pat Raymond, and Sharon Rafford.

It was moved and seconded to approve minutes as written.
Motion carried.

Sharon then proceeded to inform the board that we did not have a moderator for town meeting on 3/29/96. She had gotten Greg Cyr but, he called and said he could not be here. The board gave Sharon a list of names to call for moderator

Roberta Belanger
Gerald Cormier
Kathye Hoppe
Cheryl Raymond
Cal Adams

Sharon gave the board a quote on a computer(stripped). It will cost as much as the computer with all the options.

Sharon discussed the recommendations that Peter Davis had given her concerning back taxes on property sold by foreclosure. The board will abate taxes for tax acquired property next meeting when paper work is ready.

It was moved and seconded to send a certified letter to all owners of foreclosed property , giving them ten(10) days to pay all 3 years taxes, lien costs and interest. If they do this the Town will issue them a quit claim deed to retain their property. Motion carried.

Sharon stated that she and Sue will be sending the Town Book to print friday. We should receive them by the 20th.

It was moved and seconded to approve and implement the new drug/alcohol testing procedures policy and to appoint Susan Beaulier as Program Administrator. Motion carried.

A discussion on the recreation program followed. No action was taken, will wait for the recreation committee meeting.

It was moved and seconded to dedicate the Town Book to Herb Mcpherson . Herb has served as a volunteer fireman for 25 years. Motion was carried.

Steve asked Sharon to have something put in the Town Book to get volunteers for different committees. Steve stated that Cleve Goodblood had approached him about books he had and would like to give them to the Town to start some kind of library. No motion necessary.

As there was no other business it was moved and seconded to
adjourn at 4:30 p.m. 1.5 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Rafford

AGENDA
MARCH 13, 1996
7:00 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES OF 3/1/96

SIGN WARRANTS

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

OLD BUSINESS

TERRY'S CASH AND CARRY ABATEMENT
FORECLOSURES ✓
TOWN REPORTS
AUDIT ✓

*It was moved and see
abate tot of 1048.04*

NEW BUSINESS ✓

GARAGE DOORS
VET'S EXEMPT

MINUTES OF
MARCH 13, 1996
7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Belanger at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Steve Belanger , Gloria Curtis, Pat Raymond, and Sharon Rafford.

It was moved and seconded to approve minutes as written for 3/1/96. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with signing the warrants as there were none present. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with the public comment period as there was no one present. Motion carried.

Sharon stated that the Taxes needed to be abated for the property of Terry's Cash & Carry for the year of 1993. It was moved and seconded to abate these taxes and sign the abatement. Motion carried.

Sharon told the board that she had gotten Roberta Belanger to be Moderator for our Town meeting.

The board asked Sharon how she was doing with the properties that were foreclosed on. She stated that she was sending a notice to all those in question, giving them 10 days which would give them until 3/29/96 to pay all 3 years taxes plus interest and penalties. She had also heard from Martha Marston, one of the properties in question. It was moved and seconded to accept payment for the full amount owed from Martha Marston and to issue her a quit-claim deed, when money is received. Motion carried.

Sharon informed the board that the Town books will be here Friday March 22.

Sharon presented the board with the Auditor's report.

Steve asked how the rec board was doing concerning the floor hockey program. Sharon said that they had certain rules they had to follow and that she felt that the situation had been handled well.

It was moved and seconded to place heavy duty springs on the garage doors. Discussion followed. Sharon told the board that one of the doors had come off its tract and had almost fallen on Russell. The company that came over to fix them suggested that we have the heavy duty springs put on . Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to give William Ward the Vet's exempt. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. 1.5 hrs.
Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Rafford

AGENDA
APRIL 3, 1996
7:00 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

PLANNING BOARD -- CABLE T V

AMY COLLINS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPROVE MINUTES FOR MARCH 13, 1996

SIGN WARRANTS

SIGN DEEDS

TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY -- OUT FOR BID -- others

SUE -- NEXT MEETING

CAMPGROUND -- WHEN TO OPEN , MANAGE IT

DUMP

OTHER

MINUTES
4/3/96

Meeting was called to order by Steve Belanger at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Steve Belanger, Pat Raymond, Gloria Curtis Sharon Rafford. Guests were Robert Nelson, Amy Collins, Brad Boutot, Diana Michaud, Kathye Gagnon, Kathye Hoppe, Sue Beaulier.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with the public comment period. Motion carried.

At this time Chairperson of the Planning Board, Kathye Hoppe explained some of our options concerning the Cable TV. It seems that there is some discontent on the service we are receiving. Kathy had done some research and come up with some options. One whom everyone seemed interested in was that we could charge a franchise fee based on the company's gross income. Kathy stated that we could charge up to 5%, but most towns were charging 2 to 3%. She stated that could work as a bargaining chip to clear up any and or all the town's concerns. After some discussion, it was moved and seconded to hold a public hearing on May 13, 1996 at 7:p.m. at the Portage Municipal Bldg. Motion carried. The board asked Sharon to have it announced on County Calendar just to insure that we will get more public participation.

At this time Sharon stated that 2 of the Planning board members term was up. Kathy Gagnon and Christy Dicker agreed to stay on. Brad Boutot was then asked to serve and he consented. These terms would run out in 1999.

The members of the planning board left the meeting at 7:40

Amy Collins came to the board concerning her position as the janitorial services she provides. She stated that when she was hired for this position back in 9/94 that Jim was well aware of the conditions that she could work. The board then agreed that during the month that she is in Florida that the public works person could take over her duties. Sharon stated that this was not in his job description. They stated that it could be incorporated at any time.

At this time all left the meeting except the board and Sharon to continue the meeting.

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of 3/13/96 as written. Motion carried.

Warrants were signed by full board.

It was moved and seconded to issue quit claim deeds to Roberts Heirs and to Martha Marston to redeem their property. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to sign the dog licensing warrant

Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded by the board to appoint Steve Belanger as Chairman of the board of selectmen. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to appoint the following officers:

Assessors & Overseers of the poor	Selectmen
Fire Cheif	Herbert McPherson
Civil Defense Dir.	Heber Umphrey
Plumbing Inspector, Health Officer, CEO, and Building Inspector	Ralph Stolze
Registrar of Voters, Town Clerk, Elect. Warden, Dep Tres. & Dep. Tax Collector	Susan Beaulier
Stumpage Overseer	Patrick Raymond
Animal Control Officer	Amy Collins
Town Manager, Tres. Tax Collector Road Comm. and Welfare Dir. Dep. Town Clerk	Sharon Rafford

Planning Board Members for Three Year Term.
Kathye Gagnon
Christy Dicker
Brad Boutot

Motion carried.

Sharon stated that there was only one piece of property that would be going up for bid as tax acquired property. this was a lot owned by Bruce Monfette Map 20 lot 58 . It was moved and seconded to put this property out for bid in the local newspaper, with a minimum bid of \$200.00. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to have the campground ready to open on Memorial weekend and to offer Fern Wilson a campsite for the season for 150.00 as opposed to 300.00, if she would oversee the sites for the summer months. Motion carried.
It was moved and seconded to increase the prices for the sites as follows;

SITES W/ELECTRICITY

\$ 8.00/day
40.00/week
420.00/season

SITES WO/ELECTRICITY

\$ 7.00/day
35.00/week
340.00/season

Motion carried. The board asked Sharon to check with NACSB to find out if they would allow campertrailer dumping and what would be the cost.

It was moved and seconded to start opening the transfer station in Buffalo the 1st Saturday in May and to continue opening it the 1st and 3rd Saturdays every month until fall. Steve asked Sharon if she had heard anything from Pelletier and Pelletier concerning the second entrance to the transfer station. She had'nt but she would try to get in touch with him as soon as she can.

It was moved and seconded to pay Roberta \$50.00 for being moderator for the Town Meeting. Motion carried.

The board asked Sharon to contact Jim Nadeau concerning when they would be able to pick up metals at the transfer station It is very unsightly.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. 3hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Rafford

MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 1996 SPECIAL HEARING
3:00 P.M.

The special hearing was call to order by Chairman Steve Belanger at 3:00 P.M. Those in attendance were Steve Belanger, Pat Raymond, Gloria Curtis, Sue Beaulier and Russell Morris.

The special hearing was then moved into executive session.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the special hearing at 3:30 P.M.

.50 hrs.

Respectfully submitted by

Sue Beaulier

AGENDA
5/1/96
3:00 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES OF 4/3/96

SIGN WARRANTS

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

OLD BUSINESS:

BIDS ON TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY
CAMPGROUND/BOAT LANDING
SUE -- INSURANCE
CREDIT UNION

NEW BUSINESS:

RALPH -- CEO
SIGN AT TOWN SQUARE
SUMMER HELP
STUMPAGE -- RESERVE ACCOUNT

MINUTES
5/1/96
3:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Pat Raymond at 3:00 p.m. Those present were Pat Raymond, Gloria Curtis, Sharon Rafford, Dan Bridgeham, and Ralph Stolze.

At this time Pat asked Mr. Bridgeham to give us a report on how the survey was going on the boat landing at the end of West Cottage Rd. Dan explained that we had run into some snags but everything had been worked out to conform to the original plans. At this time Steve Belanger joined the meeting. Steve was informed of the plans and Pat moved that the plans be accepted as revised on 4/30/96. Gloria seconded motion carried. Dan told the board that he would call when he came up to place pins.

Pat told Sharon that a job description for employees should be set in place .

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as written for 4/3/96. Motion carried. Let these minutes also reflect that there was no meeting held on 4/19/96 due to no quorum.

Warrants were signed by full board.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with the public comment period. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to hire Ralph Stolze as CEO as of May 1st. and to keep him until Oct. 31 every year and if he had calls before and after we would pay him for his time. Motion carried. Also to pay him for mileage and workshops. At this time Ralph left the meeting. The board discussed possibly giving him the building permit fees. No decision was made at this time.

Three bids were received for the tax acquired property advertised in the local newspaper. Map 20 Lot 58. They are as follows;

Mark Rafford Jr.	---	\$ 502.30
Pat Goodblood	---	1101.98
Camille Albert	---	441.00

It was moved and seconded to award the bid to Pat Goodblood for \$1101.98. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to give Sue Beaulier 108.00/ mo. in lieu of her not taking the Town's insurance. Motion carried.

After much discussion and review of the Fraser Credit Union's financial statements it was moved and seconded to raise their lease agreement to \$350.00/mo. Motion carried.

Sharon informed the board that she had gotten another complaint on the forestry sign in the Town Square. The board

said the complaint was duly noted but they felt that there was not enough complaints to warrant the removal of the sign.

The board asked Sharon if she could find out how much the town paid for the trailer to haul the backhoe with.

It was moved and seconded to hire Brad Boutot for summer help at \$6.00/ hr. Motion carried. Also Sharon was to call the Aspire program to see if we could get someone for the summer.

As there was no other business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m. 2hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Rafford

AGENDA
MAY 17, 1996
3:00 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES OF 5/1/96

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

SIGN WARRANTS

SIGN QUIT-CLAIM FOR PINETTE

OLD BUSINESS:

SUMMER HELP
BOAT LANDING
CAMPGROUND -- SURVEY, CARETAKERS RENT
SENT LETTER TO FRASER
ASPIRE PROGRAM
FORESTRY SIGN
TRAILER FOR BACKHOE EQUIPMENT TO GET
SEPTIC GRANT
OTHER

NEW BUSINESS:

CEMETERY AND DUMP -- ENTRIES
SIGN NYNEX -- POLES
LETTER FROM BOWATER
ROADS -- DICK BESSEY
CABLE T.V.
BALD MOUNTAIN -- MINING
WEAPONS PERMIT
OTHER

MINUTES
5/17/96
3:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Belanger at 3:00 p.m.

Those present were Steve Belanger , Gloria Curtis , Pat Raymond, and Sharon Rafford.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of 5/1/96 with a correction , let these minutes reflect that it was moved and seconded to place the stumpage money in a reserve account and until such time that the Town would need this for fire control on Town property it would accrue along with interest to the amount that would cover the Towns financial responsibility approximately \$58,000.00.(this figure being based on 1/4 of 1% of the Towns valuation) Motion carried. Motion carried to approve minutes with this correction.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with the public comment period. Motion carried.

Warrants were signed by full board.

Sharon informed the board that Brad Boutot had gotten done as our summer help to take another job. She stated that she had hired Omar Paradis at \$6.50 / hr. because she had to get someone right off and could not wait until the next meeting. The board approved of this move.

It was moved and seconded to send Rick Solman, the Town's attorney the survey of the boat landing done by Dan Bridgeham, to have the deed written up. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to let Fern Wilson have her campsite for 100.00 in lieu of her managing the sites for us. Motion carried.

A letter was sent to the Frasier Credit union stating that the board had raised the rent to \$350.00/mo. No response as of yet.

Sharon stated that she had contacted the Aspire Program and that there might be a possibility of getting Michelle Hutchinson for the summer volunteer program. The Town had her last year and was very pleased with her work.

Sharon informed the board that the Forestry was going to move the Smokey the Bear Sign due to too many complaints from the Town's people.

The board had asked Sharon at the last meeting to find out how much we had paid for the trailer we use to haul the backhoe. Sharon told the board that we had paid \$2500.00 and we had purchased it from Dana Legassie from Ashland.

Sharon asked the board what they wanted to do about the needed equipment list that Russell had given her. They asked

It was moved and seconded to accept the \$15,000.00 from DEP for the Small Community Grant Sewer Program. Motion carried. The board asked Sharon to contact Clair and Judy Moreau to see if they wanted to pursue a system through the grant program still. Sharon said she would do this.

Pat asked when they were going to pick up the steel at the transfer station in Portage. Steve said he had talked to Jim and they were not sure when this would be done. It was unsightly and a liability to us, with the refrigerators and all.

Sharon asked the board who was going to attend the supper meeting being put on by Bowater on June 25. Sharon is to call and make reservations for all the board and herself, also to check if the spouses were able to go.

The board asked Sharon to talk to Dick Bessey and ask him if he would be interested in being clerk of the works for our summer roads projects. Would pay him for his services.

Sharon told the board that at the cable TV meeting she had formed a committee to work with the Selectmen and the cable company. This committee consists of the following:

Jim Dumond, Wilza Robertson, Janice Labbe, Adrian Belanger, Kathy Gagnon, and possibly Kathy Hoppe, along herself. Will let the board know when they want to meet.

Sharon contacted Judy Paradis to find out why we were being bypassed by the mining company Blackhawk. Supposedly the Town of Ashland is going to Augusta to help them with their permitting process. Also, Sharon asked Judy how we could get the State to mark the narrows so we would not have another tragic accident again as we did last year. She was find out what she could and get back to Sharon.

It was moved and seconded to approve Tim Duponts weapons permit providing he met all the requirements. Motion carried.

As there was no other business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 . 1.5 hrs. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Rafford

AGENDA
6/5/96
7:00 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES FOR 5/17/96

SIGN WARRANTS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

DONNA MARTIN'S APPEAL

OLD BUSINESS:

JUDY MOREAU'S SEPTIC
FRASIER CREDIT UNION RENT
ROADS -- DICK BESSEY
CEO -- RALPH
DEEDS -- BOAT LANDING
OTHER

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHOLARSHIP
ALLEN ROBERTSON SEWER
TRANSFER STATION -- GATE, STEEL
911 -- SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
PORTAGE LAKE ASSOC. MORE FLOWER BOXES
FLOOR TILES
CABLE TV.
OTHER

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It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

The warrants were signed by the full board.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with the public comment period as there was no one. Motion carried.

Sharon told the board that Donna Martin had appealed the decision of the unemployment board concerning her unemployment. The board felt that we should go with the unemployment boards decision. Why didn't she apply sooner and how come she did not look for work after she went to Florida. Sharon stated that there was to be a telephone hearing Monday at 8:15 a.m. Sharon asked Gloria to be there as a witness. The board said to go with the unemployment boards decision again.

Sharon called Judy and Clair Moreau and asked them if they would like to pursue grant money to fix their sewer system. Judy refused. The board voted to close that file.

Sharon told the board that she had heard from the Credit Union and they asked to pay 350.00 / mo . until they could relocate. It was moved and seconded to write them a letter and give them 90 days ,(they should have some idea of what their plans will be at that time and then ask them to sign some kind of lease whether it be 3 mo., 6 mo. or a 1 year lease for the protection of both parties. Motion carried.

Dick Bessey gave Sharon a model bid form to present to the board and stated that he would be clerk of the works if they could not find anyone else. Dick suggested Eldon Gardner. It was moved and seconded to send out the bid notice to the following contractors and to ask Eldon if he would consider taking the job. Notices were sent to:

Aroostook Roads Inc.
Langille Construction
Portage construction
M. Rafford Trucking
Shamrock Logging and Construction
Simard Construction

Motion carried.

The board stated that Ralph was to do Code enforcement and Building permits only while here on Mondays.

It was moved and seconded to sign deed for the boat landing. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to split the Portage Scholarship 3

ways and to be awarded to the 3 students who had applied for it, Erin Soucy, Matt Gagnon, and Alicia Nason for \$165.00 each. Motion carried.

Sharon informed the board that she had a complaint on Allen Robertson's sewer system by Hannah Adams. Sharon told the board that she was trying to get the Robertson's on the grant program. Nick Archer was coming to check them next Wed. and she would know then.

We need to make another gate for the transfer station but we need some steel. Steve said he would see if there was any at Pinkham's.

The tentative date for voting on the road names for the purpose of 911 was to be June 28th.

Sharon informed the board that the Portage Lake Assoc. had put more flower boxes out and that they were continuing to monitor the water quality of the lake.

It was moved and seconded to remove the floor tiles and to replace them with carpeting as soon as Sharon could get a price on the carpeting. Motion carried.

Sharon stated that the cable TV committee met and Sharon stated they had concerns about different issues. They are taking a survey and are going to tally these up at their next meeting on June 13th. The board will meet with them after this is done.

Sharon stated that Dwight Wilcox had approached her about giving the Town a quote on the Town's insurance. It was moved and seconded to allow Mr. Wilcox to proceed in trying to get the Town's insurance at a lesser amount. Motion carried.

Under other business: Sharon wanted to know what the board wanted to do with all the old office equipment that is not being used any more. The board suggested that we put it out and sell it.

It was moved and seconded to get the new computer at the best price we can get it for. Motion carried.

The board asked if Sharon had any plans to what she was going to do for help when Sue is on maternity leave. Sharon stated she could probably carry the load for a while but wanted the option of getting help if she needed it. Steve said he had received a letter from Donna Martin and that she had asked if she could come back to work while Sue was out. Sharon said that would be fine for part time but she thought that Donna would be leaving before Sue comes back. It was moved and seconded to get Donna part time when Sue leaves if she wants the job and if she is going to be here until Sue comes back. Motion carried.

As there was no other business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. 2.5 hrs. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



AGENDA
6/21/96
3:00 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES OF 6/5/96

SIGN WARRANTS

SIGN SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT 911

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

OLD BUSINESS:

CABLE T.V. COMMITTEE
AGREEMENT WITH STATE , BOAT LANDING DEEDS
SMALL COMM GRANT SEWER SYSTEMS
FLOORING
FRASIER LEASE
DONNA'S APPEAL
ROGER PELKEY
COMPUTER
OTHER

NEW BUSINESS:

WEAPONS PERMIT
VARIANCE FOR WILLIAM WARD
CULVERTS STEVENS
OTHER -- PLANNING

MINUTES
6/21/96
3:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Belanger at 3:00 p.m. Those present were Steve Belanger, Pat Raymond, Gloria Curtis, Sharon Kafford, and two members of the Cable TV committee, Wilza Robertson and Adrian Belanger.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of 6/5/96 as written. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to sign the warrant for the Special Town Meeting for 911E implication. Motion carried.

Warrants were signed by full board.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with the public comment period. Motion carried.

After discussion concerning the cable service and the presentation of the tallied surveys it was agreed that the next set would be to set up a meeting with the cable company. The selectmen suggested that this be done at a later date. Sharon stated that she would look into doing that. The general consensus is that the towns people would like better service and a Bangor channel.

Sharon presented the board with the Agreement from the State to purchase the land at the boat landing and to pay for the survey. It was moved and seconded to sign the agreement for the reimbursement from the State. Motion carried. Sharon told the board that she had not gotten hold of Jim May, he has been on vacation. She would call him Monday.

The board asked Sharon if she had heard anything from the credit union. She stated that they had come in and had initialed the previous lease with the date changed to 6/1/96 to 8/31/96. The board stated that they would expect a definite decision at that time, and that there should be a 1 yr. lease.

It was moved and seconded to purchase the computer from Boise Cascade. Sharon stated that it was going to be a little more than 2000.00 because we did not get quotes for the tape backup, but it was still cheaper because we will be getting a 3 year warantee. Motion carried.

Sharon asked Steve how he made out on the pipe for our gate. He said he could get it probably next week.

It was moved and seconded to sign a weapons permit for Brian Cote. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to sign a variance for the Ward's for a plumbing permit. Motion carried.

Sharon asked the Steve if he knew what the policy was

concerning culverts. Steve really was not sure. Sharon thought that the homeowner had to purchase the first one and the Town would install and maintain it. Steve thought she was right. Sharon stated that Clarence Stevens had approached her about a culvert. No motion necessary.

Under other business Sharon stated that we might be without a planning board shortly. Kathy Hoppe is trying to get done as chair and nobody wants to take her position.

As there was no other business it was moved and seconded to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. 1.5 hrs.

Respectfully submitted
Sharon Rafford

AGENDA

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES OF 6/21/96

SIGN WARRANTS

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

OLD BUSINESS

FRASIER CREDIT UNION
RECREATION PROGRAM
CORRESPONDENCE (UNEMPLOYMENT)
UPDATE ON CARPET AND COMPUTER
GATE AT TRANSFER
SEPTIC BID
OTHER

NEW BUSINESS

ROAD BIDS
SET 1996 TAX COMMITMENT
911 AND PINKHAM MEETING
MINING COMPANY
OTHER

MINUTES
7/3/86
7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Pat Raymond at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Pat Raymond, Gloria Belanger, and Sharon Rafford.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of 6/21/86 as written. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with the public comment period. Motion carried.

The Frasier Credit Union was on the agenda but there was no representation.

Gloria mentioned that she had a complaint on the culvert on Sutherland St. Sharon stated that they are trying to get to it but because of all the rain it has been impossible. Also Gloria stated that the view was blocked by cattails in the ditch. Sharon said they have never had a problem there before but she would look into it.

Sharon presented the board with correspondence concerning workers unemployment. No action was necessary.

Sharon stated that they had received their new computer and everything was working fine. Still working on transferring programs. Also that the carpet was being done and things were going well.

Sharon said that they needed to get the steel for the gate for the other entry for the transfer station.

The board opened the roads bids, after much discussion they decided not make a final decision until they spoke to Dan Higgins. As a cost per hour on the bids he had the lowest with the most appropriate equipment. They would meet with him sometime next week when he was available. It was moved and seconded to contract Dan Higgins for the roads if will satisfy their conditions. Motion carried. The following were the other contractors who had submitted bids;

Portage Construction Inc.
Simard Construction Inc.
Langille Construction Inc.

At this time Amy Collins, from our recreation board joined the meeting. There seemed to be a problem with the volleyball program and the harassment that the girls in the office and Amy was receiving from Glen Condon. Amy stated that Roberta Belanger was the person in charge of that particular program and that she did not feel she should have to deal with Glen every time we told them they could not use the gym. The board agreed. Gloria stated that if you were not running a program you should not have a set of keys and that no keys should be lent out. The board asked Sharon to call Glen at this time to hear his side of the story. Glen and John Condon came to join the meeting. They felt that there was no chain of

command. The board said they would look at the problem try to remedy the situation.

Sharon stated that they had received the design on Allen Robertson's system and that it was being put out to bid to be opened on the 19th of July. We have 2 other systems but the designs have not been completed.

It was moved and seconded to hire Milton Lyons as clerk of the works for the roads project. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to set the mill rate for the year 1996 at \$18.00/ thousand. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded to sign the commitment at this rate. Motion carried.

Sharon stated that the Blackhawk Mining Co. had contacted her and said that they would meet with us when they were in this area again.

Pat stated that he had a few complaints/questions:

- 1) There should be a speed limit sign at the campground.
- 2) The parks and the different areas that the Town maintains is not being trimmed up. Get it done !!!
- 3) Aubrey Cyr approached Pat to see if it would be a problem with him swamping a rough trail around the back side of OakPoint so they could get there by vehicle. This would have to be set down on paper and there would be other conditions. The board will meet with Aubrey. Will never be a road.
- 4) Speak to Jim Strang about cleaning up the Seaplane Base. Grass was mowed but that pile of wood needs to be burnt or taken out of there.

As there was no other business , it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. 3hrs.

Let these minutes reflect that the selectmen have these additional hours for meetings:

DATE	STEVE	GLORIA	PAT
06/10/96		1.0 HR.	
06/25/96	2.0 HR.		2.0 HR.
06/28/96	2.5 HR.		2.5 HR.
07/09/96	2.0 "	2.0 "	2.0 "
07/16/96			.5 "

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Rafford

AGENDA
3:00 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES OF 7/3/96

SIGN WARRANTS

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

OLD BUSINESS

SEPTIC BIDS 1 bid , Belanger do on 26th
ROADS UPDATE -- MILTON LYONS
INSURANCE
OTHER -- Recreation comm.,

NEW BUSINESS

WINTER SAND
SUE'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE
TRANSFER STATION BURNING AREA
ABATEMENTS
OTHER selectmens meetings

MINUTES
JULY 19, 1986
3:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Belanger at 3:00 p.m. Those present were Steve Belanger, Gloria Curtis, Sharon Rafford, Christy Dicker, Dwight Wilcox, and Milton Lyons.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as written with one correction, The minutes read Gloria Belanger instead of Curtis. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with the public comment period. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to get rid of the recreation committee as there was only 2 people left on it. Motion carried. It was then moved and seconded to appoint Amy Collins as temporary program director until something is done to involve more people. Motion carried.

Christy Dicker asked the board what they were going to do about winter sand. She stated that Portage Construction would do it for the same price as last year with the same amount of sand, 700 yds, at the same price of 5000.00 and that the price would be reduced if we did not need that amount again this year. It was moved and seconded to have Portage Construction do up our winter sand at this price for 700 yds. Motion carried.

Sharon suggested that we ask Reggie Goodblood to cut the wood around the transfer station for the stumpage so we could clear more area. The board said ok but, did not think he would be interested as there was not that much stumpage there. No motion necessary.

At this time Milton Lyons gave the board a brief summary of what had been done on the roads and where we stood. He felt everything was going well and wanted to know if anyone had any questions. Gloria said she had a little problem with the flagman and she thought he was making too much per hour for the job he was doing. It had been agreed by the board to accept the price per hour that Dan had given us and there was little we could do about it.

The bid for one of the septic systems was opened at this time. The two Bids received were from Langille Construction for 4630.00 and portage construction for 4502.00. It was moved and seconded to award the bid to Portage Construction for Allen Robertsons system at 4502.00. Motion carried. Sharon told the board there had been an extension of time given on Donald Belanger's system because the site plans were late. They would meet Fri. 7/26/86 at 7:00 p.m. to open the bids.

It was moved and seconded to abate the taxes on the Congregational Church of 457.20 and DOT for 126.00 for the

year of 1996. These taxes were recorded in the computer by mistake. Motion carried and abatements were signed. Sharon stated that she also had one supplement but did not have paperwork done but she would have it for the next meeting.

The board asked Sharon if she had anyone lined up to take Sue's place when she takes her maternity leave. She said she would try to do what she could by herself, but she would have Donna come in if she needed her. Sharon stated she did not know if Donna would still be interested. Sue told Sharon that she would come in for Fridays after her 6 weeks.

It was moved and seconded to sign the MDOT block grant for 1996 at 2733.00 quarterly. Motion carried.

Steve gave the new schedule for meetings until the end of Dec.

At this time Dwight Wilcox presented the board with an insurance proposal. The board reviewed it for the most part and decided to have Sharon give them the costs of what we are paying now through MMA and the comparison of our present coverage. Table until the board can review further.

as there was no other business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. 1.5 hrs.

Respectfully submitted
Sharon Rafford

AGENDA
8/9/96
3:00 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES OF 7/19/96

SIGN WARRANTS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

OLD BUSINESS:

credit union
ASHLAND REC
SUPPLEMENT
CYR SEPTIC
ROADS EAST, WEST, HATH
FORD TRUCK
CABLE TV
INSURANCE
OTHER

NEW BUSINESS:

DEAN'S PERMIT
COUNTY TAX
AIR CONDITIONER
OTHER

MINUTES
AUGUST 9, 1996
3:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Belanger at 3:00 p.m. Those present were Steve Belanger, Pat Raymond, GLoria Curtis, and Sharon Rafford.

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of 7/19/96 as written. Motion carried.

Warrants were signed by full board.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with the public comment period as there was no one here. Motion carried.

Sharon asked the board what they wanted to do concerning the credit union. She stated that Maurice Pelletier had approached her and because of a mis-communication had not attended the last meeting as scheduled. It was moved and seconded to inform the credit union that we would leave the lease agreement at \$300.00/mo. as long as they would agree to sign a 5 year lease, if not the rent would stay at \$350.00/mo and they would have to sign at least a 1 year lease. Either way the board wants this settled by the 31st of August, that being everything implemented as of Sept. 1st. Motion carried.

Sharon told the board that the Town of Ashland called and asked why they did not receive the subsidy payment for the recreation dept. Sharon told the Ashland Town Manager that at the Annual Town meeting that the funds were not earmarked for Ashland and that she was meeting with the board that afternoon and she would have an answer for them Monday. The board asked Sharon to call the Ashland Town manager to get the amount of Portage participants for this year. No motion necessary.

It was moved and seconded to sign the supplement for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians of \$23.40. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to sign the abatement \$90.00 for James Holmes as we forgot to enter his veterans exempt into the computer. Motion carried.

Sharon stated that Portage Assoc. would not allow an easement to put Candy Cyr's leach field on their property. Sharon told the board that the Town owned property directly across from Cyr's property and we could give her an easement. The board did not think they should just give her an easement rather they would sell her the property. Sharon stated that we have done it for others. Steve stated that the others was on property we could not sell at all. The board asked Sharon to have Bill Hersey come back and see if he could design her a system across the road first, then ask her to buy it. Sharon also stated that we would not be able to do this system until next year because any sale of Town property must go to Town meeting other than tax acquired property.

Sharon gave a brief discussion on the roads and asked the

board what should be the priority. They said that the culverts on the West road first, the area by Herbie Garrity's second and if we have some time ditching on the Hathaway next.

Sharon stated that we could not get the 1955 Ford inspected and we were having a hard time finding parts. Russell was able to fix the truck this time but does not know how many more times he can. The board suggested that we try to see if we could get something from State surplus. Steve said call Heb, that he has been able to get us a lot and maybe he could find us a decent pickup.

It was moved and seconded to stay with MMA for our Property and casualty and our Public Officials Liability. They said for a difference of approx. \$300.00 it really was not worth switching. Motion carried.

Pat asked Sharon how we were doing on the boat landing. She said that she had gotten a call from Dick Skinner and he said because we had not received the deeds back that we were running out of time and we would be looking at next year for the construction of the landing. The board was very disappointed and asked Sharon where our deeds were. She stated that P&C had already signed them but she had not heard anything from Bowater. The board told Sharon to go over Ray Goody's head if she had to and find out what is going on.

It was moved and seconded to sign the Special entertainment permit for Dean's Motor Lodge. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to table the request for the air conditioner for this year until May of next year when we have the money. We have spent too much already! Sharon felt we could get by until next year because the worst of the hot months were over. Motion carried.

Under other business, Pat brought up the fact that Fern Wilson was doing a lot for the campground and that he thought that she should have the \$100.00 fee that we were charging her waived. It was moved and seconded to do this but she would take on all responsibility of the sites. She would only contact Sharon if she could not handle something on her own. Motion carried. It was also mentioned that we should provide a dumping station for the sites as there is not any place for them to dump, except into the toilets. Sharon is to check with Bill Hersey about a holding tank.

As there was no other business it was moved and seconded to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. 2 hrs.

Let these minutes reflect that the septic system bid for Donald Belanger was awarded to Langille Construction on July 26, 1996. The two bids received were as follows:

Portage Construction	\$3497.00
Langille Construction	3165.00

Meeting lasted 1 hr.

Respectfully submitted,



AGENDA
AUGUST 21, 1996
7:00 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 1996

SIGN WARRANTS

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

OLD BUSINESS:

ROADS UPDATE
FRASER CREDIT UNION
ASHLAND REC. DEPT.
CYR'S SEPTIC SYSTEM
SUE TIME OFF
DONNA'S APPEAL
INSURANCE
OTHER

NEW BUSINESS:

STATE VALUATION (UP)
OTHER

MINUTES
AUGUST 21, 1996
7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Belanger at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Steve Belanger, Patrick Raymond, Gloria Curtis, Sharon Rafford, and Herb McPherson and Wayne Gagnon.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried. Wayne stated that in the past that the minutes were read aloud at the meetings. Sharon stated that since she has worked here this has never been done. The board said they would do this if requested but had never done it before.

At this time the roads contracted services was discussed. It was mentioned that some of the people were disappointed in the amount of work that had done for the money spent. after much discussion it was agreed that next year we would go a different route.

Pat asked Sharon if she had heard any thing from the credit union and she had not. She was just waiting for a response from the letter sent out.

Sharon asked the board what they wanted to do about the Ashland area rec. said she had gotten a call from the Ashland Town Office wondering where the rec money was. The board asked Sharon to call the Town of Ashland and get a list of the people who had participated in their programs. No decision made at this time.

At this time Wayne Gagnon spoke and informed the board that the Ashland Public works dept. was using the old ambulance. He asked if the town had to purchase that from the ambulance service. Try to find out.

Sharon stated that Jean Clark signed the easement so as to allow Candy Cyr's septic system on her property. Everything was a go.

Sharon said Sue was really getting big but she was still going to work right up until she has the baby. Steve suggested that Sue wear a pamper, just in case her water breaks at the office!!!!!!! Just kidding.

Donna Martin has appealed the unemployment comm. decision again and we will just wait to see what MMA will advise us to do.

Sharon stated that Mr. Wilcox was very upset that the board choose not to accept his proposal for the town's insurance. The board felt that if he had had a better deal he should have presented it the first time.

Sharon met with the State Assessor and she stated that the Town of Portage's valuation was going up by 13% because of the following reasons;

- a) tree growth is up
- b) lake shore frontage is selling for more
- c) *northern* the town has been assessed for backland with ~~southern~~ *northern* ~~aroostocks~~ *aroostook* figures and should have been assessed by ~~northern~~ *northern* aroostook. this figure reflects 170.00/acre as compared to 240.00/acre.

The board was very upset with this and wants Sharon to find out why we should all of a sudden be assessed on northern aroostocks values. She will check.

It was moved and seconded to abate \$18.00 for Marcel Theriault. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to sign a supplement on property owned by Daniel Higgins for \$867.00. Motion carried.

Sharon told the board that she had Heb looking for a decent pickup for the town through the State.

Pat asked Sharon if she had sent Pelletier and Sons a letter of thanks for all the work they did for the town at the transfer station. She had.

As there was no other business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. 1.5 hrs.
The board thanked Herb and Wayne for attending the meeting and wished more people would get involved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Rafford

Let these minutes reflect that there was only one bid received for Candy Cyr's system on August 29 at 4:00 p.m.
It was moved and seconded to award the bid to Portage Construction Inc. for \$6076.00. Motion carried. .5 hrs.

~~September~~ AGENDA
~~OCTOBER~~ 18, 1996
7:00 P.M.

~~September~~ 6,

MEETING ON ~~OCTOBER~~ 4, 1996 WAS CANCELLED -- SHARON ON VACATION.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ASHLAND AREA REC. -- DAVE ASH AND LENDELL TARR

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 1996

SIGN WARRANTS

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

OLD BUSINESS

OMAR'S WAGES
CABLE TV -- OCT 25 2:00 P.M.
RT #11
OTHER

NEW BUSINESS

DAVID WYLIE GRANT WRITER
BETTY CURRAN SEPTIC TANK
OTHER

MINUTES
9/18/96
7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Pat Raymond at 7:10 p.m. Those present were Pat Raymond, Gloria Curtis, Sharon Rafford, and guests were, Dave Basley and Lendell Tarr from the Ashland Area rec. and concerned parents, Sandy Bartlett, Roberta Belanger, Paula Fish, Lynn Morneault, and Sanrda Robertson.

At this time the Ashland Area Rec request of \$356.00 was discussed. Sharon explained to the people that this was the direction that the selectmen were given at budget time and it followed through at town meeting without any questions. The board felt this is for a good cause and that they would continue to support it with funding. The board expressed concern that the only time any one shows up to a meeting is when something is wrong. They asked if any of the parents would be interested in being on the rec. board in Ashland. Nothing concerning that was decided. The board thanked the parents and Mr. Tarr and Mr. Basley for coming to the meeting and presenting us with some facts and figures that they will be able to give the budget committee next year. It was also suggested that one of the parents be on the budget committee. At this time all left the meeting except the board and Sharon.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of August 21, 1996 as written. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with the public discussion as there was no one there. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to send Sue flowers when she has her baby. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to give Omar his .50/ hr. retro-active. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to send Ashland Area Rec the amount they had requested for the year 1996 in the amount of \$356.00. Motion carried.

Sharon informed the board that she had set up a meeting with the cable TV co. for Friday the 25th of October at 2:00 p.m. She will also let the committee know so they will have some representation.

The FFCU signed the lease for 1 year at \$350.00/ mo.

There will be another telephone hearing concerning Donna Martin's unemployment on the 25th, Sharon asked Gloria if she would be present. Gloria agreed.

Pat suggested that we post a notice concerning malfunctioning septic systems in town. Sharon stated that Nick Archer had told her that this would probably be our last year because we do not have anyone left on the list.

Sharon stated that Roland Caron had approached her about

putting two culverts across the road from his place. He owns this piece of land. She had told him she did not think it would be a problem but he would have to go by the standard sizes and he would have to pay for the culverts himself. The town would put them in for him. The board felt this would be OK.as long as he put at least an 18 foot

Pat said that he had talked to Laura Auditbert and that they were going to cut an additional 200 cords on town land, just to clean it up.

Sharon told the board that she had talked to MMA and they told her because we were so vague with the Article in the town meeting warrant that we would have to have a town vote to set up a reserve account for fire protection on town land using funds from our stumpage account. The board said we would do this at the next town meeting.

Sharon received a notice from Temporary Shelter for the Homeless asking if the town would rather have the county billed for their services. Sharon said alot of the towns are doing this with all social service donations, they are letting the county deal with them. The board felt this was the way to go so as not to have all those little requests at budget time.

Sharon told the board that the deeds were all signed and that the Boat Landing was the Town's. She said she had also sent in for reimbursement from the State.

Pat asked if Russell could some how do something with the water that is laying in the ditches on West Cottage Rd.

The board asked Sharon if there was an agreement written stating that the property owners were satisfied with the looks of their new septic systems. Sharon said that DEP was supposed to do that this year but did not . We would have to do this ourselves.

As there was no other business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. 2hr.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Rafford

AGENDA
10/4/96
3:00 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

OPEN BIDS FOR BETTY CURRAN'S TANK

APPROVE MINUTES OF 9/18/96

SIGN WARRANTS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

OLD BUSINESS:

STATE VALUATION
GATE AT TRANSFER STATION
SAVINGS CD NO PENALTY INSURED OVER 100,000.00
OTHER

NEW BUSINESS:

RECREATION
LOWBED
ASHBY ABATEMENT
OTHER

MINUTES
OCTOBER 4, 1996
3:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Belanger at 3:00 p.m. Those present were Steve Belanger, Gloria Curtis, Pat Raymond, Sharon Rafford and Amy Collins.

Bids were opened for Betty Currans system, only 1 bid was received by Portage Construction. It was moved and seconded to award the bid of \$1371.00 to Portage Construction. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of 10/4/96 as written. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with public discussion. Motion carried.

Pat mentioned that there had not been anything done with the ditch on the West Cottage Rd. Sharon explained that Russell had been on vacation and that he was trying to get the gate for the transfer station done. She asked them what they wanted to do with the ditch. Pat suggested we put at least some screenings in there.

It was moved and seconded to sign the municipal state valuation. Motion carried.

Sharon informed the board that the gate for the transfer station it just needed to be placed.

Sharon advised the board that we could purchase a six-month CD and still be insured for the 100,000.00 through FDIC. Recommended 50,000.00. It was moved and seconded to purchase a 6-mo. Cd for \$50,000.00. Motion carried

Sharon mentioned that we should take a good look at seasonal camping at the campground next year. Some problems arouse this summer that are of some concern.

Amy approached the board about putting some playground equipment at the beach for children. She checked with a company and it would cost the Town approx. 3300.00 not including the wood. Amy said she thought she could get the wood donated. The board felt this was a good idea but wanted her to check with other companies. Sharon suggested getting some of the parents involved. Amy said she would try. We have 1000.00 in the budget already that 500.00 is already earmarked for such thing. Possibly going to the budget committee and getting approval for next year for the balance.

Sharon asked the board if they wanted to keep the lowbed or put it up for bid? The board felt it needed too much work to keep but they do not want to loose too much either. It was moved and seconded to put it out for bid locally for a min. bid of \$1500.00. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to abate Marilyn Ashby's 1994 and 1995 taxes in the amount of 437.31 total for both years.

1994 ---- \$222.61

1995 ---- 214.70

No abatement on the interest. Motion carried.

Sharon mentioned to the board that Brenda Goodblood had approached her to see if she could come in and catalog the books we already have and maybe start a volunteer library. The board said this would be good if somebody wanted to take the time and do it. It was okayed by the board. Sharon thought she could get Ralph Pelletier in here to put up some more shelves too.

Sharon said she was told that Christy Dicker had resigned her position from School Director and that Terry Overlock had called to let her know that he would take the position if the board would appoint him. The board had no problem with this but at this point in time their hands were tied until we receive official notice from Christy.

It was moved and seconded to transfer the lease from the Morrums septic system to the new owners. Sharon told the board that the new owners would like to eventually buy the property but not at this time. Motion carried.

Herb McPherson joined the meeting at this time and asked Sharon if she had contacted the B&A RR concerning the planking at the crossing on East Cottage Rd. Sharon stated that she had contacted Bob Houston and left a message for him about the crossing. Herb said it was very dangerous and something had to be done. Sharon suggested that as many people contact Bob as necessary this might jog them.

The board told Sharon to have Ralph deal with the Pinettes and Leo Caron as soon as possible next Spring.

As there was no other business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. 1.5 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Rafford

AGENDA
OCTOBER 16, 1996
7:00 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES OF 10/4/96

SIGN WARRANTS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

OLD BUSINESS:

RECREATION DEPT
WEST COTTAGE RD.
CHRISTY DICKER'S RESIGNATION
CABLE TV
OTHER

NEW BUSINESS:

SIGN WARRANT FOR ELECTION
CROSS CULVERT ON EAST ROAD
OTHER

MINUTES
10/16/96
7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Belanger at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Steve Belanger , Pat Raymond, Gloria Curtis, and Sharon Rafford. Guests at the meeting were Amy Collins, Lynn Belanger, Paula Fish, and Roberta Belanger.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of 10/4/96 as written. Motion carried.

The warrants were signed by the full board.

At this time Amy presented the board with her proposal concerning the playground equipment. She told the board that she had checked and that the best deal we could get was with S.W. Collins for \$3240.00. Roberta and Lynn spoke at this time concerning the location. They felt that putting the equipment at the beach would not be the best idea. They felt that the Portage children would not have the availability to the playground as they have at the place where the equipment is located at the present. Amy said she was going to have a raffle to help purchase the equipment. She explained that she would do 100 tickets and sell them at \$20.00/ ticket.

First place would win	\$300.00
Second	150.00
Third	50.00

This would allow 1500.00 for the equipment. Amy said she had talked to the Town Manager and that we could possibly use some of the funds from parks. It was also mentioned that we might ask the Town of Ashland for a donation. The board agreed and it was moved and seconded to purchase the equipment from S.W. Collins at \$3240.00 which would be taken out of the following accounts;

Recreation	\$1000.00
Parks	2240.00

Motion carried. Amy mentioned that she was going to get the lumber donated from Portage Mills and Rock Lumber if she could. Also she was going to ask Steve Cyr to design the playground with the landscaping.

Sharon told the board that Dick Bessey had been to the office and offered to go look at the ditches on the west cottage road. After looking at them he advised us to take some of the material that we had originally taken out of them and put it back in there and pack as solid as we could. He stated that we needed material with clay in it to repair the damage that was done by ditching to deep. Otherwise, the water would seep under the road and wash it away. We needed something to seal it. Sharon said as soon as the boys were done at Herbie's they were going to start this project.

Sharon received Christy Dicker's resignation as a MSAD#32 board member. Sharon informed the board that Terry Overlock was still interested in the position. It was moved and seconded to accept Christy's resignation and to appoint Terry Overlock to finish out her term. Motion carried.

There is to be an informal meeting with the Cable T V committee on the 17th at 7:00 p.m. They want to meet to discuss what the approach will be with the Cable T V Co. at the meeting scheduled on the 25th.

The warrant for the elections was signed by the full board.

The board wants to know what the qualifications for a CEO is and if Ralph gets done we should have someone in mind. Cleve Goodblood's name was mentioned. No motion necessary

As there was no other business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. 1 hr.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Rafford

MEETING HOURS OF SELECTMEN

DATE	STEVE	PATRICK	GLORIA
11/3/95	1.5	1.5	1.5
12/1/95	3.0	3.0	3.0
12/13/95	3.0	3.0	3.0
1/5/96	1.5	2.0	2.0
1/17/96	2.0	2.0	2.0
2/2/96	1.0	1.0	1.0
2/14/96	3.0	3.0	3.0
3/1/96	1.5	1.5	1.5
3/13/96	1.5	1.5	1.5
4/ 3/96	3.0	3.0	3.0
4/23/96	1.0	1.0	1.0
5/1/96	1.5	2.0	2.0
5/17/96	1.5	1.5	1.5
6/5/96	2.5	2.5	2.5
6/10/96			1.0
6/21/96	1.5	1.5	1.5
6/25/96	2.0	2.0	
6/28/96	2.5	2.5	
7/3/96		3.0	3.0
7/9/96	2.0	2.0	2.0
7/16/96		.5	
7/19/96	1.5		1.5
7/26/96	1.0	1.0	1.0
8/9/96	2.0	2.0	2.0
8/21/96	1.5	1.5	1.5
8/29/96		.5	.5
9/18/96	2.0	2.0	2.0
10/4/96	1.5	1.5	1.5
10/16/96	1.0	1.0	1.0
.25 HR/WEEK X 12 MO. = 12 HR FOR THE YEAR			
THIS IS FOR JUST STOPPING EACH WEEK TO SEE WHAT IS TAKING PLACE.			
	12.0	12.0	12.0
TOTAL HRS.	57.0	60.5	58.0
AT 8.00/HR	\$ 456.00	\$ 484.00	\$ 464.00

AGENDA
11/8/96
3:00 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES OF 10/16/96

SIGN WARRANTS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

OLD BUSINESS:

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
CABLE TV
WEST ROAD
OTHER -- trailer

NEW BUSINESS:

STEVE'S SCHEDULE -- DEC. MEETINGS
SIGN LEASE MORROWS SEPTIC
OTHER

AGENDA
11/20/96
7:00 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES OF 11/8/96

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

SIGN WARRANTS

OLD BUSINESS:

LETTER TO MR. COLLINS, TOWN MANAGER OF ASHLAND
LETTER TO LEO CARON
TRAILER
OTHER -- REC

NEW BUSINESS:

SHARON'S PAY
SELECTMEN'S PAY
AMY'S PAY
GENERAL ASSISTANCE
OTHER

MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 1996
700 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Belanger at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Steve Belanger, Pat Raymond, Gloria Curtis, and Sharon Rafford.

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of 11/8/96 as written. Motion carried.

Warrants were signed by full board.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with the public discussion period as there was no one here. Motion carried.

At this time Sharon presented the board with the letter drafted to Mr. Collins, Town Manager of Ashland, concerning the book exchange program. The board felt the letter was very appropriate and they all signed.

Sharon mentioned that Ralph had a letter sent to Leo Caron giving him 10 days to move out of his place because he was still in violation.

Sharon told the board that she had spoken to MMA legal section and the Selectmen have to put an article in the warrant to allow them to dispose of any equipment without putting it out to bid. The equipment in question is the trailer/lowbed that we do not use. The board wanted to put it in the swap and buy. It was moved and seconded to put such an article in the warrant at the annual town meeting. Motion carried.

Sharon informed the board that we need to carry over the \$680.00 that we made with the raffle for the rec. dept. Sharon explained to the board that this money is already earmarked for the new playground. The board agreed that this is the way to go at budget time.

Sharon requested that she receive 1 extra weeks pay for the year for compensation in working alone for the 12 weeks that Sue was out. She did not feel that this was too much to ask because she saved the Town money by trying to do the job alone as opposed to hiring someone part time. She thanked Gloria for helping her out at times and she did state that Sue was coming in part time. Steve asked her what this would amount to. It would amount to about \$380.00. It was moved and seconded to give Sharon the extra weeks pay. Motion carried.

Sharon presented the board with the hours the Board had coming to them beginning 11/95 to 10/16/96 for Selectmens pay and stated that she would issue them their checks Friday if there was no problem with the hrs. recorded. All agreed.

Sharon asked the board if we could give Amy the \$10.00 warrant fee up to \$50.00 for all the work she does when she has to serve people with letters and phone calls along with

actually going to their homes to get them to register their dogs. The State allows the municipal officers to make that decision concerning the extra warrant fees. It was moved and seconded to give Amy the \$10.00 fee up to 50.00 and no more. Motion carried.

Sharon stated that she had a general assistance case this week that she denied and that she was just informing the board in case there might be some repercussion.

As there was no other business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried. 1 hr.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Rafford

AGENDA
DECEMBER 4, 1996
7:00 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES OF 11/8/96

SIGN WARRANTS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

FIRE DEPT -- PAGERS

OLD BUSINESS:

SEAPLANE BASE

BOAT LANDING -- SIGN STATE EASEMENT

OTHER

NEW BUSINESS:

STUMPAGE CONTRACTS -- DEC. 31,96

OTHER

MINUTES
12/4/98
7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Belanger at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Steve Belanger, Gloria Curtis, Pat Raymond, and Sharon Rafford. Guests present were Herb McPherson, fire chief and Kevin Robinson from Maine Communication Sales Inc.

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes for 11/20/98 as written. Motion carried.

At this time the meeting was turned over to Herb . Herb stated that the red fire phones were obsolete and that we were unable to have them fixed when they do not work properly. He asked Kevin Robinson to the meeting to give the board some idea what we were looking at for costs to go to pagers for the Fire Dept. Kevin explained that we could either go with pagers or small radios. The cost was \$7945.00 for the equipment, \$350.00/yr. for the Sheriffs Dept for dispatching and \$59.00/mo. for the telephone lines. Attached to these minutes is a copy of the cost proposal. Also, Kevin stated that we could get a loaner at no cost if we had one down. Steve asked Herb what his thoughts were. Herb stated that we will have to do something eventually when 911 comes in so we might as well get started . Herb suggested that we ask for all the costs this year as to save us approx. 1100.00 in interest over 3 years, and not ask for any funds for our reserve account. Steve suggested that we ask for both. The board said that this will be addressed at the budget committee meeting and see what happens. The board told Herb that he should get another proposal just to be on the safe side. Herb felt that he really did not want to do this because he wanted to keep it local. The board had no problem with this but, they felt this should be done because this will be the first question the people will ask at the Town meeting. Herb said he would. Herb also informed the board that the fire dept. had a chance to get 1 mile of 3 inch hose for 1.50/ft. from a fire dept in Conn. and we could pay for it at our convenience. The cost would be approx. \$8000.00. No problem as far as the board was concerned . The two things combined should help us lower our fire insurance rating.

At this time Kevin and Herb left the meeting.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with the public comment period. Motion carried.

Warrants were signed by the full board.

Sharon presented the board with a copy of a letter that she had received from DOT aeronautics div. It stated that we still had \$1800.00 left in a grant for the seaplane base done back in 1988. The board felt Sharon should get in contact with Jim Strang and have him help her. Get some bills together to send in and possibly recover some of the monies spent. Sharon will get hold of him tomorrow if possible, he is a hard man to catch!!!!

It was moved and seconded to sign the quit claim deed for the perpetual easement for the boat landing. Motion carried.

Sharon stated that the stumpage agreements will run out as of 12/31/96 and would Pat talk to Laura about getting them done. Yes he will. Steve broached the subject of the school block and if we should cut it. It was the general concenses that we should put it to the people at the annual town meeting. No motion necessary.

Sharon told the board that she had the locks on the old landfill and the new transfer station changed with key alike locks. Have had a question on people going in there.

As there was no other business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. 1.5 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Rafford

AGENDA
12/18/96
7:00 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES OF 12/4/96

SIGN WARRANTS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

OLD BUSINESS:

SEAPLANE BASE
FORECLOSURES
OTHER

NEW BUSINESS:

ABATEMENT FOR ADRIEN BELANGER
LAWS CONCERNING CEO'S AND BUILDING PERMITS
other

MINUTES
DECEMBER 18, 1996
7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Belanger at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Steve Belanger, Pat Raymond , Gloria Curtis, and Sharon Rafford.

Before any business was taken care of Steve asked Sharon to order a new light for the Fire Dept. as the bulb to their front door light was not working properly.

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of 12/4/96 as written. Motion carried.

Warrants were signed by the full board.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with the public comment period as there was no one here. Motion carried.

Sharon informed the board that she had met with Jim Strang concerning the grant money left for the seaplane base. He provided her with some bills and she sent them in for reimbursement. He had also contacted Nancy Laney from the State and she extended his time until next spring to request the rest of the money , which amounted to about \$1300.00 more.

Sharon explained that this year we only had to worry about two foreclosures. George Knight, which she knows she will get and Tim and Thelma Pinette. They own the log home which sets on Reggie's land. Sharon did not know what they could do where Reg owned the land. Pat thought that we might be able to take a portion on which the house sets as long as we give him fair market value for the land. The board wants her to check with MMA legal section to find out what our options are.

Sharon informed the board that we had received our grant money from the State for the purchase and the survey of the boat landing. It is now ours.

Pat told the board that he had spoken to Laura about stumpage contracts.

It was moved and seconded to abate the portion of the "94's, "95's and the "96's taxes that were over assessed by computer data entry error in 1994 on Adrian Belanger. Motion carried.

Sharon explained to the board about the new mandates that were being set by the State concerning building codes. The board will wait to see what happens with them before we make a move.

Sharon asked the board to appoint a budget committee. It was moved and seconded to appoint the following;

Danny Higgins
Judy Moreau
Bud Clark

Shirley Nason
Betty Dumond
Don Paradis
Ken Hodsdon

and Raymond Chasse and Diane Michaud as alternates. Motion carried.

The subject of winter plowing came up and the board feels that we should see how the towns people feel about putting it out for bid. This would have to be done right after the Town meeting.

As there was no other business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. 1 hr.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone!!!!!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Rafford