

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
JAN 4, 1989

Those present included Selectmen Heber Umphrey, Dan Higgins, George Gray, Town Manager Paul Blanchette, and IFW representatives Richard Hoppe, Areland Lovell, and Town Scaler Eugene Morris.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

- 1) It was moved by Hebe and seconded by Dan that the minutes of the 12/7/88 meeting be accepted as read. Motion carried.
- 2) IFW- Richard Hoppe and Areland Lovell spoke to the Board about managing town property for deer yards. Both expressed concerns in the manner in which trees are harvested on town property and on joint ownership. Of extreme concern is the fact the GNP doesn't intend to harvest for two to three years on joint land. The Town Manager explained that this was due in part to the heavy cutting of the last few years. The dept. showed the Selectmen the areas of concern for deer yards on joint property and on single ownership. The Selectmen agreed to work with the Dept. of IF &W on town ownership. the Selectmen also agreed to try to cooperate with the dept on joint ownership. The Selectmen made clear that the spokesman for the Town will be the Town Manager. He will be the one to talk with the land owners to try to help resolve conflicts between the Dept. and the joint owners. The manager will report to the Board of Selectmen for direction. The manager asked that the Dept. of IF &W submit their recommendations in writing to the town and other land owners. Then a meeting between the land owners and the Dept. can be set up to resolve conflicts.
- 3) Septic system for Velma Casey and Dan Higgins. It was moved by Heb and seconded by George that the town will grant an easement to Velma nd to Dan to establish new septic systems for Velma's house and for the Old Town Hall. Motion carried. Dan abstained.
- 4) Church meetings at Town Hall- Manager showed the Board of Selectmen a legal opinion on the use of the Town Hall by the Bible Church. Selectmen decided to table the issue until a latter date.
- 5) DEP Letter- The manager read a letter he sent to the DEP, concerning septic system grants, to request more money for the Town.
- 6) The manager informed the Board that the Town had officially joined the MMA Risk Pool for insurance.

He also informed the Board that the new town truck was not ready yet.

- 7) Water and Sewer District- The manager read part of letter he received from DEP concerning the formulation of a water and sewer district for the Town of Portage Lake. The letter discouraged the Town from setting up an independent district.

Meeting adjourned. Length of meeting 1.5 hours

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
1/18/89

Those present included Selectmen Hebe Umphrey, Dan Higgins,  
and Town Manager Paul Blanchette.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

- 1) It was moved by Dan and seconded by Heb to accept the minutes of the 1-4-89 meeting as read. Motion carried.
- 2) The Board signed the tax abatements and supplement for 1988.
- 3) The Manager informed the Board that GNP would be holding a press conference on 1-19-89 at 3:30 concerning the closing of the Chip Plant and the Pinkham layoffs. the Board and Manager are invited to attend. Dan asked that the Manager contact John Martin to see what help he could be during this job cutback period.
- 4) The Manager asked the Board to approve or dis-approve a request from Sandy Bartlett to have a pre-school children's hour once per week here at the Municipal Building. The Board approved providing that the hour could be cancelled if the Town needed the facility.
- 5) The Manager and the Board discussed a proposed 1989 budget. The Manager said that he would bring it back at the next meeting.
- 6) The Board of Selectmen directed the Manager to ask the following people to serve on the Budget Committee:

Raymond Chasse	Diana Michaud	Darrell Soucy
Mac Nasson	Rayno Cote	Jane Fowler
Gene Morris	Cal Adams	Bounce Condon
Claude Plourde		
- 7) The Manager informed the Board that the Annual Town Meeting is to be held March 31, 1989. There is one selectmen position and two school board positions that are up.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M. Length of meeting 1.5 hours

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
2/1/89

Those present included Selectmen Hebe Umphrey, Dan Higgins, George Gray, Town Manager Paul Blanchette, and Civil Defense Director Wayne Gagnon.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

- 1) It was moved by Heb and seconded by Dan to accept the minutes of the Jan. 18, 1989 minutes as read. Motion carried.
- 2) Budget- The Manager presented the proposed 1989 budget to the Board. The Board asked various questions about several accounts. Of interest was the Planning and Code Enforcement Account. some concern about how the Town's people would accept this was voiced. The board approved the Budget for presentation to the budge Committee on Feb. 15, 1989.
- 3) Policies- The Manager presented the Board with list of policy statements concerning the use of town owned equipment and buildings. The Board accepted the policy statements as the policies for the Town.
- 4) Evacuation Plan- The Civil Defense Director presented an evacuation plan to the Town Manager who intern presented it to the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen accepted the Plan.
- 5) Rental of Office space- the Manager informed the Board that the Town was in a position to rent office space to the Training and Development Corp. of Bangor. These people need office space for six to seven months in order to help displaced GNP workers. The Manager informed the Board that they had looked at the building and found that it would meet their needs. The rental discussed with them included \$250.00 per month for the use of the old manager's office and the room next to it in the Municipal Building. They would pay for any extra work that was needed to set up the room to their needs. It was moved by Heb and seconded by George to rent the rooms to the Training and Development Corp. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M. Length of meeting 1.5 hours.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MARCH 1, 1989

Those present included Heb Umphrey, George Gray, and Town Manager Paul Blanchette. Selectmen Dan Higgins came in at 6:30.

- 1) It was moved by Heb and seconded by George to accept the minutes of the Feb. 1, 1989 meeting as read. Motion carried.
- 2) The Selectmen signed the liquor application for Dean's.
- 3) The Selectmen signed the Annual town Meeting Warrant. There was discussion on the dump article. It was decided to let the people decide.
- 4) GNP- Town Manager informed the Board that Laura Audibert of GNP wanted to have a public meeting to discuss the deer yard management. The Board felt that this was not necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M. Length of meeting 1 hour.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MARCH 15, 1989

Those present included Selectmen Heb Umphrey, George Gray, and Town Manager Paul Blanchette.

- 1) It was moved by Heb and seconded by George to accept the minutes of the March 1, 1989 meeting as read.
- 2) The Board signed the addendum to the Annual town Meeting warrant.
- 3) Gulf Course Liquor Application- Signed by the Board of Selectmen.
- 4) Seaplane Base Update- Town Manager brought the Board up to date on what is happening with the Seplane Base. The Town is waiting for the permit from DEP.
- 5) Recreation- Selectmen requested Buoys for the swimming area. Manager told the Board that the State had okayed the putting of buoys out in the lake for swimming. He also told the Board that the Town of Eagle Lake had requested the state to mark and maintain all of Eagle Lake and that if this would happen Portage Lake could make the same request.
- 6) Salt Sand Storage- Manager advised the Board that the state would most probably pay for 15- 20% of the building costs.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M. Length of meeting 1/2 hour.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
APRIL 5, 1989

Those present included Heb Umphrey, Dan Higgins, Raymond Chasse, and Town Manager Paul Blanchette.

- 1) It was moved by Heb and seconded by Raymond to accept the minutes of the March 15, 1989 meeting as read. Motion carried.
- 2) Appointment of Chairman of the Board- It was moved by Dan and seconded by Raymond to appoint Heb as Chairman of the Board. Motion carried.
- 3) It was moved and seconded to appoint the following people to their respective positions:  
Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters---Sharon Rafford  
Scaler of Wood---Eugene Morris  
Animal Control Officer---Frank Currier  
Town Manager, Road Commissioner---Paul Blanchette  
Motion Carried.
- 4) William Good- The town Manager recommended that Bill receive \$8.64/hr, 15 days vacation, and 8 days sick leave for the upcoming year. It was moved by Heb and seconded by Dan to accept the recommendation. Motion carried,
- 5) Sharon Rafford- The town Manager recommended that Sharon receive \$5.50/hour, 10 days vacation, 8 days sick leave, in addition to the usual benefits. It was moved by Dan and seconded by Heb to accept the recommendation. Motion carried.
- 6) Paul Blanchette- The Town Manager asked for a base pay of \$19,000 per year, 12 days vacation, and 8 days sick leave. The Board pointed out that the Manager was a saleried position and as a saleried position sick leave days were unnecessary. It was moved by Dan and seconded by Heb to grant the Manager's request. Dan expressed his opinion that the manger look for some state or federal funds for any type of project.
- 7) The Manager told the Board that the Planning Board appointments would be ready for the meeting on the 19th of April. There are three openings on the Board. The Manager asked that names be submitted to him if any of the Selectmen knew of interested people. Dan stated that he thought that the planning board and their job should be a top priority this coming year.
- 8) Appointment of Fire Chief- Manager told the board that the Wayne Gagnon had recommended Bill Schaffer as the new Fire Chief. Board table action until next meeting.

- 9) Rec. Committee- Manager was asked to look into the rec. committee to see if they still wanted to be active.
- 10) Ledge Pit at the End of the east Cottage Road- The Manager told the Board that Mrs. Judy Moreau had expressed her objections to the ledge pit. The manager recommended that as soon as this ledge pile is used, that the area be leveled and reclaimed.
- 11) The manager was asked to check into auto graveyard laws.
- 12) Town Dump- Manager told the Board that DEP had looked at the dump and had made some recommendations. The Manager brought the Selectmen up to date on the area meeting for the towns that are interested in forming some sort of solid waste. NMRPC will conduct a study to help the towns determine what is the best way to proceed.

The meeting adjourned so that the Board could go up to the dump to see what has to be done to the dump. The board gave the manager the okay to do what has to be done up to the dump. It was suggested that GNP be contacted to do the bulldozing work.

Length of meeting 2 hours.



SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
4/19/89

Those present included Selectmen Heb Umphrey, Raymond Chasse, Dan Higgins, and Town Manager Paul Blanchette.

- 1) It was moved by Heb and seconded by Raymond to accept the minutes of the 4/5/89 meeting. Motion carried.
- 2) Seaplane Base area- The Board of Selectmen outlined the conditions for having gas available at the seaplane base area. They are as follows:
  - 1) the oil company will assume all liability
  - 2) the oil company will have a min. of \$300,000.00 in liability insurance with the town named as co-insured.
  - 3) Installation to be done in accordance with DEP rules and regulations.
  - 4) the installation plans and equipment must be approved by the town.
- 3) TAN- The manager told the board that he expected a \$50,000 short fall until taxes were sent out. Merrill Bank offered a TAN for 8.25% payable at the end of August. Currently the town could invest the money that is not needed at over 9%. It was moved by Dan and seconded by Heb to get the TAN. Motion carried.
- 4) Sewage Tank at the Dump- Manager informed the Board that 7-Islands wants to purchase the tank from the Town. It was moved by Ray and seconded by Heb to sell the tank for \$1,300 placed on their lowbed. Motion carried.
- 5) Solid Waste- The manager brought the board up to date on the local solid waste problem. NMRPC is doing a study that is to be ready to in 6-8 weeks.

Manager told the board about a solid waste meeting in Bangor on 4/27/89. Board said okay and asked the manager to continue on to Augusta to check for money for the town.
- 6) Planning Board- It was moved by Dan and seconded by Ray to appoint the following to the Planning Board:

Mike Bartlett, Ron Fowler, and Kathy Hoppe. Motion carried.
- 7) Fire Dept.- It was moved by Dan and seconded by Heb to appoint Bill Scheaffer as Fire Chief at \$700.00 per year and to appoint Wayne Gagnon as civil Defense Director at \$150.00 per year.
- 8) CED- It was moved by Dan and seconded by Heb to appoint

Ralph Stolze as CEO at the rate of \$75.00 per week.  
Motion Carried.

- 9) Auto Graveyards- Manager informed the Board of the State rules on auto graveyards. The Board suggested that posters be posted giving the rules to the public.
- 10) Deer Yards at GNP- Manager informed the Board that GNP and IFW flagged a deer yard with yellow ribbon not to cut it but only to identify the deer runs.
- 11) Ledge Pit- Manager told the Board that GNP had pushed up some 1000 yds of ledge for the Town at the Stevens pit.
- 12) Dump- GNP did the work up to the dump for the Town. Heb suggested that trash compactors be purchased for all the families in the town in order to save place at the dump.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M. Length of meeting 2 hours.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MAY 3, 1989

Those present included Selectmen Heb Umphrey, Dan Higgins, Raymond Chasse, Town Manager Paul Blanchette, Supt. of Schools Greg Botka, and School Board Member Mike Bartlett.

Chairman Umphrey called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

- 1) Supt. Botka spoke to the Board about the projected budget for MSAD # 32. He indicated that the budget was up 3.16% over last year. Portage Lake's share is up 6% for a total increase of \$13,427.76. The Board asked various questions including questions on the weighed vote on the School Board. During the course of discussions it was brought out that the present funding formula of 30% student population and 70% valuation left some inequities in the system. Some towns are paying much more than their fair share. The Town Manager was asked to set up a meeting with the area towns to discuss the funding formula.
- 2) It was moved by Ray and seconded by Dan to accept the minutes of the April 19, 1989 meeting. Motion Carried.
- 3) The Manager spoke to the board about his meetings in Bangor and Augusta with DEP and Economic Development. DEP indicated that they would be willing to fund more septic systems in Portage Lake provided that the people being funded met the economic guidelines.

Economic Development- Community Development indicated that the Town should establish a committee to help the Town obtain funding in the upcoming round of applications sometimes in the fall.

Dump- The manager informed the Board that the dump was probably until 1993, but that work had to start right away to find alternatives.

- 4) Sewage Tanks- The manager told that Board that the Town could obtain a free tank from Melvin Graham when the land dried out. The present tank has been sold to Seven Islands for \$1,300.00. The ends have been cut out by Lloyd Jandreau.
- 5) It was moved by Raymond and seconded by Dan to appoint Cris Fish as the project director for the Snowmobile grant. Motion Carried.
- 6) Boat Landings- The Manager asked the Board about a boat landing on the East Side. The Town has property on the East side next to Ken Bartlett's camp. The manager also

informed the Board that the Boat landing may be done with funding from the State Bureau of Parks and Recreation. At the same time the boat landing on the west side by the camping area could be redone.

- 7) Hall Rental for Baby Showers etc.. The Board decided that the fee would be \$25.00 for the use of a small room and that \$10.00 would be returned if the room is left in order.
- 8) The manager asked the Board if it was okay to ask the Fire Dept to assist in cleaning the sidewalks with the fire trucks. Board said okay.
- 9) The manager asked for permission to hire Omar Paradis for the summer. It was moved by Heb and seconded to hire Omar. Motion carried.
- 10) Planning Board- Manager told the Board that the new chair of the Planning Board was Cal Adams with Kathy Hoppe as the vice chair. Planning Board meetings are to be held the first Thursday of every month.  
  
Gravel Permits- Manager informed the Board that according to the zoning ordinance any moving more than 10 yds of gravel needed a permit. It was moved by Heb and seconded by Raymond to only require permits for 50 yds or more within 250' of the lake. Motion carried.
- 11) Artesian Well- Dan asked that the artesian well area be readied for use by the public.
- 12) Golf Course- To abate or not to abate. It was decided to send the Golf course a tax bill for 1989.

Meeting adjourned. Length of meeting 2.5 hours

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES  
May 15, 1989

Those present included Selectmen Heb Umphrey, Raymond Chasse, Dan Higgins, and Town Manager Paul Blanchette.

- 1) It was moved by Ray and seconded by Heb to accept the minutes of the 5/3/89 as read. Motion carried.
- 2) The Board of Selectmen signed a letter inviting area boards of selectmen to meeting on May 22 to discuss the school funding formula.
- 3) Powell Memorial Center- Manager told the Board that Roland Caron had requested to rent a room from the Town to be used as an office for home care services. Dan abstained from the discussion. It was moved by Ray and seconded by Heb to table the decision until more information was received.
- 4) Sea Plane Base- Jim Dummond spoke to the board about putting fuel done at the base. The Board was asked if the Town would require pollution insurance along with liability insurance. The Board tabled any decision until the manager could talk to the town attorney.
- 5) Economic Development- Manager asked the Board for permission to make up an economic development committee of 7 people. Board agreed.
- 6) Manager's Vacation- Informed the Board that the manager would be on vacation June 5 through 9. The Board decided that the next Selectmen's Meeting would be on May 31.
- 7) Gravel Permit- Board decided that permits for 25 yards of gravel or more should be required.
- 8) Board adjourned to check out the ditch by Dean's- seems to have oil in it.

Length of Meeting 2 hrs.

TOWN OF PORTAGE LAKE  
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN  
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May 17, 1989

TO: Boards of Selectmen of the Towns making up MSAD #32  
From: Portage Lake Board of Selectmen  
Re: Funding formula for MSAD #32

Dear Friends;

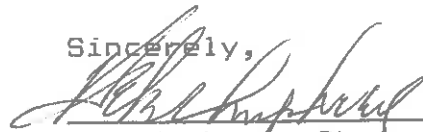
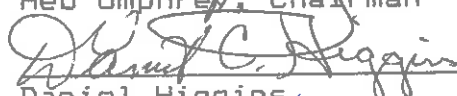
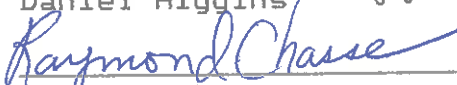
It is the time of year again when we all have the School Budget on our mind. It seems that as the years go on our student population declines and our budget rises. Not too many years ago we met and agreed on a school funding formula based on student population and state valuation. We went to 70% value and 30% student. In exchange for this, the School Board was supposed to change from a weighed voting system to one of one man one vote. This voting system has not been changed.

According to the projected budget for 1989, the average cost per student is \$1,941.61. The cost for Garfield is \$2,362.75 per student, Masardis is at \$2,240.44 per student, Oxbow is at \$3,556.30 per student, Portage Lake is at \$2,652.47, and Ashland is at \$1,623.83 per student. These figures are based on the projected budget for 1989.

As one can readily see, there is quite a range from one town to another within the same district. We feel that it is time to meet once again and discuss the funding formula and the make up of the school board. It is at the point where it may be beneficial for some towns to pull out of the district and to pay tuition for the students.

We would like to invite you to a meeting to be held on Wednesday the 24 of May at 7:00 P.M. at the Portage Lake Municipal Building. Please call the Portage Lake Town Office at 435-4361 to let us know whether or not your town will be represented at this meeting.

Sincerely,

  
Heb Umphrey, Chairman  
  
Daniel Higgins  
  
Raymond Chasse

cc: Greg Botka, Supt. of School

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MAY 31, 1989

Those present included Selectmen Heber Umphrey, Raymond Chasse, Town Manager Paul Blanchette, and Planning Board Chairman Cal Adams.

- 1) Holding Tank Agreement with Eagle Lake Water and Sewer- Board of Selectmen wants the Planning Board to look at the agreement and to comment on it before the Selectmen would act on it.
- 2) It was moved by Heb and seconded by Raymond to accept the minutes of the 5/17/89 meeting as read. Motion carried.
- 3) The manager informed the board that dye testing of some septic systems would be done shortly to determine if they are malfunctioning. Included in these test would be the Theriault system.
- 4) Seaplane Base- Manager informed the Board that the Town's insurance carrier would require insurance from the lessors in order to protect the town. The amounts would be a min of 500,000 for gen. liability, products liability, and premise liability. Also needed would be pollution control for long term and sudden and accidental. If this could not be obtain, town could settle for a clause in the lease holding the town blameless and harmless for anything.
- 5) Powell Memorial- Roland Caron and Ken Lemos spoke on behalf of Fish River Valley Corp. to place an office in the Municipal Building in order to provide home care services to the surrounding area. Offered the Town 1,500 for the first year. It was agreed to try this on a trail basis and that if things don't work out, Fish River would leave the building.
- 6) Culvert- Manager asked the Board about removing a culvert by Ron Fowlers so that he could put in a sewer system. Board said that this was up to the Road Commissioner and that it could be done if the Road Commissioner thought it was feasible.
- 7) Ditch by Dean's- Manager brought the Board up todate on the oil and gas spill. DEP has cleaned it up at no cost to the Town.
- 8) Dump- Manager informed the Board that the dump is filling up fast. A new trench is to be made.

Manager also informed the Board about DEP being notified about the tar tank and spill. DEP said to drain the

water and mix the tar with gravel and use for cold patch.

- 9) School Funding Meeting- Manager informed the Board about the outcome of this meeting. Basically that Ashland is not in favor of changing the formula. Board asked the manager to continue gathering information about pulling out of the district.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 P.M.

length 1.5 hours



Terry Overlock  
P.O. Box 89  
Portage, Maine 04768

June 19, 1989

Chairman  
Board of Selectmen  
Portage, Maine 04768

Dear Sir:

This letter is to inform you of my decision to resign from the Board of Directors of SAD #32. I don't wish to continue to be a part of the turmoil that surrounds SAD #32 anymore.

Sincerely,



Terrence H. Overlock, Sr.

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SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
6/21/89

Those present included Selectmen Heb Umphrey, Dan Higgins, Town Manager Paul Blanchette, Peter St. Peter, Nick Archer, DEP, and Kathy Hoppe, DEP.

- 1) Peter St. Peter asked the Board to sign an application for a septic waste area. The Manager recommended to the Board that a public hearing be held. DEP contended that no public hearing was necessary. Selectmen decided that if no hearing was necessary that the Town Manager could sign the papers. DEP is to contact the Manager on 6/22/89 concerning the need for a public hearing. Dan asked that St. Peter and the Manager get together to work out prices on tipping fees and to possibly work out a contract between St. Peter and the Town. *Also, signed Agreement between ls-owner and Town.*
- 2) Fire Dept.- Manager informed the Board that the 1972 truck needs to have the pump rebuilt because of a warped shaft that allows water to go into the transmission. Possible cost 4-5000. Board asked the Manager to find out why the shaft went bad before getting it fixed.

Truck also needs new gas tank because of rust in the old one. Board said to get one.

Fire Siren- Manager told the Board that the siren could be mounted on a pole by the main road. No action.

- 3) Board of Appeals- Manager suggested the following for the Board of appeals: Greg Cyr, Darrell Soucy, Jim Dumond, Roberta Belanger, Rayno Cote, Anne Bushey, and Karen Richter. Five are needed for the board. Selectmen said okay to these names. Dan nominated Jane Fowler for a position on the Board. No second-nomination dies.
- 4) Tax Rate for 1989- Selectmen signed the commitment papers for 1989 at a rate of 13.90 per thousand.
- 5) Terry Overlock- Mr. Overlock tendered his resignation from the School Board. Resignation accepted by the Board. The Manager informed the Board that he has asked other Portage Lake Directors to suggest someone to fill the position.

- 6) It was moved by Heb and seconded by Dan to accept the minutes of the 5/31/89 meeting as read. Motion Carried.

7) Dan asked that Richard Hoppe be invited to next meeting Meeting adjourned. Length of meeting 2 hours.

*to discuss wildlife Refuge & Boating on Portage Lake.*

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
JULY 6, 1989

Those present included Selectmen Heb Umphrey, Raymond Chasse, and Town Manager Paul Blanchette.

- 1) It was moved by Heb and seconded by Raymond to accept the minutes of the 6-21-89 meeting as read. Motion carried.
- 2) Portage Lake Association- Wants a delegate from the Selectmen to be on their Board of Directors. Board suggested Jim Dummond. Manager is to talk to him about it.
- 3) Salt Sand Shed- Manager brought the Board up to date on what NMRPC is proposing. Board gave the manager the okay to continue discussions with NMRPC on salt Sand storage.
- 4) Wild life refuge- At the last Selectmen's meeting Dan had requested that Richard Hoppe be invited in to discuss the refuge. Hoppe told the manager that sign are to be put up in the near future to indicate to boat operators where the boats are not allowed.
- 5) Buoys for Beach area- Manager told the Board that the buoys were in and would be put out very soon. Approx. cost \$700.00.
- 6) Public Hearing- Manager reminded the Board that there is a Public Hearing on a Septic Waste disposal area submitted by Peter St. Peter on July 6, 1989.
- 7) Hydrant on Cyr Pond- Gilbert Cyr has offered to allow the Town to install a hydrant on his pond. Board said okay.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M. Length of meeting 1 hour.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
JULY 19, 1989

Those present included Selectmen Heb Umphrey, Raymond Chasse, Daniel Higgins, and Town Manager Paul Blanchette.

Chairman Umphrey called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. He stated that the minutes of the previous meeting would be read later on in the meeting.

- 1) St. Peter's septic waste spreading application- Chairman Umphrey stated that the Board of Selectmen had received a petition with 115 names on it calling for the Board to ask for an environmental impact statement prior to approving the application. He also stated that the people that had attended the public hearing, approx. 60-70, were not in favor of the proposed site. It was moved by Raymond and seconded by Heb that the Board of Selectmen does not approve the application of Peter St. Peter to spread septic waste over the land of Norman St. Peter said land being known as Tax Map 2 Lot 5B of the Portage Lake Tax Maps. Motion carried.
- 2) Fire Hydrant on Cyr Pond- The Town Manager informed the Board that the cost of putting in the pipe through the wall of the pond could cost \$2,000.00. 120 feet of pipe is needed along with a shut off. It was moved by Raymond and seconded by Heb that the Town Manager continue with the project as long as the cost does not go above \$2,000.00. Motion carried.
- 3) Holding tanks- The Manager informed the Board that the Planning Board had recommended not to allow holding tanks on new construction. The major reason for this is that if after the ten year contract with the Eagle Lake Water and Sewer District the District decides not to renew, where do the people with holding tanks go. The decision on holding tanks was tabled until the next meeting. The Manager was asked to try to find out how many lots are affected by this on the lake.
- 4) Salt Sand Storage Building- Manager informed the Board that he has a meeting with NMRPC to further discuss this. It was suggested that the manager contact Pinkham's to see if the Town could store salt sand there for the upcoming winter.
- 5) Entertainment Permit- board signed an entertainment permit for Dean's.
- 6) Richard Hoppe- IFW spoke to the Board about posting the floating island area to no boating. He stated that the project is start on July 20. The Board asked his help on getting approval to limit the size of motors going up to the hay sheds. Richard said he would see what he could do.
- 7) It was moved by Heb and seconded by Dan to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 5, 1989 meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
AUGUST 2, 1989

Those present included Selectmen Heber Umphrey, Raymond Chasse, Town Manager Paul Blanchette, Felicia O'Clair, Kevin Flint, Ron Fowler, and Wilma Footer. Selectmen Dan Higgins came in at 6:15.

Chairman Umphrey called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

It was moved by Raymond and seconded by Heb to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting until later on in the meeting.

- 1) Golf Course Abatement- No one from the Golf Course appeared before the Board. The Board of Selectmen took no action.
- 2) Flint\O'Clair- Felicia O'Clair and Kevin Flint spoke to the Selectmen about their neighbor's, Moreau's, property. They stated that they had counted 17 cats on the property and that these cats are using their garden (Flint\O'Clair) as a place to go to the bathroom. The Manager informed the Board that he did not know if anything could be done about the cats. The second part of the complaint dealt with the number of unregistered and junk vehicles on their property. Mr. Flint expressed a concern that the condition of the Moreau property could have an effect on his property value. He felt that the accumulation of items on the property is a violation of State Law. The Board of Selectmen asked the Town Manager to look into this matter and to keep O'Clair and Flint advised of what is taking place. The manager indicated that he would talk to the Town Attorney about the matter. The Board also asked him to ask the attorney about the cats.

O'Clair and Flint left the meeting.

- 3) Campground- The manager told the Board of Selectmen that a request from a citizen had been received to ask the Board of Selectmen to ask the Planning Board to consider possible alternatives for the campground area. The Board of Selectmen directed the Town Manager to ask the Planning Board to consider possible alternatives to the campground area and to report back to the Selectmen.
- 4) Beach Area- A question was asked by Mr. Fowler on the town's liability at the public beach now that the town had placed buoys to designate a swimming area. The Board of Selectmen asked the manager to find out what is the town liability.

- 5) A discussion was had on the marking of the hazards on the lake for boaters. Mrs. Footer remarked that she had lost several props due to rocks in the lake. Raymond indicated that he had lost several motors over the years due to the same thing. The manager explained that if the town asked the state to mark the hazards, the town would have to take responsibility for them and that if one hazard was marked, all of them had to be marked and maintained otherwise the town could be held liable for any accident.
  
- 6) Holding Tanks on the Lake- At the last Selectmen's Meeting the Board had asked that the manager find out how many possible holding tanks could be put on the lake. The manager reported back to the Board that there are currently 69 lots of record within 250 of the normal high water line that are vacant. Therefor there is a possibility for 69 holding tanks. The manager also said that out of the 69 vacant lots, about 26 of them were in the Oak Point area and that out of the remainder, possibly 20 of them would require holding tanks. This number is an estimate at best because soil tests have not been done on these properties. The manager also reminded the Board that the Planning Board had recommended that the Town not allow holding tanks but rather follow the existing State Plumbing Code. Mr. Fowler interjected that the reason that the Planning Board had made that recommendation was because they didn't have enough information to form an opinion. The Board of Selectmen asked the manager to inquire from the State about the possibility of having holding tanks and allowing them to be dumped on a town owned and operated dumping site for septic waste.

Mrs. Footer left the meeting.

- 7) Violation of the Portage Lake Zoning Ordinance- The manager described a violation of an un-attached deck that was built with out a permit from the Town of Portage Lake and encroaches on the 75 foot setback requirement from the normal high water line. A letter, with the wrong date on it, was sent to the owner stating that the building permit was denied. This letter was followed by a telephone call from the owner to the Town Manager in which the manager told the owner that the building permit was denied. The manager read a letter from Richard Baker, the Shoreland zoning Coordinator in Augusta, dealing with this issue. The letter stated that the State of Maine did not distinguish between a permanent structure and a temporary one. It was moved by Heb and seconded by Raymond to have the Code Enforcement Officer enforce the Town Ordinance. Motion Carried.

- 8) Fire Hydrant- The manager brought the Selectmen up to date on the fire hydrant being placed on Cyr Pond. He stated that he was looking into the possibility of obtaining a used hydrant from one of the surrounding towns at little or no cost.

Fire Truck- Heb suggested that rather than pay 4-5000 dollars to have the old fire truck fixed to avoid water leaking into the transmission that the truck be changed transmission oil after every use. The manager indicated that he was going to find out if by updating the old truck whether or not the town could avoid purchasing a new one in the next four years. Until that time, the oil could be changed after every use. It was also indicated that the truck had less than 400 hours on it. A possible reason for the leaking water into the transmission was that as the truck drafts from the lake it may pick up silt that would act like sand paper on the pump shaft thereby causing a groove in it and allowing water to go into the transmission.

- 9) Abatement of Taxes for Randy Condon- The manager asked for an abatement of taxes on the trailer owned by Randy Condon as the assessors had made a mistake on the brand of trailer. Assessed value was \$29,800; Condon paid under \$15,000.00 for it. Selectmen granted an abatement in the amount of \$219.62.

Footer Property- Ron Fowler spoke up and told the Board of Selectmen that Mrs. Footer had asked him to represent her in asking the Selectmen for an abatement on her property. The reason for the abatement, as explained by Fowler, was that the Footers have been paying taxes on a portion of property that they do not own according to a surveyor's plan. The Selectmen asked the manager to look into this matter.

- 10) Selectmen signed a supplemental tax warrant for Rickie O' Clair. The manager explained that his transfer had been missed when the assessing was done in the spring.

Selectmen signed the County Tax Warrant.

- 11) Planning Board- Manager told the Board of Selectmen that the Planning Board is considering an ordinance on Sub Divisions and on the changes to the existing ordinance. Dan asked how the planning board was doing on the Comprehensive Plan. He was told that the Board has been doing basic work in preparing themselves for the plan. The new plan will be into effect by 1996.

- 12) Septic Site- The manager informed the Board that the St. John RC & D will do the preliminary work on finding a suitable site. The manager also said that DEP is looking

to have a regional site and has asked for a meeting with area towns regarding this. Dan reminded everyone that the town had had sites tested in the past and that two sites passed. They are the Stevens property and the town property next to the chip plant. A discussion followed this about why holding tanks could not be allowed with a septic site but could be allowed in a municipal sewer system.

13) School Funding- Dan asked the Town Manager to talk to the Ashland town Manager about Portage's feeling on the current school funding formula.

14) It was moved by Heb and seconded by Ray to accept the minutes of the July 5, 1989 meeting as read. Motion carried.

15) It was moved by Ray and seconded by Heb to accept the minutes of the July 19, 1989 meeting as read. Motion carried.

16) Limiting Horse power on Fish River- The manager informed the Board that it was possible to petition Commissioner of IFW to limit the horsepower on the river if the town can prove that there is a danger to life.

The Board asked the manager to ask the Ashland branch of IFW to help document proof to provide reasons for limiting the horsepower.

17) Salt sand- Manager is to speak to GNP and Pinkhams about storing salt sand.

Ray moved to adjourn. Heb seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.



TOWN OF PORTAGE LAKE  
P.O. BOX 255  
PORTAGE LAKE, MAINE 04768

August 3, 1989

Calvin Adams, Chairman  
Portage Lake Planning Board  
Portage Lake, Maine 04768

Dear Cal;

The Board of Selectmen has asked me to ask the Planning Board to take a good look at the campground area at the end of the West Cottage Road. The Selectmen are asking for a recommendation from the Planning Board on possible options for the area. Please feel free to explore any and all options for this property.

Sincerely,

  
Paul Blanchette  
Town Manager



STATE OF MAINE

# Department of Environmental Protection

MAIN OFFICE: RAY BUILDING, HOSPITAL STREET, AUGUSTA  
MAIL ADDRESS: State House Station 17, Augusta, 04333  
207-289-7688

JOHN R. McKERNAN, JR.  
GOVERNOR

DEAN C. MARRIOTT  
COMMISSIONER

July 18, 1989

Paul Blanchette, Town Manager  
P.O. Box 255  
Portage Lake, Maine 04768

Dear Paul,

You have sought this Department's position regarding temporary decks and the need to meet set-back requirements within the shoreland zone. I have enclosed a copy of a letter I had drafted for the Belgrade Planning Board which addresses this issue. The DEP's position regarding decks remains as stated in the April 5, 1988 letter.

Sincerely,

RICHARD P. BAKER  
Shoreland Zoning Coordinator  
Bureau of Land Quality Control

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Andrea  
Dan



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GOVERNOR

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COMMISSIONER

April 5, 1988

George Seel  
Planning Board Chairman  
Town of Belgrade  
Municipal Building  
Belgrade, Maine 04917

Dear George,

The purpose of this letter is to state this Department's position relative to temporary structures. Except for piers, docks and wharves, the minimum shoreland zoning ordinance does not distinguish between a permanent and temporary structure. Nor is there a distinction in the shoreland zoning statute. The statute simply states that all new principal and accessory structures must meet the setback requirement (Title 38 Section 436).

Thus it is our position that temporary structures, whether a deck, a storage shed or walkway must meet the appropriate set-back requirements. As I have stated before however, it may be appropriate to allow for a narrow wooden walkway down to the water from the top of the bank if such structure is needed to gain access to the water without causing erosion of the shoreline.

If you have further questions feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

RICHARD P. BAKER  
Shoreland Zoning Coordinator  
Bureau of Land Quality Control

RPB/rlc

GEORSEEL

Selectmen's Agenda  
8/16/89

- 1) Minutes of the 8/2/89 meeting- Please find a copy in your folder.
- 2) Golf Course Abatement- Please see the correspondence in your folder concerning this.
- 3) Complaint on Moreau- Town attorney suggested that this complaint by O'Clair/Flint on Moreau, via the nuisance statute, would be best handled by O'Clair/Flint through a civil complaint. The town should only get involved if there is an illegal junk yard.
- 4) Fire Hydrant- Used one is available through Eagle Lake Water and Sewer for \$100.00. A new one would cost over \$1500.00.
- 5) Salt sand storage- The Manager talked with Pinkhams about storing over there. Pinkhams is to get back to the town this week.
- 6) Board of Appeals- The following people have consented to being on the Board of Appeals: Greg Cyr, Karen Richter, Roberta Flint, Anne Bushey, and Darrell Soucy.
- 7) Marcel Theriault- Would like to purchase land on other side of road from his mill- join ownership.
- 8) Abatements- For 1989: Clinton Condon \$55.60 on Personal Property- wrong value on equipment

	Leo Cormier	\$55.60	Vet exemption
	Richard Bishop	\$55.60	Vet exemption
For 1988-	Ted St. Peter	\$51.60	Vet Exemption
	John Beaulier	\$4.70	1988 Discount

- 9) Warrants to be signed
- 10) Resignation of the Town Manager

Town will need to have an audit of its books after the Town Manager leaves.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
8/16/89

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairman Umphrey.

Those present included Selectmen Heber Umphrey, Raymond Chasse, Daniel Higgings, Town Manager Paul Blanchette, J. Paul Levesque, Mike Cote, Rayno Cote, and Calvin Adams.

- 1) Golf Course Abatement- J. Paul Levesque, Rayno Cote and Mike Cote asked the Selectmen to approve an abatement for the golf course in the amount of the 1989 taxes. The Selectmen explained that for legal reasons this abatement could not be granted. It was moved by Dan and seconded by Heb that the abatement request be denied. Motion carried.
- 2) Tractor- It was moved by Heb and seconded by Dan to approve payment of \$604.75 to the Golf Course for a motor job on the tractor. Motion carried.
- 3) Annual Town Meeting- J. Paul Levesque requested that the Selectmen include an article for the support of the golf course in the amount of \$750.00 in the next annual town meeting.
- 4) Fire Hydrant for Cyr Pond- the Manager told the Board that it is possible to obtain a used hydrant from the Eagle Lake Water and Sewer district for \$100.00. The Board told the Manager to get it.
- 5) Flint/O'Clair Complaint- Manager told the Board that the Town Attorney had advised that the nuisance complaint on Moreau be handled through a civil complaint. The Manager will send a letter to Flint/O'Clair advising them of this. The issue of the junk yard is still being looked into.
- 6) Salt Sand Storage- Manager told the Board that Pinkhams had been contacted and that their decision was being awaited.
- 7) It was moved by Raymond and seconded by Heb that the minutes of the Aug. 2, 1989 meeting be accepted as written. Motion carried.
- 8) It was moved by Raymond and seconded by Dan to accept the following as the Board of Appeals: Greg Cyr, Karen Richter, Roberta Flint, Anne Bushey, and Darrell Soucy. Motion Carried.

- 9) The following abatement were signed by the Board: For  
1989 Taxes- Clinton Condon Personal Property \$55.60  
Leo Cormier \$55.60  
Richard Bishop \$55.60
- 1988 Taxes- Peter St. Peter for Ted's Vet Exemption \$51.60  
John Beaulier 4.70
- 10) Dan requested that the Town of Portage Lake be numbered
- 11) The manager suggested to the Board that Sharon Rafford be appointed as the Municipal Clerk for auto registrations. The Board signed the letter appointing her to this position.
- 12) The manager read a letter from the Planning Board requesting information from the Manager. The Manager cautioned the Board that most of the information requested was for enforcement which the planning board has nothing to do with according to the Portage Lake Ordinance.
- 13) Manager's Resignation- It was moved by Raymond and seconded by Heb to accept the Town Manager's resignation effective Sept. 1, 1989. Motion carried.
- 14) It was moved by Heb and seconded by Raymond that the Selectmen take the manager and his wife to dinner at the Old Mill Marina. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 Length of meeting 2 hours.

TOWN OF PORTAGE LAKE  
OFFICE OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR  
P.O. BOX 255  
PORTAGE LAKE, MAINE 04768

August 10, 1989

Wallace W. Hinkley, Manager  
Plumbing Control Program  
Dept. of Human Services  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Mr. Hinkley:

I am in receipt of a letter dated May 3, 1989 that you sent to the Portage Lake Town Manager, Paul Blanchette. In this letter you stated that if the Town of Portage Lake were to follow exactly the installation, ownership, and administration procedures adopted by the Eagle Lake Water and Sewer District then DHS would authorize the water/sewer district to install holding tanks. I am writing to you to ask you if the same could be done if the Town of Portage Lake owned and maintained an approved septic waste disposal area where septic tank waste would be spread in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Dept. of Environmental Protection?

The problem with the Eagle Lake deal is where do people go after the ten year contract has expired and Eagle Lake doesn't want to renew it? In allowing the Town of Portage Lake to provide this type of service, you would be assuring that the people putting in holding tanks would have a place to go with their waste and would not be subject to only a ten year guarantee.

Also, I have been asked whether it is against the State Plumbing Code to install a chemical toilet and have the waste from the chemical toilet stored in a holding tank, 100 gallons more or less, until there is enough of it to have pumped out and disposed of properly. This holding tank would be an above the ground one that would sit in a shed. Could you please comment on this.

Sincerely,

Ralph Stolze, LPI

TOWN OF PORTAGE LAKE  
OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER  
P.O. BOX 255  
PORTAGE LAKE, MAINE 04768

Aug. 11, 1989

Heber Umphrey, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen  
Town of Portage Lake  
P.O. Box 255  
Portage Lake, Maine 04768

Dear Heb;

It is with joy and regret that I am resigning my position as the Town Manager of Portage Lake effective Sept. 1, 1989. It is with regret because I have truly enjoyed my stay here for the last three and one half years. The time has gone by very fast. It is with joy because I feel it is time that I move on and I have found new employment in the Town of Eliot.

Portage Lake will always be a place very dear to me. During my tenure here I found the majority of the people to be very pleasant and caring. The Board of Selectmen has always been great to work with. Your time and dedication to the Town has been a great asset to me as town manager. I hope that the Board will support a new Town Manager in the same way you have supported me.

Sincerely,

*Paul Blanchette*  
Paul Blanchette



TOWN OF PORTAGE LAKE  
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN  
P.O. BOX 255  
PORTAGE LAKE, MAINE 04768

Aug. 17, 1989

Hon. John L. Martin  
House of Representatives  
Speaker's Office  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear John;

The Town of Portage Lake is in receipt of the report from Mallar Associates concerning the Improvement Needs of Routes 212 & 11. Over all, we agree with the recommendations of the report. We note with special interest the recommendation noted as 4N on page 15 of the report. As we understand this recommendation, it would place the area from the top of Hayward Hill to the Municipal Land fill on the highest priority. This area needs to be redone as soon as possible. Anything you can do to speed up the process would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for sending us this report.

Sincerely,

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Heber Umphrey, Chairman

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Daniel Higgins, Selectmen

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Raymond Chasse, Selectmen



John R. McKernan, Jr.  
Governor

Rollin Ives  
Commissioner

STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
AUGUSTA, MAINE

ADDRESS REPLY TO

August 22, 1989

Mr. Ralph Stolze, LPI  
Town of Portage Lake  
PO Box 255  
Portage Lake ME 04768

Dear Mr. Stolze:

In reply to your letter of August 10, 1989, I would see no significant difference if the Town sewage receptor were a treatment plant or a DEP approved land spreading site.

Your second question on holding tanks for chemical toilets, I am not sure of the environmental impact of discharging 1500 gallons of chemical liquid effluent at one time. I would tend to think this practice would be criticized and that a 1.5 gallon flush toilet directly discharging to the holding tank would be the best alternative.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wallace W. Hinckley".

Wallace W. Hinckley  
Manager, Plumbing Control Program

WWH/ld

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
8/28/89

Those present included Heber Umphrey, Raymond Chasse, Sharon Rafford, Town Manager Paul Blanchette, and Calvin Adams. Selectmen Dan Higgins came in at 6:30 P.M.

Chairman Umphrey called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

- 1) It was moved by Heb and seconded by Raymond to accept the minutes of the 8/16/89 meeting as read. Motion carried.
- 2) Dump Fee- The manager explained to the Selectmen that an agreement had been made with Pinkhams to allow them to dump building debris at the dump. Pinkhams is to pay to the Town of Portage Lake \$40.00 per load. The manager also suggested to the Board that commercial haulers of building or stumps and brush be charged to use the dump at the rate of \$40.00 for ten wheelers and \$25.00 for smaller trucks. It was moved by Raymond and seconded by Heb to accept this suggestion and to have a sign posted at the dump saying this. Motion carried.  
It was suggested by Raymond that the town acquire stickers for dump users. It was also suggested that the fee for Nashville be upped for the upcoming year.
- 3) Doyen Letter- the Board signed a letter to Willard Doyen stating that he had until Sept. 8, 1989 to remove the deck from his cottage on the east Cottage Rd. or the matter would be turned over to the Town Attorney.
- 4) Appoint of Sharon Rafford as acting Town Manager- It was moved by Raymond and seconded by Heb to appoint Sharon Rafford as acting Town Manager until a new one is appointed. Motion carried.
- 5) Septic Sludge- The manager explained to the Board that St. John RC & D has agreed to help us locate a site to spread septic waste. The manager also explained that it will be a hard process to find a suitable site. The man from RC & D will be here on Sept. 12 to look around. The manager said that he had spoken to Nashville and to Al Murphy from Seven Island about a possible site in Nashville. Possibly Beaver Brook Road. The Selectmen suggested Stevens Property.
- 6) Gulf Course request for annual Town Meeting- The manager showed the Board a letter Almon Holmes has received from the State stating that the Town could not raise money for a private cause.
- 7) Salt Sand Storage- Manager informed the Board that GNP has turned the town down for storage. He suggested that the State be contacted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00. Length of meeting 1 hour.

ERNEST H. JOHNSON  
STATE TAX ASSESSOR

STATE OF MAINE  
Bureau of Taxation  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330

March 9, 1973

Almon S. Holmes  
Box 165  
Portage, Maine 04768

Dear Mr. Holmes:

This is in reply to your letter of March 7.

The purposes for which a town may appropriate money are limited by statute, and those purposes are found in Sections 5101 through 5108 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes. While the town is permitted, under Section 5106 to appropriate funds to support a public recreational program, I find nothing in the statutes which would authorize an appropriation to a private club. Consequently if this is a private golf course, rather than a municipally operated golf course, it seems clear that an appropriation for it would be illegal.

If the land in question is town owned, this does not necessarily mean that it is exempt from taxation, since only that town owned property which is used for municipal purposes is exempt from taxation. Section 553 of Title 36 says that real estate shall be taxed to the owner or person in possession. If the Country Club is a private club, I do not know of any reason why the land and buildings owned by it and occupied by it should not be taxed to it.

I have answered your question in a general manner, since I am not familiar with the exact article to which you refer, or with the nature of the Portage Hills Country Club and its relationship to the town. However, if the Country Club is a private organization I think you will find what I have said to be correct.

Sincerely yours,

  
Ernest H. Johnson  
State Tax Assessor

EHJ:pkg

LAW OFFICES  
**SOLMAN & HUNTER, P.A.**

495 MAIN STREET

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RICHARD N. SOLMAN  
E. ALLEN HUNTER  
RICHARD D. SOLMAN  
THOMAS J. PELLETIER

December 4, 1989

Town of Portage Lake  
Office of the Code Enforcement Officer  
P.O. Box 255  
Portage Lake, ME 04768

**Attention: Ralph Stolze**

Re: Willard C. Doyen & Sons Camp

Dear Mr. Stolze:

Ross Doyen called me regarding the camp. He feels that the deck is more than 75 feet from the high water mark. He does not agree with the Town's measurements.

Obviously, it's too late to have the deck moved this Winter in view of the recent storm. It is also too late for me to drive to Portage Lake to look things over for myself.

If you are sure of your measurements and that there is a violation, then let me know and I'll proceed in court. Obviously, the Judge will decide the matter in accordance with the law.

I've enclosed a copy of the statute for your records. As you can see, the normal high water mark is defined by changes in the vegetation near the lake.

I await your instructions.

Very truly yours,



RICHARD D. SOLMAN

RDS:jlc

enclosure

cc: Jim Nadeau, Town Manager

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
9/6/89

Those present were Heber Umphrey, Raymond Chasse, Sharon Rafford, and Calvin Adams. Dan Higgins came in at 6:15.

Chairman Umphrey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- 1) It was moved by Ray and seconded by Heb to dispense with the reading of minutes for the 8/28/89 due to lack of time. Motion carried.
- 2) It was moved by Ray and seconded by Heb to contact Al Murphy and have him attend our next meeting Sept. 11, to discuss our salt sand issue and to see what assistance Seven Islands could give concerning putting up our sand. The selectmen also asked the acting Town Manager to call Nick Archer and have him come up and check if we could possibly put a temp. salt/sand storage behind Municipal Building for this year. Sharon Rafford also informed the Board that Paul had also recommended two other possible sites for temp. salt/sand storage, the dump and the old discontinued road going to the Chip Plant. Motion carried.
- 3) Ray moved and Heb seconded that if all of the agenda could not be taken care of tonight that it would be carried over to the next meeting 9/11/89. Motion carried.
- 4) It was moved and seconded to allow Al Murphy to take the ball and go with it concerning a possible place for a Septic Sludge Spreading site on the Bull Brook RD., if our site on the Stevens farm doesn't work out. Have that site checked along with Steven's site Sept. 12 by RC&D. Motion carried.
- 5) Darlene Scott, the women giving Danny Vaillancourt home schooling asked the Board if there was a possibility that she could use the gym in the Municipal Building 1/2 hr. per day. Selectmen afraid it might set a precedence and tabled until the next meeting when we could get more info on it. Motion carried.
- 6) It was moved and seconded to appoint Mac Nason as our School Board member to fill the vacancy until the next Town Meeting elections. Motion carried.
- 7) A letter to Clair Moreau concerning a complaint on

having a possible junk yard was signed by the Board.

- 8) Sharon Rafford informed the Board that a complaint had been lodged against Dan Higgins by Judy Moreau. She wishes it to go record that she is against Dan putting the type of dirt at the end of the East Cottage Rd. Dan explained, the agreement with the Town was that when Dan was finished there he would reclaim it. He stated that he was stock-piling loam up there, which comes from the Sutherland Rd. to do so. The Board had no problem with this.
- 9) It was moved and seconded to wait until Town Meeting to decide whether or not to paint the big room. Motion carried.
- 10) Selectmen signed D.O.T. Block Grant.
- 11) <sup>Dr.</sup> It was moved and seconded to close down the Artesian Well, <sup>to the</sup> because the water tests didn't pass and build a shelter over the well at the Seaplane Base. Also put sign up "DRINK AT YOUR RISK". Motion carried.
- 12) It was moved and seconded to purchase another phone for the office. Motion carried.
- 13) Selectmen decided to keep their regular Wed. meetings every 1st. and 3rd. weeks and to also hold a meeting every Mon. when it doesn't fall on these weeks, just until they can get a new Town Manager. Meetings will be at 6:00 p.m.
- 14) There was a discussion on mowing, Ray moved and Heb seconded to look into the possibility of purchasing a mower for the purpose of mowing the sides of the roads during the summer months. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M. (length 1 hr)

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 11, 1989

Meeting called to order by Chairman Heb Umphrey at 6:00 P.M. Those present were Heb Umphrey, Ray Chasse, Dan Higgins, and Sharon Rafford.

- 1) A motion was made to go into executive session by Ray and seconded by Dan. Motion carried. (6:05)  
  
A motion was made by Ray to come out of executive session, seconded by Dan. Motion carried. (6:30)
- 2) A motion was made to accept minutes for 8/28/89 and 9/6/89 as written by Heb and seconded by Ray. Motion carried.
- 3) It was moved by Dan and seconded by Heb to appoint Ray Chasse as Road Commissioner until a new Town Manager is hired. Motion carried.
- 4) Heb asked Sharon to have Bill make some signs this week and put them at the Artesian Well , "DRINK AT YOUR OWN RISK".
- 5) It was moved and seconded to refer Darlene Scott to the Rec Director. Motion carried.
- 6) Dan asked Sharon to call Chester Demerchant and inquire about screening our salt/sand. Also call Ashland.
- 7) Sharon informed the Board that Ron Olsen a soil scientist was going to be here Tues. Sept. 12, 1989 at 8:00 a.m. to check possible sites for Septic Waste Spreading. Two possible sites were Steven's farm and the Beaver Brook rd. Al Murphy joined the meeting at 6:30 by invitation of the Board to see if he had any options for us. He felt the Beaver Brook Rd. site looked very promising and the Board asked him to meet with Ron Olson to take a look at that particular site.
- 8) The Board was also informed that Nick Archer would be here at 11:00 Sept. 12 to check temporary salt/sand storage sites.
- 9) Heb made a motion that we put in for a new mower for the sides of the roads in our Town warrant. Ray seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Lenth 1.5 hr.





Not in minutes  
Raymond Chasse was  
put in charge of  
the Septic Spread  
site project.

Amended

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ONE RUNWAY ROAD, P.O. BOX 2800, SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE 04106-0800  
207-883-6371  
1-800-442-6005 MAINE ONLY • 1-800 262-5446 NEW ENGLAND

PARKWAY SOUTH BREWER, MAINE 04112  
989-4120  
1-800-432-1716 MAINE ONLY

PLEASANT STREET  
OAKLAND, MAINE 04963  
466-2032

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
SEPT.20.1989

Meeting called to order by chairman Heb Umphrey at 6:00 p.m.  
Those present were Heb Umphrey , Dan Higgins, Raymond Chasse,  
Sharon Rafford, and Cal Adams.

- 1) A motion was made to accept minutes for 9/11/89 as written, seconded. Motion carried
- 2) Marcel Theriault bought two lots from Don Paradis . There is a 125ft. right-of -way between Theriault's lot and the two lots he purchased from Paradis , which is jointly owned by Prentiss and Carlisle, G.N.P.Co., and the Town of Portage. Marcel would like an easement for a 50 ft. right-of-way across there. Jim May from P&C contacted the Town Office and said they have no problem with this. G.N.P.Co. likewise. Dan felt that we should table this until Marcel approaches us with this.
- 3) Ray advised the Board of the problem with the Rattray lot and said that he felt everything was under control. Sharon was to write a letter.
- 4) Sharon informed the Board that the pipes from the building of the Town Office to the septic tank were malfunctioning and that Bill was going to fix.
- 5) Heb asked Sharon to write a letter to Willard Doyen to confirm their telephone conversation on where they stood concerning their deck and when it would be moved.
- 6) Steve Belanger asked if the desks and chairs that used to be in the Portage School that are stored down cellar were for sale. Ray moved that we take an inventory before we sell them. Dan seconded. Motion carried.
- 7) At 7:00 p.m. John Badger, Nick Archer, Kathy Hoppe, Al Murphy, and John Gibson joined the meeting to discuss a possible spread site. Dan had to leave at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Length 2 hrs.

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES  
9/25/89

- 1) MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS AMENDED TO READ , HEB MOVED TO APPOINT RAY TO HEAD UP THE SEPTIC WASTE PROJECT, DAN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.
- 2) BOARD WAS INFORMED THAT THE TOWN NEEDS MORE LEDGE PUSHED UP AT STEVEN'S PIT. DAN SUGGESTED WE CONTACT GILBERT CYR TO SEE IF HE WOULD DO THIS. IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO PAY SANDY STEVENS FOR THE STUMPAGE THAT WE HAVE ALREADY TAKEN OUT. MOTION CARRIED
- 3) THE BOARD WANTS TO CHECK INTO OUR CEMETERY LOTS BEFORE WE RESERVE ANY MORE. THERE IS NO PROBLEM RESERVING THEM AND THE COST WOULD MOST LIKELY BE \$100.00, BUT THE BOARD WANTS TO GET THE OLD PART STRAIGHTEN OUT BEFORE THEY START RESERVING IN THE NEW PART.
- 4) BOARD AUTHORIZED SHARON TO WRITE LETTERS IN RESPONSE TO BETH ANNE HUMMEL AND FRANK CURRIER.
- 5) IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO TURN OVER PROJECT "MAINSTREET" 90 TO THE PLANNING BOARD BECAUSE IT WAS A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. MOTION CARRIED.
- 6) HEB INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE HAD CONTACTED GILBERT CYR ABOUT USING HIS VACANT LOT FOR SALT/SAND STORAGE. MUST CONTACT MARCEL THERIAULT.
- 7) HEB MADE A MOTION TO SELL THE DESKS AND CHAIRS DOWN IN THE CELLAR FOR \$10.00 FOR DESK/CHAIR. FIRST COME FIRST SERVE. RAY SECONDED MOTION CARRIED.
- 8) EUGENE MORRIS CAME IN TO DISCUSS STUMPAGE AND LAND MANAGEMENT OF JOINTLY OWNED LAND.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M. LENGTH 2HR.

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES  
OCTOBER 4, 1989

THOSE PRESENT WERE HEB UMPHREY, DANNY HIGGINS, RAYMOND CHASSE, SHARON RAFFORD, CAL ADAMS , AND JIM NADEAU.

HEB CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

- 1) A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR 9/25/89 AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED.
  - 2) IT WAS MOVED BY DAN TO PUT THE SALT/SAND TEMP. STORAGE SITE ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THERIAULT'S MILL ON GROUND OWNED BY THE TOWN. SECONDED BY HEB, MOTION CARRIED. MUST HAVE NICK ARCHER FROM DEP APPROVE SITE.
  - 3) THE BOARD SAID THEY NEEDED MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CEMETERY.
  - 4) SHARON RAFFORD INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE NEW BURNER FOR THE FURNACE WAS INSTALLED.
  - 5) GILBERT CYR AGREED TO PUSH UP MORE LEDGE AT STEVEN'S PIT IF DAN WOULD MOVE HIS DOZER UP THERE.
  - 6) DAN MADE A MOTION THAT RAY SPEAK TO ROY MORO ABOUT MOVING HIS PICKUP, HEB SECONDED . MOTION CARRIED. ALSO, HAVE A SPEED LIMIT SIGN POSTED , 10MI/HR. ON SCHOOL STREET.
  - 7) BOARD INTERVIEWED JIM NADEAU.
  - 8) RAY MADE A MOTION TO UP SHARON'S PAY TO \$7.00/HR. FOR ACTING TOWN MANAGER, 40 HR. , RETRO-ACTIVE, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A TOWN MANAGER CAN BE HIRED. DAN STRESSED THAT THIS WOULD ONLY BE UNTIL TOWN MANAGERS POSITION CAN BE FILLED. HEB SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.
  - 9) DAN MADE A MOTION TO PURSUE JIM NADEAU CONCERNING TOWN MANAGER'S POSITION UNTIL MARCH. HEB SEC. MOTION CARRIED.
  - 10) CAL ADAMS PRESENTED A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE CAMP GROUND AT THE END OF THE WEST COTTAGE ROAD.
  - 11) BOARD ASKED SHARON TO CHECK ON REPORT FROM NRPC.
- MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M. LENGTH 1 1/2 HRS.

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES  
OCT.18.1989

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN HEB UMPHREY AT 6:00 P.M. THOSE PRESENT WERE HEB UMPHREY, DAN HIGGINS, RAY CHASSE, CALVIN ADAMS, AND GREG BOTKA.

- 1) GREG BOTKA, SUPERINTENDENT OF S.A.D. #32 APPROACHED THE BOARD ABOUT RENTING 2 ROOMS AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.
  - A) 10 TO 12 STUDENTS PLUS TEACHER AND AID
  - B) FOR ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM
  - C) TEACHER -- JEAN NANNICELLI
  - D) NEED TELEPHONE
  - E) INSURANCE COVERED UNDER S.A.D.
  - F) ROOMS NOT TO BE SHARED
  - G) WOULD ONLY BE USED FOR 175 DAYS
  - H) TOWN TO PROVIDE JANITORIAL SERVICE
  - I) S.A.D. WOULD PAY EXTRA FOR TRASH REMOVAL
  - J) PAYING 200.00 NOW FOR ODD FELLOWS BUILDING (INCLUDES LIGHTS AND HEAT)NEEDS ANSWER BY END OF DEC.
- 2) MARSHALL THERIAULT CAME IN TO DISCUSS EASEMENT FOR A RIGHT-A-WAY. IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT AN ABSTRACT OR AGREEMENT BE DRAWN UP AT MARSHALL'S OWN EXPENSE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH ACCESS TO HIS LOTS THROUGH RIGHT-A-WAY. MOTION CARRIED. BOARD AGREED THAT HE COULD PROCEED WHILE PAPERS ARE BEING DRAWN UP.
- 3) DAN GAVE THE BOARD SOME INFORMATION HE RECEIVED FROM RC & D CONCERNING MONIES AVAILABLE FROM DIFFERENT GRANTS.
- 4) DAN SUGGESTED THAT WE SEND THE AMBULANCE SERVICE AND POST OFFICE A COPY OF THE NEW NUMBERS ASSIGNED TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS.
- 5) DAN WOULD LIKE TO FORM A WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT. PEOPLE TO HEAD THIS COMMITTEE WOULD BE DAN HIGGINS, CAL ADAMS, AND A THIRD PERSON WHOM HEB IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING. RAY MADE THIS MOTION, HEB SECONDED, MOTION CARRIED.
- 6) A DISCUSSION ABOUT NO FORMAL AGREEMENT BEING MADE WITH G.N.P. CO. WAS HELD CONCERNING TOWN OWNED PROPERTY.
- 7) CAL ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO PAY JEANNIE CURRIER FOR HER SEC. WORK SHE DOES FOR THE PLANNING BOARD.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M. LENGTH 1.5 HRS.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

11/1/89

- 1) Motion was made and passed by the board to have a building built for the artesian well.
- 2) Motion was made to get lot numbers to the ambulance service of Ashland. This was passed by the board.
- 3) The board also dicuss the violation concerning Doyen porch, and felt that the Code Enforcement Officer should persue the Viotion.
- 4) The Board also felt that Bill should make a list of the calverts that give him a hard time.
- 5) The board would like John Badger called to see if there are is any grant money available to the Town of Portage.
- 6) The board also wanted to know if the snowmobile grant had been mailed.
- 7) The board was reminded about the upcoming meetin on solid waste.
- 8) The board was also made aware that Gilbert Cry would rather that we have G.N.P. Co. do the ledge pit instead of him in the spring.
- 9) The Board also felt that these minutes should be amended to state that on Oct 23 that they had met with James Nadeau and had hired him as the new Town Manager. He would be starting as soon as he would serve out his notice.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

11/22/89

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

- 1) It was moved by Dan and seconded by Hebe to accept the Oct 18, 1989 minutes, after going over item 1,3,4, and 5.
- 2) It was moved by Hebe and seconded by Dan to accept the Nov.1989 minutes with amendments.
- 3) It was moved by Ray and seconded by Dan to send the bills for the solid waste study to the participating towns using population count as agreed upon.
- 4) It was unanimously agreed upon after an update from Raymond and Jim to get information from the Frenchville Incinerator Board as to if there would be any place at there site to accomodate us and what the cost would be.
- 5) Raymond gave a brief summary of the new site for septic waste,the original site that had been look at had not passed by another site was found a mile down the road. Raymond also said that we should start a new account for the new site since we had incurred some expenses which would be divided up between the participating towns. Jim stated that he would do this the next day.
- 6) After a brief discussion the request by the planning board to pay Jennie Currier \$300.00 was passed with a motion by Hebe and seconded by Raymond.
- 7) Financial statement from Chester M. Keaney was examine, this showed that the books were in balance.
- 8) Jim asked the what the policy was for kids playing in the gym when there are no adults in the building. The board advis Jim that when the reactivation direction is here, he is responsible for the kids. There should be no kids here that are not supervised. The Town Manager was also advise that the back door should be lock at the same time that the front door is lock. The Town Manager was also advise to put signs stating this.
- 9) A motion was also made by Dan that the Code Enforcement Officer would not be needid this winter due to the inactivity during the winter months. If necessary we would only use him for the hours that he would be needed, this motion was seconded by Hebe.
- 10) Motion by Hebe seconded by Dan to have G.N.P. Co come to our next meeting to explaine there propose Management Plan for the town woodlot.
- 11) It was moved by Hebe and seconded by Dan to let Ashland assist some of the residents in filling out there forms for fuel assistance. Approxmate cost for this will be \$40.00.
- 12) The Board also approve the purchase of a coffee pot which would remain in the office.
- 13) The Board also approve the purchase of 2 (two) fire extinguishers.

- 14) Due to the excess activity that is going on in the building it was felt by the board that Fish River should attend the next meetin to discuss exactly what there needs are.
- 15) Hebe would like the cleaning ot the intersection left up to the State. This would reduce utilizing the backhoe for this type of work and free Bill to do other things that are more important. Town Manager said he would talk to Bill.
- 16) Warrants were signed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30



SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
12/6/89

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M. THOSE PRESENT WERE HEB UMPHREY, DANNY HIGGINS, RAYMOND CHASSE, AND JAMES NADEAU.

- (1) WARRANTS WERE SIGNED.
- (2) IT WAS MOVED BY DAN AND SECONDED BY RAYMOND TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOV. 22, MEETING
- (3) MOTION BY DAN SECONDED BY HEB TO PROCEED WITH PAPERWORK AND APPLICATION FOR PRIORITY LEVEL CLASSIFICATION ON SALT & SAND SHED.
- (4) JIM ADVISED THE BOARD THAT FISH RIVER WOULD NOT BE IN DUE TO A MEETING IN AGUSTA.
- (5) JIM WAS ADVISED BY BOARD TO LET RALPH STOLZE MAKE THE DECISION ON THE CODE VIOLATION ON WILLARD DOYEN.
- (6) AFTER A BRIEF DISCUSSION ON THE COST OF BRINGING OUR GARBAGE TO THE FRENCHVILLE INCINERATOR, A MOTION BY RAYMOND AND SECONDED BY HEB TO GET MORE INFORMATION FROM DAVE AS TO WHAT HE WOULD THINK THE AVERAGE COST WOULD BE FOR EACH HOUSEHOLD.
- (7) IT WAS THE DECISION OF THE BOARD TO GET A POLICY FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING WHICH WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE FOLLOWING.
  - A. RELIGIOUS GROUPS
  - B. LEASE AND RENTAL FEES
  - C. SEPTIC WASTE
- (8) BETTY WAS APPOINTED TO THE PLANNING BOARD UPON RECOMMENDATION BY CALVIN ADAMS. MOTION WAS MADE BY RAYMOND AND SECONDED BY DANNY.
- (9) MOTION BY BOARD TO HAVE THE WATER CHECK BY FIRE CHIEF IN CRY POND.
- (10) MOTION BY BOARD TO CHECK ON THE EASEMENT FOR MARSHAL THERIAULT.
- (11) G.N.P. CO. CAME IN AT 7:30, PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF WOODS MANAGEMENT PLAN IT WAS EXPLAIN TO BOARD SO THEY COULD COMMENT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY WOULD BE BACK IN JAN. WITH THE FINAL DRAFT.

MEETING WAS ADJOURN 9:00 LENGHT OF MEETING 3HRS.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
12/20/89

THOSE PRESENT INCLUDED SELECTMEN HEBE UMPHREY, RAYMOND CHASSE, TOWN MANAGER JAMES NADEAU.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

- 1) IT WAS MOVED BY RAYMOND AND SECONDED BY HEBE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE DEC. 6, 1989 AS READ. MOTION CARRIED
- 2) WARRANTS WERE SIGNED.
- 3) EXPLANATION ON PROGRESS ON THE DOYEN CASE WAS EXPLAINED TO BOARD, DOYEN IS BEING PROCECUTED FOR VIOLATION OF SETBACK REQUIREMENTS.
- 4) THERE WAS A MOTION BY HEBE AND A SECOND BY RAYMOND TO TALK TO WOODLAND AND SEE ABOUT GETTING INFORMATION AND PLANS FOR THERE SALT AND SAND SHED. THIS WOULD HELP US IN REDUCING OUR COST OF THE PROJECT.
- 5) DUE TO CONDITION OF THE STORE ROOM CONSISTING OF THE OLD FILES HEBE MOTION THAT IT SHOULD BE CLEANED OUT THIS WAS SECONDED BY RAYMOND. AUTHORIZATION WAS ALSO GIVEN TO GET SOMEONE TO CLEAN IT.
- 6) THERE WAS A MOTION BY RAYMOND AND A SECOND BY HEBE TO AUTHORIZE JIM TO PURCHASE A NEW DESK AND A COMPUTER CENTER. THIS IS DUE TO JIM MOVING TO HIS OWN OFFICE.
- 7) MOTION BY RAYMOND AND SECOND BY HEBE TO GET AN ESTIMATED COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEPTIC SYSTEM FOR THE MUNICIPAL BLDG. THE PLANS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE, THE BED WOULD HAVE TO BE LENGTEN TO ACCOMODATE AND ESTIMATED 20 PEOPLE. THE MONEY WOULD HAVE TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANUAL TOWN MEETING. IF THIS WOULD BE DONE WE WOULD BE ABLE TO RENT MORE SPACE IN OUR BUILDING.
- 8) KEN LEMIS FROM FISH RIVER CAME AT 6:45 TO EXPLAIN WHAT HIS NEEDS WOULD BE FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR. HE MENTION THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO RENT ALL THE SPACE THAT IS ON THE STAGE. WE MENTION THAT THE COST OF HEAT AND ELECTRICITY HAS GONE UP TREMENDOUSLY SINCE THEY HAVE BEEN HERE. KEN STATED THAT HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH HIS BOARD AND WOULD TRY TO GET MORE MONEY TO COVER THE DIFFERENCE IN COST SINCE HE HAS BEEN HERE. HE WAS TOLD THAT THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL EVEN IF WE HAD A LEASE AGREEMENT.
- 9) JIM ALSO STATED THAT HE WOULD BE WORKING ON THE BUDGET IN JAN, AND WOULD PROBABLY GET REYNOLD TO GIVE HIM A HAND IN PREPARING THE BUDGET FOR THE NEXT YEAR. JIM STATED THAT WE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO PAY REYNOLD FOR THE HELP , THIS WAS ALSO APROVED BY THE BOARD.
- 10) PAUL WILL BE COMING IN ON DEC 24 TO HELP WITH THE COMPUTER IN GETTING THE LIST OUT TO THE AMBULANCE SERVICE IN ASHLAND.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:30 LENGHT OF MEETING 1½ HRS.