

Selectmen's Meeting Jan. 6, 1988

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

1) Minutes of the Dec. 2, 1987 meeting were read. It was moved by Dan and seconded by Hebe that the minutes be accepted as read.

2) The Manager read a letter of resignation from Town Clerk Gladys Cote effective Feb. 26, 1988. It was moved by Dan and seconded by Hebe that the resignation be accepted. It was also moved by Dan and seconded by Hebe that the Town obtain a plaque and gift for Mrs. Cote in appreciation of her 25 years of dedicated service to the Town.

3) It was moved by Dan and seconded by Hebe that Karen Richter be appointed Town Clerk to replace Mrs. Cote.

4) The Manager presented a letter to the Selectmen for their signatures. The letter was addressed to the Director of Aeronautic and described the SEaplane Base area. The letter also asked for state help in fixing the base.

5) Elderly Housing- Placing Elderly Housing on the Artesian Well area was discussed. It was decided to bring the issue to the people at the annual meeting.

6) Air Compressor- The Manager showed the Selectmen advertisements of air compressors on sale. Hebe said that he would contact his sources and see about getting an air compressor for the Town.

7) Ice Rink- Discussed briefly. Manager informed the Selectmen that Wayne Gagnon would like them to look at the Basketball Courts next summer and decide if these could be flooded for an ice rink

8) Dan asked if the curves in the East Cottage Road could be looked at for possible reconstruction.

9) George spoke on his conversation with Judy Moro.

10) Warrants were signed.

Hebe moved to Adjourn. Dan seconded the motion. Length of meeting 1Hr.

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Jan. 6, 1988

Mrs. Gladys B. Cote
Portage Lake, Maine 04768

Dear Mrs. Cote,

It is with reluctance that the Board of Selectmen voted to accept your letter of resignation dated Jan. 2, 1988 effective Feb. 26, 1988. Twenty-five years of service as a Town Clerk is record that you should be proud of. It will not be easy to fill your position.

It is a shame that your position in municipal government does not carry with it a retirement plan.

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, the people of Portage Lake, and myself, thank you for a job well done. You will be missed! Good luck and Godspeed on all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,


Paul Blanchette, Town Manager

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FEBRUARY 4, 1988

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE
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AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

To Whom It May Concern,

Please be advised that as of February 28, 1988 Mrs. Gladys Cote will no longer be Town Clerk for the Town of Portage Lake, Maine. The Board of Selectmen has appointed Karen Richter as the new Town Clerk for Portage Lake. Mrs. Richter will also be assuming the duties of issuing hunting and fishing licenses.

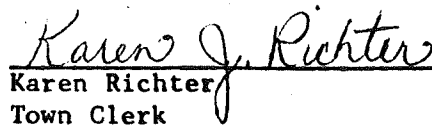
All correspondents relating to hunting and fishing licenses may be directed to her at the following address:

Karen Richter
Town Clerk
P.O. Box 255
Portage Lake, ME 04768

Sincerely,



Paul Blanchette
Town Manager



Karen Richter
Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting 1-28-88

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

- 1) The minutes of the 1-6-88 meeting were read. It was moved by Dan and seconded by Hebe to accept them as read.
- 2) Entertainment permit for Dean's was signed.
- 3) Supplementatl Tax Certificate for Cherry Danker was signed.
- 4) Warrents were signed.
- 5) Budget-A breif review of the budget as proposed by the Town Manager was had. It was agreed that the Manager would recieve a 7% pay raise for the upcomming year. The manager was asked to get with the Planning Board Chairman on what the Plannning Board would need for the upcomming year. The Manager was also asked to find out what William Good would like in terms of wages for the upcomming year. He was also asked to talk to check with Karen Richter to plan herewages.
- 6) Dan asked that the Manager contact the Town Historian for the Town Report.

It was moved by Hebe and seconded by Dan to adjourn. Length of Meeting 1hr.

Selectmen's Meeting 2/3/88

Those present included selectmen Heb Umphrey, Dan Higgins, George Gray, Town Manager Paul Blanchette, Anita Theriault, Sharon Belanger, Wayne Gagnon, Ervin Russell, Chris Gray, John Robertson, and Jim Dummond

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

It was moved by Heb and seconded by George that the minutes of the 1/28/88 selectmen's meeting be accepted as read.

1) Snowmobile Club- Members of the Club expressed their opinion that the rental of the Town Hall was too high for non-profit organizations.

Heb moved that George be in charge of the Town Hall rental from now on along with the expenses of the facility. George declined, Heb withdrew the motion. It was decided to insert an article in the Annual Town Meeting to let the people decide what the rental would be.

2) Jim Dummond- Expressed concern about lack of action on deer yards on town property. The Town Manager was asked to put the Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in touch with GNP.

The Manager was also asked to ask GNP about selective cutting.

3) The majority of the people left, the meeting resumed in the Town Office.

4) Flint Letter- The Selectmen signed a letter to the Flints denying them a requested abatement.

5) Budget- The Manager presented the Board with a work history on William Good. He suggested that Bill's wages for the upcoming year be set at \$8.15/hour along with $\frac{1}{2}$ day sick leave per month and twelve vacation days per year. The Board accepted the recommendation.

Karen Richter- Manager suggested a raise to \$5.00 per hour after Town Meeting and another increase on Oct. 1, 1988 to \$5.50/hour. Board approved.

6) Board approved an article to be placed on the warrant for a backhoe.

7) Budget Committee- The following people were nominated for the Budget Committee:

Rayno Cote, Ray Chasse, Betty Dummond, Mac Nason, Bounce Condon, Emile Bushey, Greg Cyr, Cal Adams.

The meeting will be held 2/17/88.

It was moved by Heb and seconded by George to adjourn.
Length of meeting $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Selectmen's Meeting
March 16, 1988

Those present included Selectmen Heb Umphrey, George Gray, Dan Higgins, and TownManager Paul Blanchette.

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

- 1) The minutes of the 2-3-88 meeting were read. It was moved by Heb and seconded by George to accept them as read.
- 2) Richard Levesque Deed- The Selectmen signed a release deed for Richard Levesque.
- 3) Sherriff's Dept.- Heb moved and Dan seconded a motion that the Serriff's Dept. could use a room at the Municipal Building provided that they cleaned up after themselves and paid for their own toll calls.
- 4) Typerwriter and computer- this item was tabled until after the town Meeting.
- 5) Assessing- Town Manager informed the Board that the assessing was done. New value of the Town is in excess of twenty million. Average increase was 88%. Board okayed the idea of a letter going out to local businesses about personal property. Manager informed board that public hearings will be set up to deal with assessing problems.
- 6) Generator- Town Manager expressed the needs for a generator to run the pressure washer to thaw culverts. A min. of 5000 watts is necessary. The price range is from \$1700-\$3600. Selectmen okayed the purchase on the best deal possible.
- 8) Golf Clubs- The board okayed up to four hundred dollars to purchase a set of golf clubs for Gladys Cote in recognition of her service to the Town of Portage Lake. Gladys should pick out the clubs she wants and bill the Town. It was moved by Heb and Seconded by Dan that the Town take Gladys and Rayno along with the Selectmen and wives and the Town Manager and wife out to dinner at Dean's. Tentative date the 3rd of April.
- 9) The Manager was asked by George to check the Town's position on sub dividing the 28 acres.
- 10) The manager was asked to check with John Martin to get some help on the Seaplane base

Dan moved to adjourn.

George seconded the motion.

Length of meeting 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING 4/13/88

Those present included Selectmen Heb Umphrey, George Gray, and Town Manager Paul Blanchette. Fire Chief Wayne Gagnon came in at 6:20.

Selectmen Dan Higgins was not present.

It was moved by Heb and seconded by George that the minutes of the March 16, 1988 meeting be accepted as read.

1) It was moved by Heb and seconded by George that the choosing of a Chairman for the Board of Selectmen be post poned until the next meeting.

2) Appointments-

The Town Manager suggested that the following people be appointed to a recreation committee: Karen Richter, Janice Cyr, and Pat Carter. Gary Caron would remain as rec. director. This was okayed by the Board of Selectmen.

Planning Board- Raymond Chasse and Eugene Morris were re-appointed to the Planning Board. It was decided to postpone the third appointment to a latter meeting. The Town Manager indicated that three persons had expressed an interest in being appointed to the Planning Board. They are Ron Fowler, Cal Adams, and George Ouellette.

Fire Chief- Wayne Gagnon was re-appointed as fire chief and Civil Defense Direstor. It was moved by Heb and seconded by George that the Fire Chief recieve a salery of \$750.00 and that the Ass't. Chief be given \$450.00. Civil defense is to remain at \$100.00.

The following people were reccommended by the Town Manager and approved by the Selectmen for the following offices:

Ralph Stolz- Code Enforcement Officer at \$450.00 plus mileage
Karen Richter- Registrar of Voters
Eugene Morris- Scaler of Woods
Frank Currier- Animal Control Officer
Paul Blanchette- Road Commissioner

3) Old Town Hall- A bid description was shown to the Selectmen. It was suggested that it should be noted on the description that a septic easment had been granted to a neighbor.

4) Backhoe Specs-Tabled until the full board could meet.

5) ACAP- The Manager explained that ACAP wanted to place Sharon Rafford in the Town Office at no cost to the Town for some training. The Manager pointed out that this could be helpful to the Town in case someone was to leave. Board okayed ACAP's offer.

6) Summer Help- The Board okayed Summer help for Bill .

Heb moved to adjourn at 7:15. George seconded the motion. Length of meeting 1¼ hours.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

4/27/88

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

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

- 1) It was moved by George and Seconded by Heb that the minutes of the 4/13/88 meeting be accepted as read.
- 2) It was moved by Dan and seconded by George that Heb be appointed Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.
- 3) Planning Board- It was moved by Dan and seconded by Heb that Calvin Adams be appointed to a five year term and that Ron Fowler be appointed as a none voting member until the next opening on the Planning Board. Cal is a voting member.
- 4) Request by Terry Overlock to have the Board of selectmen ask for the resignation of Lance Hay ward from the School Board for the lack of representation since the annual town meeting. George volunteered to speak with Lance concerning this request.
- 5) Lunch Wagon on the Beach- The Town Manager presented arequest from Terry patterson asking if the Town would oppose a lunch wagon on the beach. This was tabled for more information.
- 6) Backhoe specs- The Manager presented the Board with a set of Backhoe specs. The Board accepted the specs and ordered that the bids go out on the backhoe to be returned and opened by the Board on 5/11/88.
- 7) Seaplane Base- Manager advised the Board that Linwood Wright, acting director of the aeronautics division, had contacted the Town of Portage Lake and offered to pay for ½ of the repair to the seaplane dock. It was the feeling of the Board that the town shouldnot have to pay for any of the repair. The Manager was asked to contact John Martin for some help in resolving this problem.
- 8) Board of Appeals- The following people were named to the Board of Appeals: Rayno Cote, Sharon Rafford, Omar Paradis, Almon Holmes, and George Ouellette.
- 9) The Manager mentioned to the Board about the possible need for the Town to borrow money on tax anticipation notes.
- 10) Street Light next to Barry Soucy- The manager informed the board that MPS was not billing soucy for the Street Light but was billing the Town of Portage Lake. The Manager is to ask MPS to explain this to Barry Soucy.
- 11) Dinner for Gladys Cote- The dinner was set for 5:00 P.M. at Deans for sunday night. Gladys will be given a check for four hundred dollars.
- 12) The manager was asked to speak to John Martin about sponsoring legislation to establish a water and sewer district in Portage Lake.
- 13) The Manager was asked to gather information on the Dump.
- 14)

14) The Board wants to put the Staining of the Town Hall out to Bid

15) The Board suggested to the manager that Lanes be contacted about Road paving.

It was moved by Dan and Seconded by George to adjourn. Length of meeting 1½ hr.

addition to article 2- It was moved by Heb and seconded by Dan that the Selectmen receive a minimum of 1 hour per week for pay as a selectmen. All were in agreement.

Addition to article 6- The selectmen asked that the bids include a ditching bucket as a separate bid.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Those present included Selectmen Dan Higgins, Town Manager Paul Blanchette, Roland Caron, and Robert Nelson.

Town Manager Paul Blanchette opened the Bids on the Old Portage Lake Town Hall. Dan Higgins bid \$17, 128.00. Robert Nelson Sr. bid \$15,001.00. Roland Caron bid \$15, 270.00. High bid was Dan Higgins. The Manager explained that when the Board of Selectmen would have to award the bid at their next meeting. The 10% deposits were returned to Nelson and Caron.

George Gray came in at 6:15.

1) It was moved by George and seconded by Dan that the minutes of the april 27, 1988 meeting be accepted as read.

2) Backhoe Bids- Three backhoe bids were opened and read.

Jordan-Milton Cat 416	\$40,670	Ditching Bucket	\$1050.00
Frank Martin & Son	34,500		1075.00
H. D. Smith and son	36,913		800.00

The Manager was asked to examine all the bids and machines and come back with a reccommendation for the next meeting.

3) The Manager asked about hiring Omar Paradis for summer work. The board said okay at \$5.00/ hour.

4) Dump-Manager explained to the Selectmen about the problem at the dump with kids. Reccommended that the kids be put to work at the dump for one day. Selectmen agreed.

5) Lunch Wagon On Beach-Selectmen said that they were willing to give Terry Patterson a trail period on the Beach with his lunch wagon to see if the beach will be kept clean.

6) Ron Fowler- Dan moved and George seconded the appointment of Ron fowler to the Planning Board to replace William Condon.

7) The Board discussed a welfare Case. Decided not to pay the ambulance bill.

Dan moved to adjourn, George seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 Length 1½hr.

Selectmen's Meeting 5/25/88

Those present included Selectmen Heb Umphrey, George Gray, Dan Higgins, Town Manager Paul Blanchette, Supt. W. Greg Botka, Jerri St. Peter, A. Allen Murphey, CAT Rep. Gilman Gagnon, Case Rep. Hersey, and John Deere Reps. Dave Ouellet and Keith Michaud.

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 6:00. Supt. Botka presented the proposed School Budget. Portage's share is up 3.7% over last year. Average increase for the whole district is 6.2%
- 2) The minutes of the 5/11/88 meeting were read. It was moved by Dan and seconded by Heb to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.
- 3) Backhoe- The three backhoe reps were asked various questions by the Board of Selectmen. William good came into the meeting. The Board asked him what he thought of the various machines. It was the general consensus that the Cat 416 had the better preformance of the machines tested. It was moved by Heb and seconded by George that the Town enter into an agreement with Jordan Milton for the purchase of a Cat. Motion Carried.
- 4) It was moved by Heb and seconded by George that the Protestant church be exempt from property taxes on all of their buildings.
- 5) Taxes on Holmes cabins-The Town Manager was asked by the Board to come back with recommendations on the value of the cabins on Almon Holmes' property.
- 6) The Manager gave the Board a copy of the lawsuit Coulombe vs the Town of Portage. Informed the Board that according to our legal representation the maximum amount that the Town of Portage could be held liable for is \$6,000.00 if we are found guilty.
- 7) Loan- the Manager informed the Board that the Town would have to get a TAN in order to pay its bills until taxes started to come in. Merrill Bank would loan the Town \$20,000.00 for ninety days at 5-1/2 %. It was moved by Heb and seconded by Dan that the town borrow 20,000. Motion carried.
- 8) Heb asked that a sign be put up at the Campground limiting camping to fourteen days.
- 9) It was moved by George and seconded by Dan that the Selectmen's Meetings be held the first and third Wed. of the month at 6:00 P.M. Motion carried

It was moved by Heb and seconded by Dan to adjourn.
Length of meeting 2 hours.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING 6/1/88

Those present included Selectmen George Gray, Dan Higgins and Town Paul Blanchette.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

- 1) It was moved by Dan and seconded by George that the minutes of the May 25, 1988 be accepted.
- 2) The Manager demonstrated an Epson Equity I+ for the Selectmen. He stated that the price of the computer was \$1950.00. It was moved by Dan and seconded by George that the computer be purchased from Netherland Typewriter.
- 3) Almon Holmes- the manager suggested to the Board of Selectmen that the value on the small camps owned by Almon Holmes be reduced by a total of \$4200.00. Dan moved and George seconded the suggested values.
- 4) The Manager told the board that Karen Richter had given her two weeks notice. Her resignation will be effective June 16, 1988.
- 5) Dan asked that the Manager look into the following areas:
Rezoning the Town;& Water and Sewer Charter;
- 6) George brought up the following items:
Open septic system at the Ulman property
George is to check on a couple of other systems.
Mowing-George mentioned that he had received some complaints about the way the grounds looked for Labor Day. It was decided that from now on the Town would try to have the grounds mowed the day before the event.
- 7) Mowing- George brought up the possibility of having someone else do the Town mowing on a contract basis. The manager was asked to look into this possibility.
- 8) Dan suggested that the Manager come up with a diagram of the building to show which group was using what part of the building.

It was moved by Dan and seconded by George that the meeting be adjourned. Length of meeting 1 hour.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JUNE 15, 1988

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

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

It was moved by George and seconded by Dan to accept the minutes of the June 1, 1988 meeting. Motion carried.

- 1) Mowing- Laurel Theriault came in to talk to the Selectmen about contracting the mowing for the Town of Portage Lake. The manager told the Board that the present costs are between 12 and 14 dollars per hour. Theriault said that he would do it for 15 per hour. The Board decided to stay with the Town machine. Dan did not state that the Town's mower was too small to do the job and that when the Town decided to get a new mower it should consider one that is bigger.
- 2) Public Sewers- The Manager informed the Board that the DEP had been contacted to start the process of organizing a sewer district for the Town of Portage Lake.
- 3) Tractor at NMVTI- Manager informed the Board that the Tractor does run how ever a power take off could not be put on the machine.
- 4) Ledger- The Manager asked the Selectmen for the okay to have ledge pushed up in the Stevens pit. Selectmen agreed.
- 5) Golf Course Taxes- The Manger suggested to the selectmen that the Golf Course should pay property taxes on their buildings. Selectmen agreed.
- 6) Tax Bills- The Manager informed the Board that the Town now had the capability of printing our own tax bills. This could result in savings of some 500-600 dollars per year.
- 7) School Budget- Manager told the Board that the School budget had not passed. Dan stated that he felt that the School Budget should be based 100% on student population.

It was moved by George and seconded by Dan to adjourn.

Length of meeting 1 hour.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JULY 6, 1988

Those present included Selectmen Heb Umphrey, George Gray, Dan Higgins, Town Manager Paul Blanchette, code Enforcement Officer Ralph Stolze, and Damon Curtis.

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

- 1) It was moved by Hebe and seconded by George to accept the minutes of the June 15, 1988 meeting as read.
- 2) Code Enforcement- Ralph spoke to the Board about a violation on Oak Point by Damon Curtis. It was moved by Dan and seconded by Heb that the Town enter into a consent agreement with Mr. Curtis to have him move his cottage back by at least the distance between the outside of the old wall and the outside of the new wall. Motion carried. Mr Curtis was called at Dean's. He asked if he could come in and present his case to the Board. Mr. Curtis came in and presented his case. The Board decision stood. George said that he would go over and measure the distance the cottage should go back.
- 3) Taxes- The Manager informed the Board that it looked like taxes would be around .0127.
- 4) The Manager asked that Sharon rafford be appointed the Town Clerk and registrar of voters. It was moved by Heb and seconded by George. Motion carried.
- 5) The Board signed the DOT statement for Block Grants.
- 6) School Board- It was moved by Dan and seconded by Heb that Frank Currier be appointed to fill the vacant term of Marcel Gagnon. Motion Carried.
- 7) Stain- Manager showed the Board the Bid Proposal for staining the building. The Board said okay.
- 8) Truck Specs-Board reviewed plow truck specs and authorized the Manager to put it out to bid.
- 9) The Board gave the Manager premission to bid out the old plow truck.
- 10) Dan asked about Police Protection on the fourth of July. Where was it? Policy from now on is to have police work in town during holidays.

It was moved by Dan and seconded by George to adjourn
LENGTH OF MEETING 1-1/2 HOURS.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JULY 20, 1988

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

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

- 1) Truck bids were opened and read out loud. They are as follows:

MPG-Presque Isle for a	1989	\$33,496.00
Leadbetter-Bangor	1989	\$32,550.00
not as speced	1988	\$29,500.00
Daigle & Houghton	1988	\$33,190.00
	1989	\$33,190.00
Bangor Ford	1989	\$34,200.00

The Manager was asked to study all of the bids and to get with the Chairman to determine which truck would be bought.

- 2) Selectmen signed the Tax Warrant setting the 1988 tax rate at .0129.
- 3) The Manager informed the Board that Lane Const. would be in to do some town paving on the East Cottage Rd. and the Hayward St.
- 4) Elsie Cormier Property- the Manager asked the board for permission to contact the Town Attorney to force a clean up of the Cormier property. Board agreed.

It was moved by Dan and seconded by Hebe to adjourn at 7:00 P.M. Length of meeting 1 hour.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
AUGUST 18, 1988

Those present included Selectmen Heb Umphrey, Dan Higgins, George Gray, Town Manager Paul Blanchette, guests J. Paul Levesque, Mike Coty, and Cindy Hewes.

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

1) Golf Course- J. Paul Levesque, Mike Coty, and Cindy Hewes asked the Board to consider giving the Portage Lake Country Club an abatement on their 1988 Taxes. Town Manager Paul Blanchette outlined several legal opinions why the Gulf Club was not entitled to an abatement mostly due to the fact that the club is not a "charitable organization". It was pointed out that the Club did help bring people into Portage Lake and was here for seasonal people to enjoy. It was moved by Heb and seconded by George that the Taxes for 1988 on the Gulf course be abated and that the situation be reviewed next year. Motion carried.

2) It was moved by Heb and seconded by George that the minutes of the July 6, 1988 meeting be approved as read. Motion carried.

It was moved by Heb and seconded by Dan that the minutes of the July 20, 1988 meeting be approved as read. Motion carried.

3) Paint bids- One bid was received for the staining of the building. Shamrock Logging and Const bid \$3600.00 for two coats of CWF. The Bid using Glidden Stain was \$3600 for one coat and \$4200 for two coats. It was moved by Heb and seconded by George to accept the Shamrock bid of 3600 for the CWF. Motion carried.

4) Plow Equipment- It was moved by Heb and seconded by Dan to purchase Frink Plow equipment for the new truck. Motion carried.

5) Salt sand- The Manager informed the Board that this would be the last year that the Town would be able to put up salt sand with Great Northern Paper as their space was becoming limited. GNP has told the Town that after this year the Town would have to put up their own pile. Selectmen told the Manager to study various solutions and to make recommendations to the Board.

6) Skating Rink- The Manager asked the Board on behalf of the Fire Dept. if a skating rink could be made on the back of the Municipal building. Board said okay.

- 7) Roofing of shed and Seaplane Base building- Estimates were requested of Modern Roofing and Siding and of Ralph Pelletier to place roofing on the Storage Shed and on the Seaplane Base Building. Modern roofing and Siding estimated \$1280.00 for both buildings. Ralph estimated 975.00 plus 25 for drip edge on the Seaplane Base. It was moved by Hebe and Seconded by Dan that Ralph be given the work. Motion carried.
- 8) Hazzard Plan- The Manager asked the Board what they wanted to do with a proposed Hazardous Material Plan proposed by the County. It was the consensus of the Board that Portage Lake should develop its own Plan.
- 9) Manager informed the Board that he would be taking his vacation from Aug. 25, 1988 till Sept. 5, 1988.

It was moved by Heb and seconded by Dan to adjourn. Length of meeting 1-1/2 hr.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
SEPT. 7, 1988

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

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

- 1) It was moved by Heb and seconded by Dan to accept the August 18, 1988 minutes as read. Motion carried.
- 2) The Board of Selectmen signed pole application permits for utility poles on the West Cottage for the Phone and electric companies.
- 3) Electrical for Storage Shed- The Town Manager asked the board of Selectmen what they wanted to do about putting electricity in the storage shed behind the Municipal Building. It was agreed to table this for the time being until Heb had an opportunity to look the situation over. It was suggested that maybe this should wait until next year in case we had to build a salt storage building.
- 4) Day Care Center- The Manager told the Board that it was possible that the Board would be asked to consider a Day Care center at the Municipal Building at a future date.
- 5) Curtains- The Manager was asked by the Board of Selectmen to purchase curtains for the Town Office.

It was moved by Hebe and seconded by Dan to adjourn. Motion carried. Length of meeting 1hr.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
9-21-88

Those present included Selectmen Heb Umphrey, Dan Higgins, George Gray, Town Manager Paul Blanchette, Planning Board Members Ray Chasse, Ron Fowler, Gene Morris, Jeannie Carrier, Cal Adams, Betty Dummond, Mac Nason, Maine Public Service Reps Fred Buster, and Barry Bartley.

- 1) MPS- Fred Buster spoke on the reasons why the Portage Lake are ran out of electricity so often and what Maine Public was doing about it. It was suggested to Maine Public that they include a notice to their customers stating why trees had to be trimmed.
- 2) Planning Board- It was suggested to the Board of Selectmen that the Town look into the possibility of hiring a code Enforcement Officer that could spend an average of one day a week in the Town of Portage Lake. The Town Manager was directed to look into this and to inform the Board of the projected costs.

There was a brief discussion on zoning.

- 3) It was moved by Heb and seconded by George to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting on 9-7-88,
- 4) Pole Application- Pole Application permits for New England Tel were signed.
- 5) Possible Municipal Sewers- The Manager explained to the Selectmen and guests the procedure the Town had to go through to get public sewers. DEP would like to talk to the Town before we go any further. The Town Manager is to set up a meeting, possibly for October 4, 1988.
- 6) MMA Convention- The Manager asked for permission to attend the annual MMA Convention to be held in Augusta on Oct. 5-7. It was moved by Dan and Seconded by George that the Manager attend this convention. Motion carried.
- 7) The Manager informed the Board that he was going to attend a meeting concerning dump issues in Eagle Lake on Thursday night.
- 8) MMA Risk Pool- George asked if the Town had looked into joining the MMA Risk Pool for insurance. The Manager informed the Board that the paper work had been turned in to get a quote from the Risk Pool.
- 9) It was moved by Dan and seconded by Hebe that Zennon Boutot receive a raise of 50 cents per hour. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M. Lasted 2hrs.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
9-26-88

Those present included George Gray, Hebe Umphrey, Dan Higgins, Paul Blanchette, Ralph Stolze, and Rene Dube.

1) Dube Septic System- Rene Dube spoke to the Selectmen concerning his septic system and the letter that had been sent to him concerning the system. He told the Board that he was no longer using the system. It was decided that if the system was no longer being used that there is no malfunction. Ralph and Paul are to keep their eye on it.

2) Dump- Manager told the board that the town had a chance to have the dump cleaned up. A firm out of Canada would do the job at a cost of \$40/ton for sheet metal and free for cars. The town would be responsible for crushing the material. Cost for fifty tons would be 2000 dollars. It was the consensus of the Board to go ahead with the project.

Meeting ended. Length of meeting 1 hour.

TOWN OF PORTAGE LAKE
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 1988

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

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

- 1) It was moved by Dan and seconded by Heb that the minutes of the Nov 2, 1988 meeting be accept as read. Motion carried.
- 2) Bid Notice on 1972 International- The Manager presented the Board of Selectmen with a suggested copy of a Notice to Bidders for the old Town truck. Selectmen agreed. Opening of bid to be Dec. 7, 1988 at 6:00 P.M.
- 3) Seaplane base- Manager brought Selectmen up to date on the seaplane base. State of Maine has agreed to cover expenses to \$3500.00. Town will over see the work.
- 4) The Manager informed the Board that the new town truck would be at H.P. Fairfields by the end of the week.
- 5) The Manager asked the Board's permission to purchase a mat for the recreation program. Cost of mat \$170.00. Board agreed.
- 6) Campground- Manager discussed with the Board the idea of including an article in the Annual Warrant about whether or not the Town should continue to run the campground the same as in the past. Selectmen agree that this has some merit. Manager is to come up with article.

Manager asked the Board to purchase 3-4 new grills for campground with money left over in Parks account. Selectmen said okay. Selectmen also suggested that buoys for beach area be purchased now.

- 7) Dan called Chris Fish in to talk about the drainage between Sutherland St. and Rt. 11. It was decided by the Selectmen that the Manager should work on a drainage project for this area over the winter. The Manager has to get premission from all the parties involved to cross over property and obtain easements.

Meeting adjourned. Length of meeting 1 hour.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
DECEMBER ~~11~~⁷, 1988

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

Those present included Selectmen Heber Umphrey, George Gray, Dan Higgins, and Town Manager Paul Blanchette.

1) It was moved by Hebe and seconded by George to accept the minutes of the Nov. 11, 1988 meeting as read. Motion carried.

2) Bid opening on old truck- The following bids were submitted:

Dan Higgins	\$1,700.90
Peter St. Peter	2,000.00
H. P. Fairfield Co.	4,000.00

It was moved by Hebe and seconded by George to award the bid to H.P. Fairfield Co. Motion carried with Dan abstaining.

3) Insurance- The manager informed the Board that the difference between joining the Maine Municipal Risk Pool and staying with our present coverage was about \$900.00 dollars less. He recommended that the Town stay with the present coverage. Board agreed.

4) Stumpage Permit- Board signed a stumpage agreement for Great Northern Paper Co. to do some cutting on 100% Town Land. Dan noted that the Town should get the highest stumpage rates possible. The manager informed the Board that this was being done.

5) Street Lights- Manager asked the Board if they would consider putting up two more Street Lights in the artesian well area. Selectmen agreed. Selectmen brought up the subject of Barry Soucy's street light that he claim he is paying for. The manager was told to look into this.

6) New Truck- Manager informed the Board that the new truck was in Skowhegan being fitted for the plow. Should have the truck by 1-1-89.

7) Dan asked the Town Manager to ask the Civil Defense director to present his plan for Hazardous Materials for the next Selectmen's Meeting.

8) Town Historian- The Manager was asked by Dan to find a Town Historian.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 Length of meeting 1 hour.