

**Town of Waldoboro, Maine
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Municipal Building
1600 Atlantic Highway
Tuesday, October 10, 2006 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order.

The Board of Selectmen met at the Municipal Building on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. to conduct town affairs. This meeting was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Rebecca Maxwell, with a quorum present.

Members present were Ted Wooster, Delia Mohlie, Ellen Winchenbach, and Chairman Pro Tem Rebecca Maxwell. Staff present was Town Manager Lee Smith, Emergency Medical Services Director Scott Lash, Emergency Medical Services Quality Assurance Coordinator Jeff Grant, and Administrative Assistant Mike Ducharme.

From the press were Lincoln County News Representative Michael Colbert, and Courier Gazette Representative Art Mayers. Also present were Michael Poli of the Friendship EMS, and Friendship Selectmen Wesley Lash and Stephen Hensel.

2. Citizen Comments. (for items not on the agenda).

Chairman Pro Tem Rebecca Maxwell took a moment to congratulate Administrative Assistant Ducharme for his work on the 2005 Town Report which received first place (Supreme) for Waldoboro's population group in the Maine Municipal Association Annual Municipal Report Competition. They currently have 5 population groups in Maine. She also congratulated Art Mayers contribution to the cover. It was discussed that Waldoboro hasn't received first place in several years.

3. Public Hearings - None.

4. Approve Consent Calendar.

On the motion of Wooster / Mohlie, the Board **VOTED: To approve the consent calendar as follows (Vote 4-0):**

A. Regular meeting minutes - September 26, 2006.

B. Warrants & Financial Reports:

1. General Fund Warrants 13.
2. Payroll Warrants 13 and 14.

C. Departmental Reports.

1. Planning Development – June 2006.
2. Police Department – August 2006.
3. Recreation Department – September 2006.

D. Communications.

1. Community Services Citizen Advisory Committee Minutes.
2. Two Bridges Ceremony - October 27, 2006.
3. Lincoln County Budget Calendar & Budget Estimates.
4. Letter from Maine Water Utilities Association.

5. Official Action.

A. Act on Interlocal Agreement for EMS Service for Friendship.

A copy of the proposed Interlocal Agreement for EMS Service for Friendship has been submitted to the Board for review. This agreement would outline the rules for the Town of Waldoboro providing the Town of Friendship with ambulance services and needs the approval and signing of the document by both the Waldoboro and Friendship Board of Selectmen.

Volunteer support from Friendship could not be relied on as they originally anticipated, so they solicited about 50 Friendship residents of which only 2 showed final interest at this time. EMS Director Lash feels the only way to adequately cover both towns is with the addition of more per-diem employees and so requested the addition of an 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. shift at the intermediate level or lower Monday through Friday and an 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. shift at the paramedic level Saturday and Sunday to assist with the extra call volume and administrative tasks involved. This cost would be absorbed by Friendship and would not call for extra money from Waldoboro tax payers.

Mohlie noted the section of the agreement which mentions payment was crossed off. She voiced her concerns about making sure it is replaced before signing the document. Friendship Selectmen Wesley Lash stated the reason the section was crossed out is the budget figures had not yet been established.

The Town Manager added TABOR dictates any increases in the budget may warrant approval by town meeting and a referendum. It is possible that TABOR will not allow funding for this project without going through that override process. It is with this in mind he recommends waiting for the results of the November 7, 2006 vote on TABOR before giving final approval to this item.

On the motion of Mohlie / Wooster, the Board **VOTED: To grant preliminary approval to the Interlocal Agreement for EMS Service for Friendship and table final approval pending the outcome of the November 7, 2006 TABOR vote (Vote 4-0).**

B. Authorize replacement of fire station rear door.

The bottom of the rear fire station door is rusting through. An estimate has been received by Storer Lumber for the amount of \$1,400.00 for a new door installed.

On the motion of Mohlie / Wooster, the Board **VOTED: To authorize spending up to \$1,400.00 for replacement and installation of a new fire station rear door (Vote 4-0).**

C. Act on Quitclaim Deed for Lawrence & Aileen Allen.

On the motion of Mohlie / Winchenbach, the Board **VOTED: To approve the Quitclaim Deed for Lawrence & Aileen Allen for payment of delinquent taxes (Vote 4-0).**

6. Committee & Departmental Reports.

A. Discussion of the TABOR bill.

The Town Manager facilitated a presentation of the impact the “Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights” (TABOR) would have on the Town and its requirements. The TABOR question will be question 1 on the November 7, 2006 ballot and reads “Do you want to limit increases in state and local government spending to the rate of inflation plus population growth and to require voter approval for tax and fee increases?” The bill would require a 2/3 vote at Town Meeting and a referendum vote for any increase in tax rates and any new or increased fees. A public notice would be required to be mailed to all registered voters 30 days prior to the election that would include:

- two 500 word essays (one for each side of the issue),
- estimates of the 4-year impact of the vote, and
- a comparison of the budget and taxes if the referendum passes vs. if it fails.

The TABOR spending restriction would be equal to the more restrictive (or lower) of the following two formulas:

1. The change in assessed value - with or without a revaluation – positive or negative change.
2. The Consumer Price Index plus the population change from the previous year – positive or negative change.

7. Executive Session(s). – None.

8. Adjourn.

On the motion of Mohlie / Wooster, the Board **VOTED: To adjourn at 7:10 p.m. (Vote 4-0).**

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

Carleton E. Johnson
Chairman

Rebecca B. Maxwell

Theodore M. Wooster

Ellen A. Winchenbach

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