

Town of Waldoboro, Maine
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Municipal Building
1600 Atlantic Highway
Tuesday, April 10, 2007 - 6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** - The Board of Selectmen met at the Municipal Building on Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to conduct town affairs. This meeting was called to order by Chairman Carleton Johnson with a quorum present.

Members present were Ted Wooster, Delia Mohlie, Ellen Winchenbach, Rebecca Maxwell and Chairman Carleton Johnson.

Staff present was Town Manager Lee Smith, Recreation Director Kyle Santheson, Assessors' Agent Darryl McKenney, Public Works Director John Daigle, Police Chief Leroy L. Jones, Finance Director Eileen Dondlinger, Police Sergeant Jamie Wilson, Town Clerk Linda Perry, and Administrative Assistant Mike Ducharme.

Residents present were Norman Golden, Connie Miller, Ronald Miller, Louisa Winchenbach, Thomas Winchenbach, Eva McLain, Cathrina Skov, Edward Ordway, Valdemar Skov, Samuel M. Logan, Ilga Harrington, Jane Biscoe, Donna McClure, Phyllis McQuade, Dr. Ted Mohlie, Ann L. Creamer, Laurice Ducharme, Heather Russell, and Robert Butler.

From the press was Mary Ellen Crowley representing Lincoln County Television, Michael Colbert representing the Lincoln County News, and Art Mayers representing the Courier Gazette.

2. **Citizen Comments** (for items not on the agenda) – None.
3. **Public Hearings.**
4. **Approve Consent Calendar** - On the motion of Maxwell / Wooster, the Board **VOTED: To approve the consent calendar as follows (Vote 5-0):**
 - A. **Regular meeting minutes - March 27, 2007.**
 - B. **Warrants & Financial Reports:**
 1. General Fund Warrants 39 and 40.
 2. Payroll Warrants 39 and 40.
 3. Water Department Operating Warrant - #75
 - C. **Departmental Reports.**
 - D. **Communications.**
 1. 100th Anniversary of Waldoboro Woman's Club 4/24/07.
 - E. **Quit Claim Deeds:**
 1. Matthew E. Fake & Catherine Barker

5. Action Items.

- A. Act on Referendum Style Town Meeting Petition (submitted by Norman Golden) -** Resident Norman Golden has submitted a petition to the Board of Selectmen to place the following article on the next town meeting:

“Shall the Town vote to rescind Article 4 adopted at the November 7, 2006 referendum and restore the practice of the traditional town meeting?”

The petition was signed by 224 registered Waldoboro voters. A total of 222 registered voter signatures are needed to make the petition valid.

Ron Miller was present for comment. He noted that he had received a copy of the petition from the Town Office today and has found duplicated names which were not marked as such by the Town Clerk. He felt this finding would bring the total voter count on the petition under the required amount needed to make the petition valid. He also found what he thought was a mistake on a page and thought the entire page of signatures should not be counted. Maxwell stated this was not the case. He continued by saying there was a lot of corrections on the copy he has. The Town Clerk noted the corrections are notations she makes while she is verifying the petition.

Johnson asked if there was any action that should be taken if there were insufficient signatures. The Town Manager answered if there is not a sufficient quantity of signatures then the Board does not have to put the article on the warrant. The petitioner also has several more weeks to gather additional signatures if needed.

Johnson feels petitioner Norman Golden has shown there is interest in the community to have a vote to rescind Article 4 adopted at the November 7, 2006 referendum. He continued saying the Board brought forward Article 4 with no petition and the Board could do the same with this petition if there is an insufficient quantity of signatures. However, if there is sufficient quantity of signatures then they are bound to forward the article to town vote.

Cathrina Skov felt the original article was misleading. The use of the phrase ‘town meeting’ in that context led people to believe traditional town meeting was going to continue. She thought if we are going to continue with the new article then the language should be clarified and not use the phrase ‘annual town meeting’ to mean voting via referendum. She would also like to make sure we clarify the cost associated with referendum voting.

Ilga Harrington asked how this petition is going affect the Board’s decision to purchase ballot machines. Johnson noted that the Board is moving forward with budgeting for the increased funds needed to vote referendum style since that is the only direction currently on record. The Town Manager added the additional funding will presumably be discussed at the Budget Committee Meeting tonight. Johnson concluded there has not been the opportunity for discussion of several different budgets.

On the motion of Maxwell / Wooster, the Board **VOTED: To accept the petition and to add this article to the warrant for June 12, 2007 (Vote 5-0).**

The Board convened with the Budget committee at 6:35 p.m.

The Board recessed at 10:30 p.m. until Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

B. Act on revised retirement memo from Police Chief Leroy Jones effective 5/4/07 - On the motion of Wooster / Winchenbach, the Board **VOTED: To regretfully accept the revised retirement memo from Police Chief Leroy Jones effective May 4, 2007 (Vote 5-0).**

C. Act on Richard Glidden Solid Waste Transportation Contract Extension - The 3 year solid waste transportation contract with R. W. Glidden is due to expire on June 30, 2007. He has agreed to extend the contract another year if the Town would agree to an increase in the base contract price from \$328.33 to \$350.00 per trip. This would be a net increase of \$21.67 per trip. Based on an estimated 220 trips annually, the net annual impact would be \$4,767.40.

On the motion of Mohlie / Wooster, the Board **VOTED: To award a one year extension on the R. W. Glidden Solid Waste Transportation Contract (Vote 5-0).**

D. Review draft Town Meeting Warrant (finalize 4/30/07) - The Town Manager has prepared 3 town meeting warrants in order to provide the Board with a better feel for their options if they decided to change the format.

1. Consolidated Warrant (blue print)

This warrant style is approximately 40 articles and is different from the existing warrant because the articles are grouped by department.

2. Existing Warrant (black print) (format as previously adopted by selectmen)

This is the warrant style the Board has previously voted to use for the new referendum style town meeting. This warrant is approximately 39 articles.

3. Expanded Warrant (green print)

This warrant style has approximately 60 articles because the articles are broken down more specifically in order to better determine the intent of the voter in the case of an article which has been voted down. Mohlie feels this style is clearer than the other styles. Maxwell added it is spelled out better. Winchenbach thought she would rather vote on 40 articles rather than 60 so she would tend to lean towards the existing warrant.

On the motion of Wooster / Maxwell, the Board **VOTED: To approve the expanded warrant format (Vote 4-1, Winchenbach opposed).**

E. Convene with Budget Committee at 6:30 pm to act on 2008 Municipal Budget - The Board reconvened with the Budget Committee at 6:30 p.m. to continue with the 2008 municipal budget.

6. **Adjourn** – On the motion of Johnson / Wooster, the Board **VOTED: To adjourn at 11:15 p.m. and reconvene with the Budget Committee Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. (Vote 5-0).**

Board of Selectmen:
Waldoboro, Maine

Carleton E. Johnson, Chairman

Rebecca B. Maxwell

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore M. Wooster

Michael C. Ducharme
Administrative Assistant

Ellen A. Winchenbach

Delia W. Mohlie