

**Town of Waldoboro, Maine
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Municipal Building
1600 Atlantic Highway
Tuesday, November 13, 2007 - 4:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order** - The Board of Selectmen met at the Municipal Building on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 4:00 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, Clinton Collamore, Rebecca Maxwell, Delia Mohlie and Chairman Carleton Johnson. Staff present was Administrative Assistant Mike Ducharme, Transfer Station Operator Richard Moran, Acting Emergency Medical Services Director Daniel Moran, Public Works Director John Daigle, Fireman Andrew Santheson, Fireman Charlie R. Maxcy, Animal Control Officer Laurice Ducharme, Public Works Employee Mark Gifford, Fire Chief Richard Glidden, Assistant Fire Chief Ernie Vannah, and many others.

Residents present were Roberta D. Branigan, William J. Branigan, Mary Abbott, Eino H. Abbott, Melody A. Lawrence, William Benson, Andrea Kennedy, Jim Salsman, Kendall Black, Sarah Moran, Laura Cabot, Charles, Chiarichiaro, Martha Brown, Ellen Winchenbach, Wanda Collamore, Melissa McEntire, Carol Blodgett, William Blodgett, Connie Miller, H. Louisa Winchenbach, Thomas Winchenbach, Kathy Benner, John Blodgett, Deborah A. Blackford, Jane Biscoe, Elizabeth Petruska, Edward Karkow, Arthur Creamer, Paul T. Smeltzer, Rhoda Harvey, Mary Ann Beinecke, Bob Butler, George Enman, Larry Miller, Linda Eastman, Ronald Doloff, Lillian Dolloff, Craig E. Cooley, Eva McLain, Bill Maxwell, Ilga B. Harrington, Rodney E. Harrington, Claire Bowley, Frank Abel, Catherine E. Trueman, David Trahan, Anne Karkow, Valerie Hale, Marie Stover, and many others. From the press was Michael Colbert representing the Lincoln County News, Aaron Miller representing the Courier Gazette, and Mary Ellen Crowley representing Lincoln county Television.

2. **Executive Session** - On the motion of Johnson / Maxwell, the Board **VOTED: To convene in executive session at 4:00 p.m. (Vote)**.

On the motion of Johnson / Maxwell, the Board **VOTED: To reconvene as Selectmen and recess at 5:30 p.m.**

On the motion of Johnson / Maxwell, the Board **VOTED: To reconvene as Selectmen at 6:07 p.m. (Vote 5-0)**.

3. **Public Hearings.**

- A. **Liquor License and Special Amusement Permits:**

1. Todd B. Mank, d/b/a Bullwinkle Family Steakhouse - There were no comments for, or against regarding the Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit. Bob Butler asked a general question regarding the Special Amusement Permit. Johnson replied the establishment occasionally has live music. Chairman Johnson officially closed the meeting.

On the motion of Maxwell / Collamore, the Board **VOTED: To approve the Liquor License and Special Amusement Permits for Todd B. Mank, d/b/a Bullwinkle Family Steakhouse (Vote 5-0).**

4. Approve Consent Calendar - On the motion of Collamore / Maxwell, the Board VOTED: To approve the consent calendar as follows (Vote 5-0):

A. Regular meeting minutes - October 23, 2007.

B. Warrants & Financial Reports:

1. General Fund Warrants 16, 17 and 18.
2. Payroll Warrants 17, 18 and 19.

C. Departmental Reports.

1. General Assistance - October 2007
2. Planning & Development - October 2007
3. Police Department - September 2007

D. Communications.

1. SAD# 40 Business Manager Scott Vaitones re: AD Gray School
2. Paramedic Jim Eaton re: Officer Lance Mitchell Call Response
3. MTCMA re: School Consolidation Workshop
4. Pine Tree Engineering re: Waldoboro Recreation Center Project Schedule
5. Waldoboro Public Library re: Trustees Meeting
6. Robert Yakel re: Pay as you Throw
7. Rev. Beverly Blaisdell re: Waldoboro Volunteer Chaplain Proposal

5. Action Items.

A. Act on Resignation Agreement between the Town Manager and the Town of Waldoboro - The resignation agreement includes 1 year severance pay at regular scale, contributions to the Town Manager's Maine State Retirement Program, and continued insurance for the period commencing January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008.

Johnson added: "It is with deep regret to learn this afternoon that the Town Manager, Lee Smith, has tendered his resignation effective January 1st 2008. He has done this believing to be a common interest of the Town and himself and his family. The Board acknowledges Lee's dedication of the years of service and it is our own decision to abide by his wishes."

On the motion of Mohlie / Maxwell, the Board **VOTED: To authorize the Town to enter into a resignation agreement with the Town Manager, Lee Smith, and to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Board (Vote 5-0).**

B. Act on Quarry Hill Conservation Easement - On the motion of Mohlie / Wooster, the Board VOTED: To accept and sign the Quarry Hill Conservation Easement (Vote 4-1, Maxwell opposed).

- C. **Act on distribution of FEMA storm reimbursement** - Ducharme explained the Town has been awarded \$90,328.95 in FEMA funding from the March 2007 and April 2007 storms. It is recommended to apply these funds to the applicable Equipment Reserve Funds for purchasing emergency equipment i.e. cones and barricades.

On the motion of Maxwell / Wooster, the Board **VOTED: To accept the funds and allocate them in the following manner: \$2,407.50 to the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund, \$1,368.00 to the Police Department Equipment Reserve Fund, \$116.10 to the Emergency Medical Services Department Equipment Reserve Fund, \$83,523.41 to the Public Works Department Equipment Reserve Fund, \$2,913.84 to the Administration Equipment Reserve Fund, for a total of \$90,328.95 (Vote 5-0).**

- D. **Act on Maine Water Utilities ballot** - There were two nominees for the election of Maine Water Utilities Director. Up to two nominees can be voted for in this election. The nominees are Stephen Cox of Aqua Maine, Inc. and Kathy Moriarty of the Bangor Water District.

On the motion of Mohlie / Maxwell, the Board **VOTED: To elect Stephen Cox of Aqua Maine, Inc. and Kathy Moriarty of the Bangor Water District for the position of Maine Water Utilities Director and authorize the Administrative Assistant to sign on behalf of Waldoboro (Vote 5-0).**

- E. **Introduce Chief William LaBombarde to the public** - Collamore introduced the new Chief of Police William LaBombarde. He is scheduled to start working in Waldoboro on November 19, 2006. LaBombarde addressed the public. He stated he wants to encourage community involvement and hopes the public takes advantage of his open door. He added he has a strong background with youth, youth affairs, and community issues. He would like to introduce a Community Policing Executive Board which would give citizens input and ownership with some of the changes which need to be made.

6. Discussion Items.

- A. **Discussion with concerned citizens re: police and community issues** - A group of concerned citizens approached the Board with their concerns.

- B. **Land Use Ordinance Presentation by Planning Board** - Joann Myers was present for comment. Inconsistencies, definitions, errors, spelling and grammar housekeeping comprise the majority of changes in the Ordinance revision. Other changes reflect new State requirements, responsibility of oversight for timber harvesting in the Shoreland Zone from the Town to the State foresters, allow residential uses in the Route 1 Commercial B District, and veterinary clinics be permitted in the rural areas.

Code Enforcement Officer John Black added there were a few more housekeeping changes which would need to be made and the Appeals section needs to be changed to conform to State law.

- C. **Discuss Maine Chiefs of Police Study** - LaBombarde was present for

comment. He recommends the \$5,000 study to be able to immediately identify focus areas since he is new to the department. Three established police chiefs would perform the study covering finances, policies, training, community relations, and more. The study could commence as soon as January 2008.

Johnson added if the Board chooses to move forward with the study, part of the motion would be the approval of the \$5,000 expenditure.

On the motion of Mohlie / Wooster, the Board **VOTED: To approve the Maine Chiefs of Police Study and the expenditure of \$5,000 to fund the study (Vote 5-0).**

7. **Citizen Comments** - Bob Butler was present for comment. He reminded the Board that on September 25, 2007 they had a discussion about placing assessing information on the Town's website and most of the conversation revolved around valuation reports. He said the Board voted to table placing valuation reports on the Town's website until more information could be obtained. Johnson answered the tax cards were the topic of discussion due to the photos and floor plan which are on them. The valuation reports have been on the website for some time.

Bill Branigan was present to report to the Board about a meeting a group of citizens had on November 5, 2007. They are concerned about roving gangs, vandalism, fire, drug use, and speeding. They are also concerned with police response, retaliation for being at the meeting, and being targeted by vandals or others. Branigan feels there is a complete disconnect between administration and the various departments of the Town. He formally requested a meeting as soon as possible with Chief LaBombarde and his staff along with Branigan's neighborhood group and any others who would like to be there so they could air their concerns.

David Trahan feels there is a small minority of kids that are acting like thugs. He has witnessed these kids throwing bottles in front of cars. Trahan called for the possibility of patrol officers on foot in town. He also suggested weekly updates to the case where an 18 year old was shot by a member of the Waldoboro Police. Johnson said the District Attorney would not update us as to the progress of the case.

Bill Blodgett feels a small group of individuals are overstating the facts and giving Waldoboro bad press. He implores the Board to be positive and not allow the negative factions to dominate the press and others opinions.

Jim Salsman added until 3 days ago he had not heard of all these problems. He's talked with tourists and locals and no one has ever said this to him. He feels that maybe there are some isolated issues but routing around petitions, airing our dirty laundry to the newspapers, and making sensational stories will certainly not sell any more real estate.

Penny Johnston explained she was robbed several times by employees of hers. She also noted the Code Office received a list from her of many properties that are not within the Code and they have not taken care of the issues.

8. **Resignation of the Chairman of the Board** - Chairman Johnson submitted his resignation from the Board of Selectmen and all committees to which he has been appointed effective immediately. He added it has been a privilege to serve the citizens

of Waldoboro.

- 9. **Citizens Comments** - Valerie Hale, advocate for Marie Stover, was present to request the Town forgive taxes for, and deed Marie her brothers land in lieu of assistance for a different property or rental. The Town currently owns the property by means of tax acquisition. Wooster said the Board will have a resolution by the next regular meeting.
- 10. **Adjourn** - On the motion of Mohlie / Wooster, the Board **VOTED: To adjourn at 7:29 p.m. (Vote 4-0).**

Board of Selectmen: _____
Waldoboro, Maine

Rebecca B. Maxwell

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore M. Wooster

Michael C. Ducharme
Administrative Assistant

Clinton E. Collamore

Delia W. Mohlie