

Town of Waldoboro, Maine
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Municipal Building - 1600 Atlantic Highway
Tuesday, January 26, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** - This meeting was called to order by Chairman Collamore with a quorum present. Present were Ted Wooster, Robert Butler, Becky Maxwell, and Chairman Clint Collamore.
 - **Staff:** Town Manager William S. Post and Public Works Director John Daigle.
 - **Public:** Aaron Smeltzer and Elizabeth Petruska.
 - **Media:** Andrew Benore representing the *Village Soup* and Mary Ellen Crowley representing *Lincoln County Television*.

2. **Public Hearing**
 - 2.1 **Liquor License Renewal Application of Laura Cabot, Inc. d/b/a Laura Cabot Catering** - There was no public comment in reference to this Liquor License Renewal. The Police Chief has reported no issues for this establishment and therefore approves the renewal.

Butler noted the license application was not signed, there was no mention of a previous license and the license did not indicate the number of outstanding shares. The Town Manager indicated the owner had completed the application this morning at the Town Office.

On the motion of Wooster / Maxwell, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Liquor License Renewal Application of Laura Cabot, Inc. d/b/a Laura Cabot Catering.

3. **Citizens Comments** (For items not on the agenda) - None.

4. **Approve Consent Calendar** - On the motion of Maxwell / Butler, the Board voted 4-0 to approved the consent calendar as follows:
 - 4.1 **Meeting Minutes:**
 - 1.1.1. Regular Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2010
 - 4.2 **Warrants & Financial Reports:**
 - 1.1.2. General Fund Warrants 29 & 30.
 - 1.1.3. Payroll Warrants 29 & 30.
 - 4.3 **Correspondence**
 - 4.3.1 Joe March, re: Winter Roads (see attached).

5. **Action Items:**
 - 5.1. **Act on Contract for Disposition of Animals with Lincoln County Animal Shelter** - Annually the Town must contract with a shelter to which the Animal Control Officer would bring stray animals to. Historically this has been the Lincoln County Animal Shelter. This year the Shelter has requested \$3,825. The Town has budgeted \$2,300 which is the same as has been budgeted for the past several years. State law and the contract states they will accept the amount that

has been budgeted. The Town Manager recommends \$2,300 but will take into consideration the \$3,825 during this budget process.

On the motion of Butler / Wooster, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Contract for Disposition of Animals with Lincoln County Animal Shelter in the amount of \$2,300.

- 5.2. Act on Agreement for Professional Engineering Services for Landfill Water Monitoring with Pine Tree Engineering** - Per State regulations, we are responsible for monitoring ground and surface water quality at the closed portion of the landfill. Generally we contract with Pine Tree Engineering for all of the work at the landfill. This year's contract is for \$5,400, a small increase over last year.

On the motion of Wooster / Maxwell, the Board voted 3-1 (Butler opposed) to approve the Agreement for Professional Engineering Services for Landfill Water Monitoring with Pine Tree Engineering in the amount of \$5,400.

- 5.3. Act on Approval of Letter of Intent for ConnectME Grant to Expand Broadband Internet Access** - The letter of intent is still being developed by all parties involved. Both Time Warner and Midcoast Internet Solutions are being considered to partner with us for this grant.

On the motion of Wooster/ Maxwell, the Board voted 4-0 to authorize the Town Manager to submit a Letter of Intent for ConnectME Grant to expand broadband internet access when it is completed.

6. Discussion Items:

- 6.1. Discuss Snow Removal Process** - The Town Manager noted this discussion was for informational purposes for both the Board and public since there were many complaints from the downtown area from the last storm.

The Public Works Department is responsible for 87 miles of road, several town owned parking lots, the 2 town landings, the Town Office, the Transfer Station, and 114 intersections and turnarounds.

Road Commissioner Daigle explained as the storm is ending, they are in cleanup mode. It takes about 3 hours for cleanup, then about 4 hours for sanding. He feels public demand has increased for the downtown to be cleared, but unless he neglects the other roads, he would need to add more employees and equipment in order to keep up with the expectations for the downtown. It takes a driver about 3 hours to complete one pass on his route.

Winter maintenance costs the Waldoboro taxpayers \$2,500 per mile including the capital equipment budget. Other local towns are paying \$7,800 per mile. State DOT is \$5,500 per mile. Most towns are averaging \$4,000 not including their capital budget.

Butler said we should find another place to dump the snow that is removed from downtown rather than at the town landing. This is being looked into.

On the motion of Wooster / Butler, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the current snow removal process and to work to find another area to dump the snow that is removed from downtown.

- 6.2. Discuss Possible Acceptance of Credit Cards for Municipal Taxes, Fees, etc. -** Currently landowners can pay their property taxes online through Official Payments (from the Town's website) with a convenience fee. Almost daily there are customers that wish to use a credit / debit card at the front desk of the Town Office for registration, vital records, or taxes. We currently have no way of accommodating this. If we decide to accept cards at the Town Office, there also may be some fees involved for both the Town and the customer.

A consensus was reached by the Board to continue research on the possible acceptance of credit cards for municipal taxes, fees, etc.

- 7. Adjourn -** On the motion of Maxwell / Wooster, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Board of Selectmen:
Waldoboro, Maine

Clinton E. Collamore, Sr., Chair

Rebecca B. Maxwell, Co-chair

Theodore M. Wooster

Excused Absence _____

John T. Blamey

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

Robert L. Butler

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1/20/10

TO: WALDOBORO TOWN MANAGER

FROM: JOE MARCH

SUBJECT: WINTER ROADS

YESTERDAY (TUES 1/19) I DROVE THROUGH EIGHT TOWNS. FIVE STOPS TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO WORK TO KEEP WALDOBORO'S ROADS PLOWED, SALTED AND SANDED. IT WAS A TREAT TO HAVE STREETS PARED DOWN, PUSHED BACK AND SHIRSHAPE. WALDOBORO GETS OLYMPIC STATUS FOR THE BEST TOWN ON MY ROUTE BY FAR.

I HAVE DONE THIS TYPE OF WORK FOR OVER FORTY YEARS AND KNOW ABOUT THE LONG, ODD, TIRING FEELS INVOLVED.

MANY TIMES ALL YOU HEAR FROM THE TAX PAYER IS WHEN THEY ARE UNHAPPY. I WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE THAT. THANKS, YOU ARE THE A-TEAM.

PLEASE PASS MY THANKS ALONG TO ALL THE EMPLOYEES INVOLVED - DRIVERS, MECHANICS, OFFICE HELP, FOREMEN AND ALL THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE WELL OILED WINTER MACHINE.

TRULY HAPPY, ☺

JOE MARCH

FRIENDSHIP, ME