

Town of Waldoboro, Maine Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Lincoln, ss

State of Maine

TO: John F. Lash, a Constable for the Town of Waldoboro, in the County of Lincoln, State of Maine

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Waldoboro, in said County qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at the Waldoboro Municipal Building in said Town, on Tuesday, the Eleventh day of June, A.D. 2024 at 8 o'clock in the morning, then and there to act on the following articles.

The polls for voting on all articles will be opened at 8 o'clock in the morning and will close at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To elect all necessary town officers by secret ballot

SELECT BOARD, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

VOTE FOR TWO (2)

3 YEAR TERM

**Bragg, William
McGuirl, Brendan
O'Farrell, Sandra
Simmons, Abden
Stephens, Rebecca**

WRITE IN _____

WRITE IN _____

S.A.D. # 40 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VOTE FOR TWO (2) 3 YEAR TERM

**Karp, Steven
MacArthur, Tabatha
Stickney, Benjamin**

WRITE IN _____

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UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

VOTE FOR TWO (2) 3 YEAR TERM

**Barbour, Kevin Mark
Webster, Gordon**

WRITE IN _____

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BUDGET COMMITTEE

VOTE FOR TWO (2) 3 YEAR TERM

**Amico, Michael
Burton, Kelli**

WRITE IN _____

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MUNICIPAL BUDGET QUESTIONS

- Article 3.** Should any municipal budget question fail to pass, shall the Town authorize the Select Board to expend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the previous year's appropriation?

GENERAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLES

- Article 4.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,765** for the **Office of the Select Board? (5 unpaid Board members, legal services and includes a \$7,500 fuel reserve line item for increased fuel costs)**
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0

- Article 5.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$171,741** for the **Office of the Town Manager? (1 full-time 40 hours/week, 1 part time shared employee 36 hours/week & operating expenses)**
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 4, Opposed 0, Absent 0, Abstained 1
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0,

- Article 6.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$102,841** for the **Assessing Department? (1 full-time employee 32 hours/week & operating expenses)**
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0

Decrease of \$350.00 from initial request by Select Board, Budget Committee and Department Head.

- Article 7.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$289,431** for the **Finance and Customer Service Department? (1 full-time 40 hours/week, 1 full-time employee 36 hours/week & increased costs for online services & operating expenses)**
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 4, Opposed 0, Absent 0, Abstain 1
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 8, Opposed 0, Absent 1

Decrease of \$17,929 from initial request by Select Board, Budget Committee and Department Head.

- Article 8.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100,530** for the **Office of The Town Clerk? (1 full time employee 36 hours/week, 8 ballot clerks & operating expenses)**
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0

Article 9. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$33,435** for the **Municipal Building? (Utilities, maintenance & contracted cleaning has been divided between this article, and the EMS, Fire and Police Departments)**
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0

PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLES

Article 10. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,846,344** for **Emergency Medical Services? (9 full-time employees, 9 part-time, 17 per diem employees, operating expenses and utilities, maintenance & contracted cleaning).**
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0

Article 11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$269,960** for the **Fire Department? (22 paid volunteers, operating expenses, utilities, maintenance & contracted cleaning)**
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 8, Opposed 0, Abstain 1

Article 12. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,304,663** for the **Police Department? (8 full-time employees, 3 shared employees, operating expenses, utilities, maintenance & contracted cleaning)**
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 8, Opposed 0, Absent 1

Increase of \$89,713 from initial request by Select Board, Budget Committee and Department Head

Article 13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$32,921** for the **Shellfish Management Program? (1 part-time employee. This budget is fully funded by clamming license fees. No public funds are utilized.)**
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0

Article 14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$18,000** for **Animal Control? (Contracted through Lincoln County Sheriff's Office)**
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0

Article 15. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,014** for the **Emergency Management Agency Department? (1 part-time employee, 4 hours/week & operating expenses)**

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0

Article 16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$88,320** for **Fire Hydrants?**

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0

Article 17. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,000** for **Street Lights?**

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0

PUBLIC WORKS ARTICLES

Article 18. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,286,840** for **Public Works? (9 full-time employees, 1 shared employee & operating expenses)**

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 4, Opposed 0, Absent 0, Abstain 1

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0,

Decrease of \$21,701.00 from initial request by Select Board, Budget Committee and Department Head.

Article 19. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$11,750** for **Parks and Cemeteries?**

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0

SOCIAL SERVICES ARTICLES

Article 20. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** for **General Assistance?**

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0

Decrease of \$3,266 from initial budget by Select Board, Budget Committee

Article 21. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,886** for **New Hope for Women, Inc.?**

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0

- Article 22.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,930** for **Healthy Kids?**
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0
- Article 23.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,700** for **Spectrum Generations?**
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0
- Article 24.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** for **Waldoboro Food Pantry?**
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 3, Opposed 1, Absent 1
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 7, Opposed 1, Absent 1
- Article 25.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000** for **Veggies to Table?**
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0
- Article 26.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$90** for **Kennebec Behavioral Health?**
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0
- Article 27.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$650** for **Life Flight of Maine?**
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 8, Opposed 0, Absent 1

Decrease of \$638.00 from initial request by Select Board, Budget Committee and Department Head.

COMMUNITY SERVICES ARTICLES

Article 28. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$101,338** for the **Recreation Department? (1 full-time employee 36 hours & operating expenses)**

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 4, Opposed 0, Absent 1

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 7, Opposed 0, Absent 2

Article 29. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** for Local Access Cable Television (Lincoln County TV)?

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 4, Opposed 0, Absent 1

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 6, Opposed 2, Absent 1

Decrease of \$5,000 from initial request of \$20,000 by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 30. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000** for **Waldoboro Public Library?**

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 4, Opposed 0, Absent 1

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 7, Opposed 0, Absent 1, Abstain 1

Article 31. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$604** for **Waldoboro Sno-Crawlers?**

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 4, Opposed 0, Absent 1

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 8, Opposed 0, Absent 1

Article 32. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,000** for **Waldoborough Historical Society?**

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 4, Opposed 0, Absent 1

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 8, Opposed 0, Absent 1

Article 33. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,000** for **Waldo Theatre?**

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 3, Opposed 1, Absent 1

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 8, Opposed 0, Absent 1

Decrease of \$2,000 from initial request of \$10,000 by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 34. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000** for **Memorial Day Committee?**

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 4, Opposed 0, Absent 1

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 8, Opposed 0, Absent 1

Article 35. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,800** for **Waldoboro Day Committee?**

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 4 Opposed 0, Absent 1,

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 8, Opposed 0, Absent 1

Article 36. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,750** for **Sylvania** property for insurance and Land maintenance costs?

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ARTICLES

Article 37. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$162,867** for **Planning & Development? (1 full-time employee 36 hours/week, 1 contract Planner & operating expenses)**

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0

INSURANCE ARTICLES

Article 38. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$65,036** for the **Property & Liability Risk Pool? (Property & Liability Insurance)**

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0

DEBT SERVICE ARTICLES

Article 39. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$138,493** for **Debt Service?**

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0

OTHER FINANCING USES ARTICLES

Article 40. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$536,882** and transfer such funds to the **Transfer Station Fund** to fund Waldoboro's share of the transfer station budget? **(3 full-time employees, 2 shared employees & operating expenses)**
 Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 4, Opposed 0, Absent 0, Abstain 1
 Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 8, Opposed 0, Absent 1

Article 41. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,492,773** and transfer to the **Capital Reserve Fund** for capital improvements?

Fleet & Equipment

A.	EMS Equipment Reserve.....	\$216,500
B.	Fire Equipment Reserve.....	\$107,000
	<i>Increase of \$50,000 from initial budget of \$57,000 by Select Board, Budget Committee and Department Head.</i>	
C.	Police Equipment Reserve	\$55,500
D.	Public Works Equipment Reserve.....	\$120,000
E.	Public Buildings.....	\$150,000

Transportation Improvements

F.	Surface Paving Program.....	\$680,000
	<i>Increase of \$30,000 from initial budget of \$650,000 by Select Board, Budget Committee and Department Head.</i>	
G.	Highway Construction Reserve.....	\$60,000

Unemployment Reserve

H.	Unemployment Reserve	\$5,000
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Solid Waste Management

I.	Transfer Station Equipment.....	\$70,000
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Other Capital Reserves

J.	Solar Farm Purchase.....	\$82,000
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Capital Fund Total	\$1,546,000
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Less transfers from other sources	-\$53,227
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Total Waldoboro Share	\$1,492,773
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Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 4, Opposed 0, Absent 0, Abstain 1

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 7, Opposed 0, Absent 1, Abstain 1

Increase of \$80,000 from initial budget of \$1,466,000 by Select Board, Budget Committee and Department Head.

REVENUE ARTICLES

Article 42. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of **\$4,930,662** from the **Estimated Revenues Account** to be applied to reduce the 2025 tax rate?

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 8, Opposed 0, Absent 1

A.	Local Taxes (other than property taxes)	\$1,046,509
B.	Licenses and Permits	\$ 87,782
C.	Intergovernmental Revenues	\$1,066,612
D.	Charges for Services	\$1,369,439
E.	Other Revenues	\$ 94,497
F.	Other Financing Sources	\$ 1,265,823

Article 43. Shall the Town transfer the sum of **\$86,368** from the **Local Road Assistance Program Block Grant Fund** to the General Fund to be applied toward the Transportation Program?

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 4, Opposed 0, Absent 0, Abstain 1

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 8, Opposed 0, Absent 1

Article 44. Shall the Town increase the property tax levy limit of **\$478,600** established for the Town of Waldoboro by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit?

ORDINANCE ARTICLES

Article 45. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from the use of fund balance and TIF funds the sum of \$316,000 for the Town's share of a match for a broadband grant through Lincoln County.

Note: This article would bring fiber optic broadband to most, if not all, business and residential locations in Waldoboro and increase customer options for broadband services.

Article 46. Shall the Town vote to enact changes to the existing Land Use Ordinance that was approved on November 3, 2020? These changes include revisions to Articles 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 15 to the Land Use Ordinance? A copy of this proposed ordinance is on file with the Town Clerk for inspection.

Note: These changes include improvements amending standards for shipping containers and incorporating standards related to state legislation on housing.

Article 47. Shall the voters of the Town of Waldoboro adopt amendments to the municipal development and tax increment financing district and the development program for the district known as the "First Waldoboro Tax Increment Financing District Development Program"? These changes shall include amending the project list for eligible uses of funds and adding parcels into the program. A copy is on file at the Town Office for public inspection.

Note: These changes include placing the parcels known as the former Sylvania site (Map U2 Lot 2), the Hoffses House (Map U2 Lot 2A), and 3425 Atlantic Highway (R13 Lot 10F) into this Program and including projects that would allow potential redevelopment without using the Town of Waldoboro General Fund. The amended projects also include allowing funds for environmental protection of the water and sewer lines, upgrades to the town office, and covering administrative costs associated with the TIF program.

OTHER WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 48. Shall the Town vote to fix the fifteenth day of November 2024 and the fifteenth day of May 2025 when all 2025 taxes shall be due and payable in semi-annual installments and to instruct the Tax Collector to charge interest at 8.5% per annum on all taxes unpaid after said date(s)?

Article 49. Shall the Town vote to pay interest at 8.5% per annum on any amount overpaid on property taxes as noted in M.R.S.A. Title 36, §506-A?

Article 50. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to offer a 2025 Tax Club Plan to taxpayers who enroll no later than July 31, 2024 who pay the total amount of 2025 taxes by monthly payments from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025; who abide by the requirements of said plan; who shall receive from the Town, in return for such payments, full credit for such taxes paid without incurring any charge of interest?

Article 51. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as it may deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for such property? Property which, in the opinion of the Select Board, best serves the interest of the Town by remaining Town-owned property need not be sold.

- Article 52.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the transfer of all unexpended balances to fund balance and to authorize the overdrafts that may occur in the Town operations in the 2024 budget to be taken from fund balance?
- Article 53.** Shall the Town authorize the Select Board and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts, real estate, and certain funds, including trust funds and grant programs that may be given or left to the Town?
- Article 54.** Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §944 upon a finding by the Select Board that ownership of the property subject to the lien would be contrary to the Town's best interest?
- Article 55.** Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into boundary line agreements with abutting property owners to establish the boundary line of any property of the Town, including the boundary lines of the rights-of-ways?
- Article 56.** Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A., §2953?
- Article 57.** Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to spend funds from various reserve funds as it deems necessary in accordance with a Capital Improvement Program?
- Article 58.** Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to notify the Commissioner of the Department of Marine Resources that it wishes to exercise its rights to alewives in the Medomak River for the year 2025?
- Article 59.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the transfer of unexpended balances of the Shellfish Operating budget to be placed in the Shellfish Capital budget at fiscal year end? (These budget line items are fully funded by clamming license fees. No public funds are utilized.)
- Article 60.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the transfer of unallocated proceeds in the amount of \$203,000 from the sale of the Friendship St. School to the Capital Reserve Surface Paving Program?

Given under our hands at said Waldoboro, Maine this 7 day of May A.D., 2024.

Witness to all:

Julie L Keizer
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Town Manager

Abden Simmons

Abden Simmons, Chairman

John Blodgett

John Blodgett, Vice-chair

Robert L. Butler

Robert Butler

Michael Thayer

Michael Thayer

William Pratt

William Pratt

Board of Selectmen:

Town of Waldoboro, Maine

ATTEST: A true copy of the **2025 Annual Town Meeting Warrant** as certified to me by the Municipal Officers of Waldoboro on this 7 day of May A.D., 2024.



s/ PAMELA S. JAMESON

Pamela S. Jameson

Town Clerk

