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**Town of Waldoboro, Maine**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Municipal Building – 1600 Atlantic Highway**  
**October 9, 2018**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m., preceded by an executive session. Town Manager Julie Keizer was present. Select Board members present were Chairman Bob Butler, Clint Collamore, Jann Minzy, Abden Simmons, and Katie Winchenbach.

The audience included Beth Birmingham of the *Courier-Gazette*, Public Works Director John Daigle, Susan Price, Finance Director Peg Tynan (for Water Co. presentation), Alexander Violo of the *Lincoln County News*, and Freeman Zausner.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Public Hearing**

**3.1 Liquor License Renewal and Special Amusement Permit for Todd Mank d/b/a Bullwinkle's Family Steakhouse**

Police Chief Labombarde recommends approving renewal of the liquor license and special amusement permit for Bullwinkle's Family Steakhouse. There were no comments from members of the public. On motion of Collamore, seconded by Simmons, Board members voted 5 - 0 to approve renewal of the liquor license and special amusement permit for Todd Mank d/b/a Bullwinkle's Family Steakhouse.

**4. Adjustments to the Agenda - none**

**5. Maine Water Co. Presentation – Financial Summary and Rate Recommendation**

Rick Knowlton, president of Maine Water Co., gave out copies of a seven-page financial summary giving the current financial picture, a five-year forecast 2019 - 2024, financial recommendations, a comparison of area water rates (Waldoboro's rate is lower than that of two other area water companies), a detailed income statement and cash flow for Waldoboro Water Co., and a sheet showing the effects of the proposed water bill increase for a typical home and a minimum water user. Water consumption has declined nationally and in Waldoboro. There are about 500 connections to public water in Waldoboro (homes, schools and businesses), mainly in-town in the village area. Public water service extends east to Moody's on Rt. 1, and to the mobile home park opposite the former Sylvania site on Route 220.

Maine Water has hired Wright-Pierce Engineering to update the master plan for the system for the next 20 years. The update should be available by the end of October.

The last rate increase was in 2005. Knowlton proposes a rate increase of 17.5% starting in early 2019. The proposed increase would amount to \$47.96 per year or 13 cents per day for a typical home, and \$41.03 per year or 11 cents per day for a minimum user. The average annual water bill in Maine is around \$350. The typical home in Waldoboro pays \$274 per year, which would increase to \$322/year if the 17.5% rate increase is approved.

Knowlton said he can host a public meeting in Waldoboro to answer questions from residents. Maine Water can assist the Town with its application to the Maine Public Utilities Commission for a rate increase. The process takes three or four months. Waldoboro could file an application in early 2019 for a rate increase starting in July. Customers who go away for part of the year can arrange for their water to be shut off, so that they are not paying for water service while away. There is no charge to shut the water off, but there is a \$40 fee to re-connect.

Simmons recommended review of Water Co. rates every five years. Butler called for having Knowlton come to a Select Board meeting every two years. Knowlton said that someday it will be necessary to replace asbestos-cement pipe used in the past, at a cost of \$1 million per mile.

Knowlton asked for a decision about the rate increase by January, the sooner the better. The Water Company presentation ended at 7 p.m.

## **6. Citizen Comments – none**

## **7. Select Board Comments**

- Minzy said that it is important to have stability in Town government. There has been a lot of turn-over in Town Managers since Lee Smith was Town Manager. She hopes that Keizer will stay a long time. There was a recent good article about Waldoboro in the *Lincoln County News*.
- Butler said that the Oct. 13 Art Walk will be the last of the season. The Historical Society has two paintings for sale. The Waldoboro Library is continuing its fundraising efforts. He hopes that people will remember to send money to the Library, in response to its Annual Appeal.

## **8. Town Manager's Report**

- A second RFP for LED street lights has gone out. Bids are due by October 15.
- There will be no haunted house event at A.D. Gray this year. The Fire Dept. made an inspection and found that the site is not suitable.
- Cross St. is still closed.
- There will be three interviews tomorrow for the position of Police Chief.
- There will be more water quality testing of the Medomak River. Simmons reported that more beaver dams have been found on the river and its tributaries.
- There is a new Facebook page on the Medomak Project.
- Keizer had a great meeting at the YMCA last week. We need serious conversation about social programs at the Y. We need to address poverty and drug use. The Y has programs that can help with the latter, partnering with Lincoln Health. We need to keep an open mind and look outside the box for ways to serve the public.

## **9. Consent Calendar**

### **9.1 Approval of Minutes of September 25, 2018**

### **9.2 Financial Warrants & Reports: Warrants 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25**

### **9.3 Correspondence - none**

### **9.4 Quitclaim Deeds and Discharges - none**

On motion of Winchenbach, seconded by Collamore, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent calendar.

## **10. Old Business**

### **10.1 Update on Winslows Mills Road Derelict Buildings**

We are working with the owners of the derelict buildings at 992 and 994 Winslows Mills Rd. They have paid back taxes, but the buildings have not been repaired.

### **10.2 Update on Intersection of Route 1 and Route 220; Route 32**

Keizer and Police Sergeant Jamie Wilson have met with MDOT engineers. The new lines don't help the problem. We may need a traffic light with turn signals. The design of the intersection was approved by a previous Select Board in 2012 - 2013. The intersection of Route 32 with Route 1 also needs attention.

### **10.3 Update on Police Chief Search Committee**

Three candidates will be interviewed on Wednesday, Oct. 10: an internal candidate, a local resident, and a person from Connecticut.

## **11. New Business**

**11.1. Trash Hauler Contract Discussion**

John Daigle has found someone to haul for him. The work will be done in a couple of weeks.

**11.2 Downtown Parking**

Daigle cannot legally remove the parking spaces on Main Street in front of the Cohen law office. Townspeople would have to vote to change the current parking ordinance. The Select Board cannot change the ordinance.

**12. Executive Session (s) - none**

**13. Adjournment**

On motion of Collamore, seconded by Winchenbach, Select Board members voted 5 - 0 to adjourn the Select Board meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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