

Town of Waldoboro, Maine

Annual Town Meeting Results

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

SELECT BOARD, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR VOTE FOR One (1) 3 YEAR TERM

Bragg, William	308
Mahar, Reuben	363

S.A.D. # 40 BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTE FOR ONE (1) 3 YEAR TERM

Jackson, Danny	487
Sleeper, Sonja	213

UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTE FOR ONE (1) 3 YEAR TERM

Leamon, Ann	266
Thayer, Michael	325

BUDGET COMMITTEE VOTE FOR THREE (3) 3 YEAR TERM

Hunter, Benjamin	387
Lawrence, Matthew	369
Morin, Calvin	297
Skov, Valdemar	417

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?

YES 723

NO 424

GENERAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLES

Article 4. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$26,190** for the **Office of the Select Board? (5 unpaid Board members, legal services and includes a \$7,500 contingency)**

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

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

YES 482

NO 205

Article 5. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$179,590** 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, Abstained 0

YES 455

NO 236

Article 6. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$110,709** for the **Assessing Department? (1 full-time employee 32 hours/week & operating expenses)**

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

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

YES 436

NO 253

Article 7. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$278,707** for the **Finance and Customer Service Department? (1 full-time 40 hours/week, 1 full-time employee 36 hours/week, 1 part-time employee 16 hours/week & increased costs for online services & operating expenses)**

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

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

Decrease of \$2,606 from initial request by Select Board, Budget Committee and Department Head.

YES 448

NO 239

Article 8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$110,020** 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, Abstained 0

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

YES 513

NO 176

Article 9. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$47,082** for the **Municipal Building?** **(Utilities, maintenance & contracted cleaning has been divided between this article, and the EMS, Fire and Police Department articles)**
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0, Abstained 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 7, Opposed 0, Absent 2, Abstained 0
Decrease of \$1,449 from initial request by Select Board, Budget Committee and Department Head.

YES	568
NO	123

PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLES

Article 10. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,069,938** for **Emergency Medical Services? (11 full-time employees, 3 part-time, 22 per diem employees, operating expenses and utilities, maintenance & contracted cleaning).**
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 3, Opposed 1, Absent 1, Abstained 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0, Abstained 0
Decrease of \$30,144 from initial request by Select Board, Budget Committee and Department Head.
A portion of this appropriation is offset by service charges.

YES	541
NO	153

Article 11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$297,613** for the **Fire Department? (22 paid volunteers, operating expenses, utilities, maintenance & contracted cleaning)**
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 4, Opposed 0, Absent 1, Abstained 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 7, Opposed 0, Absent 1, Abstained 1
Decrease of \$5,947 from initial request by Select Board, Budget Committee and Department Head.

YES	577
NO	119

Article 12. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,391,897** for the **Police Department? (8 full-time employees, 5 part-time employees, 2 shared employees, operating expenses, utilities, maintenance & contracted cleaning)**
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0, Abstained 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0, Abstained 0
Decrease of \$4,780 from initial request by Select Board, Budget Committee and Department Head.
A portion of this appropriation is offset by service charges.

YES	512
NO	181

Article 13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$28,860** 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 3, Opposed 1, Absent 1, Abstained 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 8, Opposed 0, Absent 1, Abstained 0
Decrease of \$3,225 from initial request by Shellfish Committee, Select Board, and Budget committee.

YES	580
NO	132

Article 14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$24,904** for **Animal Control?**
(The ACO is contracted through Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, this also includes shelter fees)

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

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

YES 550
NO 162

Article 15. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,299** 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, Abstained 0

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

YES 544
NO 168

Article 16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$90,000** for **Fire Hydrants?**

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

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0, Abstained 0
This is based on a Public Utilities calculation.

YES 541
NO 171

Article 17. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,348** for **Street Lights?**

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

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

YES 515
NO 193

PUBLIC WORKS ARTICLES

Article 18. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,352,230** for **Public Works?**
(8 full-time employees, 1 shared employee & operating expenses)

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

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0, Abstained 0
Decrease of \$2,870 from initial request by Select Board, Budget Committee and Department Head.

YES 563
NO 149

Article 19. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$13,200** for **Parks and Cemeteries?**

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

Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0, Abstained 0
This includes \$1,000 to purchase flags for Veterans graves.

YES 584
NO 128

SOCIAL SERVICES ARTICLES

- Article 20.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$22,554** for **General Assistance**?
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 4, Opposed 1, Absent 0, Abstained 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 7, Opposed 0, Absent 2, Abstained 0
The State of Maine reimburses the Town 70% of the cost of assistance provided to residents.

YES 539
NO 167

- Article 21.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** for **Waldoboro Food Pantry**?
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 4, Opposed 1, Absent 0, Abstained 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 7, Opposed 0, Absent 2, Abstained 0
In order to offset the tax burden, the Town is utilizing \$10,000 from the Philbrook Trust Fund to fully fund the \$20,000 request from the WFP.

YES 569
NO 146

- Article 22.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,200** for **Veggies to Table**?
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 4, Opposed 1, Absent 0, Abstained 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 8, Opposed 0, Absent 1, Abstained 0

YES 508
NO 205

- Article 23.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$650** for **Life Flight of Maine**?
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 4, Opposed 1, Absent 0, Abstained 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 8, Opposed 1, Absent 0, Abstained 0
Decrease of \$639 from initial request by Select Board and Budget Committee

YES 626
NO 81

COMMUNITY SERVICES ARTICLES

- Article 24.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$103,175** for the **Recreation Department? (1 full-time employee 36 hours & operating expenses)**?
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 4, Opposed 1, Absent 0, Abstained 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Absent 0, Abstained 0
Decrease of \$2,750 from initial request by Select Board, Budget Committee and Department Head.

YES 447
NO 257

- Article 25.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000** for **Waldoboro Public Library**?
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0, Abstained 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 8, Opposed 0, Absent 0, Abstained 1

YES 492
NO 217

Article 26. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000** for **Waldoboro Sno-Crawlers?**
Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0, Abstained 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 8, Opposed 0, Absent 1, Abstained 0
This is offset by fees paid to the Town for snowmobile & ATV registrations. The SnoCrawlers, a volunteer organization, maintain 30 miles of groomed snowmobile trails in Waldoboro.

YES 417
NO 289

Article 27. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,500** for **Waldoborough Historical Society?**

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 3, Opposed 1, Absent 1, Abstained 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 8, Opposed 0, Absent 1, Abstained 0
Request reduced by Agency of \$500.

YES 501
NO 205

Article 28. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,800** for **Waldoboro Day Committee?**

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 4 Opposed 1, Absent 0, Abstained 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 8, Opposed 0, Absent 1, Abstained 0

YES 471
NO 231

Article 29. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500** for Medomak River Community Park (former Sylvania Property) for land maintenance costs?

Select Board recommends. Vote: In Favor 5, Opposed 0, Absent 0, Abstained 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 7, Opposed 0, Absent 2, Abstained 0

YES 461
NO 244

Article 30. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,000** for Midcoast Conservancy?

Select Board does not recommend. Vote: In Favor 0, Opposed 4, Absent 0, Abstained 1
Budget Committee does not recommend. Vote: In Favor 3, Opposed 4, Absent 2, Abstained 0
This agency has submitted a petition requesting the town provide a contribution through the town budget by the agency request procedure adopted by the Select Board.

YES 295
NO 410

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ARTICLES

Article 31. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$171,095** for **Code Enforcement, 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, Abstained 0
Budget Committee recommends. Vote: In Favor 7, Opposed 0, Absent 2, Abstained 0
Decrease of \$1,000 from initial request by Select Board, Budget Committee and Department Head.

YES 441
NO 259

INSURANCE ARTICLES

Article 32. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$69,537** for Property & Liability Insurance?

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

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

YES 549

NO 154

DEBT SERVICE ARTICLES

Article 33. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$145,493** for **Debt Service?**

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

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

YES 496

NO 202

OTHER FINANCING USES ARTICLES

Article 34. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$602,055** and transfer such funds to the **Transfer Station Fund** to fund Waldoboro's share of the transfer station budget? **(3 full-time employees, 1 part-time employee & operating expenses)**

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

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

Towns of Friendship and Cushing share in the cost of operation of Transfer Station.

YES 565

NO 144

Article 35. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,262,082** and transfer to the **Capital Reserve Fund** for capital improvements?

Fleet & Equipment

A. EMS Equipment Reserve \$219,700

Decrease of \$60,000 from initial budget of \$279,700 by Select Board, Budget Committee and Department Head.

B. Fire Equipment Reserve \$89,000

C. Police Equipment Reserve \$25,300

Decrease of \$25,000 from initial budget of \$50,300 by Select Board, Budget Committee and Department Head.

D. Public Works Equipment Reserve \$265,387

E. Public Buildings **\$45,000**

Transportation Improvements

F. Surface Paving Program \$400,000

Decrease of \$69,920 from initial budget of \$469,920 by Select Board, Budget Committee & Department Head.

G. Highway Construction Reserve \$170,000

Decrease of \$100,000 from initial budget of \$270,000 by Select Board, Budget committee and Department Head.

H. Sidewalk Reserve.....\$15,000

Solid Waste Management

I. Transfer Station Equipment.....\$50,000

Capital Fund Total **\$1,279,387**

Less transfers from other sources **-\$17,305**

Total Waldoboro Share \$1,262,082

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

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

Decrease of \$286,818 from initial budget of \$1,548,900 by Select Board, Budget Committee and Department Heads.

YES 552

NO 156

REVENUE ARTICLES

Article 36. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of **\$5,392,383** from the **Estimated Revenues Account** to be applied to reduce the 2026 tax rate?

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

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

A.	Local Taxes (other than property taxes)	\$ 1,271,509
B.	Licenses and Permits	\$ 84,047
C.	Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 1,322,681
D.	Charges for Services	\$ 1,520,512
E.	Other Revenues	\$ 124,018
F.	Utilization of Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$ 1,069,616

YES 619
NO 89

ORDINANCE ARTICLES

Article 37. 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 Article 6 of the Land Use Ordinance.

A copy of this proposed ordinance is on file with the Town Clerk for inspection.

Note: These changes include amendments to the matrix chart and minimum dimensional standards based on feedback received in the past year.

YES 411
NO 244

Article 38. Shall the voters of the Town of Waldoboro adopt the Waldoboro Downtown Revitalization Master Plan?

A copy is on file at the Town Office for public inspection.

Note: While originally accepted by the Waldoboro Select Board in 2011, the Downtown Revitalization Master Plan was never approved at a Town Meeting. By adopting the updated Master Plan, the Town can pursue grants specifically for investments in the downtown. The proposed plan uses most of the strategies and goals outlined in the 2011 plan, but it removes outdated materials, updates the projects for Waldoboro to pursue, and adjusts the boundary line.

YES 458
NO 236

Article 39. Shall the voters of the Town of Waldoboro adopt an amendment 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"? A copy is on file at the Town Office for public inspection.

Note: The amendment would create a Credit Enhancement Agreement (CEA) with Volunteers of America to support the affordable housing development at 56 School Street. This Agreement would replace the previously approved PILOT(Payment in Lieu of Taxes) agreement. If approved, the Town would receive an estimated \$9,389 in annual tax revenue from the CEA compared to \$5,000 from the PILOT Agreement.

YES 463
NO 210

Article 40. Shall the Town vote to adopt an ordinance entitled Sex Offender Residency Restriction Ordinance? This ordinance establishes a 2,500-foot buffer for residency near schools and other publicly owned property where children gather.
A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file at the Office of the Town Clerk.

YES 616
NO 78

OTHER WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 41. Shall the Town vote to fix the fifteenth day of November 2025 and the fifteenth day of May 2026 when all 2026 taxes shall be due and payable in semi-annual installments and to instruct the Tax Collector to charge interest at **7.5%** per annum on all taxes unpaid after said date(s)?

YES 566
NO 135

Article 42. Shall the Town vote to pay interest at **7.5%** per annum on any amount overpaid on property taxes as noted in M.R.S.A. Title 36, §506-A?

YES 558
NO 140

Article 43. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to offer a 2026 Tax Club Plan to taxpayers who enroll no later than July 31, 2025 who pay the total amount of 2026 taxes by monthly payments from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026; 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?

YES 603
NO 89

Article 44. 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.

YES 528
NO 167

Article 45. 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 2025 budget to be taken from fund balance?

YES 536
NO 150

Article 46. 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?

YES 598
NO 100

- Article 47.** Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board 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?
- YES 561**
NO 123
- Article 48.** 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?
- YES 536**
NO 152
- Article 49.** 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?
- YES 595**
NO 103
- Article 50.** 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?
- YES 485**
NO 206
- Article 51.** 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 2026?
- YES 609**
NO 85
- Article 52.** 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.)
- YES 620**
NO 79

Given under our hands at said Waldoboro, Maine this _____ day of May A.D., 2025.

Witness to all:

John Blodgett, Chairman

Julie L Keizer
Town Manager

Michael Thayer, Vice-chair

Robert Butler

Abden Simmons

Rebecca Stephens

Board of Selectmen:
Town of Waldoboro, Maine

ATTEST: A true copy of the **2026 Annual Town Meeting Warrant** as certified to me by the Municipal Officers of Waldoboro on this _____ day of May A.D., 2025.



s/ PAMELA S. JAMESON

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Town Clerk