TOWN OF ACTON, MAINE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OCTOBER 31, 2006

- 1. **PUBLIC FORUM:** Bob Anderson suggested that since the Town Clerk and Treasurer claim to be needing to work so many extra hours, the Town should put in a time clock to see how many hours they are actually working. Nancy said she does not feel this is necessary or an option since they are salaried and not on hour pay.
- 2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approved with the addition of 6.(C).
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved as written.
- 4. **WARRANT:** Approved and signed.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- (A) ASSESSING: The State of Maine Revenue Services Property Tax Division has notified the Town that the preliminary State Valuation of for 2007 is \$607,700,000, an increase of 102,200,000 or 20.2% over last year. This valuation represents the full equalized value of all taxable property in the municipality. The Town's revaluation was completed in 2004, so the Town has been certifying it's assessments at 100% value. However, sales recorded with the State Revenue Services show that the Town's assessment valuation is now less than market value. While there were fewer sales than last year, properties are selling for prices that are higher than the assessed values. The State of Maine requires that municipalities maintain an assessment ratio of at least 70% of market value.
- **(B) CABLE CONTRACT:** No action.
- (C) CARTOGRAPHIC MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS: Signed.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- (A) STATE HOLIDAY NOVEMBER 10: All municipal offices will be closed.
- (B) PSAP REPORT: Nancy attended the October 26 meeting at Alfred. They have requested a member and an alternate on the Southern Maine DPS Group from each town. On a motion by Jim, Chip Venell was appointed as a member and Ben Gore as alternate. Selectmen signed an agreement concerning integration of the York County Emergency Communications and the Maine Department of Public Safety and an agreement concerning the formation of the Southern Maine DPS Advisory Group. Equipment modification cost is estimated at \$2,500.
- (C) WEB SITE: The Town's web site is up and running at actonmaine.org. Tony suggested Lorraine note it in her column and ask the public if they have any information they would like to see included on the site.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

- 7. MEETINGS SCHEDULED:
- 8. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nancy Ruma, Tony Cogliandro, Jim Driscoll
- 9. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Bob Anderson, Dennis Long, Chip Venell, Lorraine Yeaton