



**TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2008**

Fern Larochelle, Jr., At Large 2010
Charles Smith, At Large 2008
Michael Bowie, At Large 2009
Gina Mason, District 1 2010
Janet Henry, District 1 2009
Dale Crafts, District 2 2010
Norma Wells, District 2 2009

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. The Chairman, Norma Wells, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and waived the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL. Members present were Councilors Wells, Smith, Bowie, Mason (arriving at 7:49 PM), Crafts (arriving at 6:52 PM), Henry (arriving at 7:08 PM), and Larochelle. Also present were Stephen Eldridge, Town Manager; David Brooks, Police Chief; Mark Stevens, Recreation Director; Layne Curtis, Budget Advisory Board Member; and no citizens in the audience.

COUNCIL ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

2008-32 ORDER TO POST ROAD

VOTE (2007-32) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to approve posting weight limits for the following roads from March 17, 2008 through May 1, 2008:

Bowdoinham Road	Littlefield Road
Edgecomb Road	Mill St - New Construction
Ferry Road	Moody Road
Fisher Road	Pinewoods Road
Gould Road	River Road
Hudon Road	Store Road
Keay Road	Summer Street
King Road	Burrough Road

Wing Street and Webster Road to be posted year around

Order passed - Vote 6-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mr. Eldridge pointed out that the school budget came in at \$15,371,236 this year and that their state subsidy will be approximately \$8,883,784. The increase to their budget is \$286,710 or a 1.91% increase over last year's budget. He updated the Council about the State \$536,292 educational fund shortage and the municipal revenue shortage of \$487,701. Councilor Smith explained that Lisbon residents have benefited from using undesignated surplus for the past four or five years. He said he would like residents to understand and help the Council get through these tough times by supporting the budget without the use of undesignated funds. Mr. Eldridge pointed out that operational funds were on the low side; Lisbon should have two to three months worth of operational funds in surplus. He recommended rebuilding funds by appropriately budgeting overlay, which has been under budgeted for years.

Mr. Eldridge asked the Council for input on which items they would like put into the bond. The Council talked about what they might want in the bond. The council discussed putting police cruisers, paving, and the technology projects back into the Capital Improvement Plan. They talked about bonding the Public Work's Capital projects, the Solid Waste roll off container & building, the furnace and truck for Beaver Park, the MTM Center building upgrades, and the revaluation.

Councilor Crafts suggested cutting the Police budget by eliminating the IT person and one Detective. He said he wanted to see department budgets cut by 5 to 10% across the board. Councilor Smith suggested finding out what the value of the 20 acres on Route 9 would be in case Lisbon wanted to sell it down the road. Councilor Larochelle suggested reviewing Solid Waste fees. Councilor Bowie asked that Mr. Eldridge look into whether Lisbon is receiving reimbursement from the state for Route 196, Upland Road, and Route 9. Councilor Wells recommended and the Council agreed to keep \$1000 in the budget for LACO.

The Council unanimously asked the Town Manager to reduce each department's budget by 5%, and to inform the School that the Council wanted them to reduce their budget by 5% as well.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE (2007-33) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Mason moved to adjourn at 9:05 PM.
Order passed - Vote 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Twila Lycette, Council Secretary
Town Clerk, Lifetime CCM

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