



**TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 27, 2007**

Charles Smith – At Large
Layne Curtis – At Large
Michael Bowie – At Large
Gina Mason – District 1
Janet Henry – District 1
Dale Crafts – District 2
Norma Wells – District 2

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. The Chairman, Layne Curtis called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL. Council Members present were Councilors Smith, Curtis, Mason, Henry, Crafts, and Wells. Councilor Bowie was excused. School Committee Members present were Deborah Danuski, Prudence Grant, Traci Austin, Pete Reed, and Janice Chizmar. Budget Advisory Board Members present were Richard Main (arrived at 6:05 PM), Walter Morse, and Lori Pomelow. Absent were Paul Chizmar, Steven Curtis, Hale Chase, and Roger Cote. Also present were Curtis Lunt, Town Manager; Dr. Shannon Welsh, School Superintendent; Cathy Mesmer, School Department Business Manager; Carlene Iverson, Community School Principal; Richard Healy, High School Principal; Twila Lycette, Town Clerk; Daniel Feeney, Economic Development Director; Judy Hardy-Goddard, Welfare Director; Ryan Leighton, Town Engineer; Gerald Samson, Assessor/CEO; David Brooks, Police Chief; and approximately fourteen citizens in the audience.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2007-08 TOWN AND SCHOOL BUDGETS

The Chairman opened the public hearing.

Mrs. Grant asked how the Town was notified of the public hearing; Mr. Lunt stated that it was posted in the Sun Journal, the Town Office, Post Offices, and on the Town website.

Ken Wells asked what a Type-A lunch program was, and why it was needed in Lisbon's schools. Mrs. Grant said that it is the standard school lunch, and that although it is not self-supporting as was the ala carte program, federal funding is available for it. Mr. Wells asked what the additional days of school were for and who wanted them; Ms. Austin explained that the staff had expressed a need for extra time to assess students.

Holly Randall asked if the idea of building a new school modular rather than leasing, which was previously discussed at a School Committee meeting, was still being pursued. Mr. Reed said that funds have been added to the budget for that purpose. Miss Randall suggested that they set aside the scheduled upgrades to the sports programs for this year to offset the modular costs; Mr. Reed said that is a very good option.

Mr. Wells asked what was wrong with Animal Control's pickup truck, and whether they were purchasing a new or used model. Mr. Lunt explained that the current truck was purchased used, and that is budgeted to be replaced with a new 4-wheel drive model; the Town of Sabattus will pay 45%.

Seeing no further comments, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE (2007-038) Councilor Crafts, seconded by Councilor Smith, moved to adjourn at 6:16 PM. Order passed - Vote 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Juliet C. LeBlond
Assistant Town Clerk