



**TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 15, 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 and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL. Members present were Councilors Wells, Smith, Bowie, Mason, Crafts, Henry, and Larochelle. Also present were Stephen Eldridge, Town Manager; David Brooks, Police Chief; Mark Stevens, Recreation Director; Gerald Samson, Assessor/CEO; Cathy Ricker, Finance Director; and approximately 45 citizens in the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA

VOTE (2008-112) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to approve a 12-Month Mass Gathering Permit for James & Paulette Carville d/b/a Riverside Flea Market and the minutes of July 1, 2008. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

COUNCIL ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

SLUDGE BIDS

VOTE (2008-113) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved to award the Sludge bid to a three-year contract to New England Organics at \$86.50 per ton. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

SEA NYPMH BOAT & TRAILER BIDS

VOTE (2008-114) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to award the boat and trailer bid to Warren Smith of Livermore Falls for \$222.22. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

OFFICIAL VOTE FOR MMA
VICE PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

VOTE (2008-115) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Mason moved to cast a ballot for John Sylvester for Vice-President, and Mark Green, Ryan Pelletier, George Richardson for Directors. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

POLICE CRUISER BIDS

VOTE (2008-116) Councilor Larochelle, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to award the Police Cruiser bid to Irwin Motors for a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria for \$18,009. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

OTHER BUSINESS

A. POLLING PLACES FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION

The Town Clerk presented information on a couple of possible polling locations. She said the Christian Academy's Gym and the Holy Trinity Church's Community Room were options. She said the Christian Academy's gym was definitely big enough, but there were some issues over entering and exiting onto Route 196. She said she visited Holy Trinity's Community Room today and thought it might be sufficient and that parking would definitely be adequate. This facility dumps vehicles onto Frost Hill Avenue so traffic for Lisbon Falls ends up entering Route 196 at a controlled intersection while traffic for the Village enters Route 196 at the boat launch. Another plus is the fact that there are two separate driveways to this site so vehicles can use one to enter and the other to exit.

The Town Clerk pointed out that as many as 2,000 voters may come to vote between 4PM and 8PM (4 hrs) with 500 voting per hour as compared to 3,000 voting between 7AM and 4PM (9 hrs).

The Town Clerk pointed out that at a consolidated site with 50 to 60 booths, as many as 360 voters could vote per hour leaving 140 voters waiting in line if each voter took ten minutes to vote. She said if the local ballot contained seven charter questions like the November 2006 ballot it would take each voter twenty minutes, then only 180 voters could vote per hour leaving 320 voters waiting in line.

Should the Council keep two polling locations one at each end of town then each polling place would have 25 to 30 booths. As many as 160 voters could vote per hour leaving 90 voters waiting in line if each voter took ten minutes to vote. At twenty minutes, only 80 voters could vote per hour leaving 170 voters waiting in line.

The Town Clerk said she thought the capacity level at the MTM gym was about 75, the old Lisbon Elementary gym being slightly smaller might be 60, and that the Town Hall Conference Room was approximately 50.

The Council Chair requested the Town Manager schedule a Public Hearing for August 5.

B. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Ricker said the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 budget figures were not final yet and that \$57,000 in this week's warrant has to be booked still. She reported revenues were up \$250,000 and that she expected more from Tree Growth and General Assistance reimbursements. She said recycling was up \$24,000 along with Revenue Sharing at \$9,000. She said she was working on the list of carry forwards and that it could be around \$135,000.

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Eldridge said he attended a recent Lewiston/Auburn Railroad meeting. Discussions pertained to promoting increased rail service and working with the businesses. He said talks include ending the system at Dingley, however he recommended Longchamps since one business previously opted to locate somewhere else because there was no rail service there.

Mr. Eldridge informed the Council that Andre Bonneau was requesting that the four all day parking spaces in front of their business be limited to half-hour or one hour parking.

Mr. Eldridge pointed out next year's budget process would be a little different. He presented a detailed outline of the new budget process (see attached).

Mr. Eldridge announced the annual Employee Picnic would be at Beaver Park on July 27 this year and reminded everyone to RSVP soon.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Lori Pomelow pointed out that she was more than dissatisfied with the July 1 Council meeting. She briefly explained that the Budget Advisory Board needed information in a timely manner, especially when reviewing transfers and annual budgets.

Roger Cote suggested the Council attend MMA's training workshops. He suggested Councilors remove themselves when conflict of interest issues come up for discussion and approval.

Dorothy Fitzgerald requested that salaries and employees be included in the Town Report. Councilor Wells explained that this information was available at the Town Office. Mrs. Fitzgerald said she obtained copies and paid \$22.

Councilor Smith said the Council was open to hear comments and more than willing to provide answers.

APPOINTMENTS

ARTC APPOINTMENTS

VOTE (2008-117) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to appoint Ryan Leighton to the Technical Committee, Stephen Eldridge to the Policy Committee, Elwood Beal an alternate to the Technical Committee, and Lori Pomelow an alternate to the Policy Committee. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

This committee meets monthly in Lewiston on Thursday mornings at 10AM.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Mason encouraged residents to call her and to get information from the source. She said Rosie Bradley is forming a community visioning committee and encouraged those interested to participate. She indicated Lisbon would be applying for a grant to make our town a better place. The grant requires information about the "spirit" of the town and that demonstrating a lot of town spirit could help Lisbon win this grant.

Councilor Henry thanked Councilor Larochelle and Campbell's Used Auto Parts for hauling the jail to Main Street for Moxie Day. She said the proceeds went to the hockey team, which needs to raise \$9,000 by September 1.

Councilor Wells quoted Rosie Bradley's memo that said negativity would drive new businesses away and hurt the Town. She announced Lisbon's bottle drive on August 2 for hockey and encouraged all to get the word out to help support the program.

Councilor Crafts articulated how impressed he was over Moxie weekend. He said this event really does a lot for our community. He thanked Mr. Eldridge and Public Works for fixing the sidewalk at the Town Office.

Councilor Laroche said negativity breeds negativity and encouraged residents to ask questions, get the right facts, and then to do something positive to try to correct something. He explained that there was nothing that could not be resolved if everyone works together.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTE (2008-118) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved at 8:43 PM to go into Executive Session per 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (a) to discuss personnel matters. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.** The Council Chair dismissed the Council Secretary. The Council came out of executive session at 10:02 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE (2007-119) Councilor Mason, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to adjourn at 10:03 PM. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Twila Lycette, Council Secretary
Town Clerk, Lifetime CCM

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