



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 7, 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 in the Police Department Conference Room and waived the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 6:30 PM.

Members present were Councilors Wells, Smith, Bowie, Mason, Crafts, and Larochelle. Also present were Stephen Eldridge, Town Manager and Roger Therriault, Town Attorney. Committee applicants were present as well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTE (2008-161) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Bowie moved to go into Executive Session per 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matters (Committee Interviews), (d) Labor Negotiations, (E) Legal Matters at 6:31 PM. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

The Chairman dismissed the Council Secretary. The Council came out of executive session at 7:29 PM. The Council reconvened the meeting in the Council Chambers at 7:30 PM and Councilor Wells lead the audience in the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL. Members present were Councilors Wells, Smith, Bowie, Mason, Crafts, Larochelle, and Henry (arriving at 7:20 PM). Also present were Stephen Eldridge, Town Manager; Ryan Leighton, Town Engineer; Cathy Ricker, Finance Director; Gerald Samson, Assessor/CEO; Mark Stevens, Recreation Director; David Brooks, Police Chief; and approximately 25 citizens in the audience.

PUBLIC HEARING

ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE AQUIFER PROTECTION OVERLAY DISTRICT IN THE VILLAGE ZONE

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments. The Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

RENEWAL LIQUOR LICENSE & SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PERMITS FOR THE LEFT HAND CLUB AND THE COOMBS MOUNTFORT POST 158

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments. The Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

VOTE (2008-162) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to take Appointments up out of order. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

APPOINTMENTS
(Item Taken Up Out Of Order)

WARDENS FOR OCTOBER 28 & NOVEMBER 4

VOTE (2008-171) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to appoint the following individuals:

October 28, 2008 Election:

Ward/District 2: Sheila Gray, Warden

November 4, 2008 Election:

Ward/District 1: Sheila Gray Warden and Monique Gayton Deputy Warden

Ward/District 2: Jody Durisko, Warden and Edward Madden, Deputy Warden

Order passed – Vote 7-0.

ETHICS PANEL/ONE 3-YEAR TERM EXPIRING IN 2011

VOTE (2008-172) Councilor Bowie nominated Ross Cunningham. Councilor Smith nominated David Bowie. Councilor Henry nominated John Wierzbicki. Councilor Mason nominated Sandy Craig. Ballots were cast and **David Bowie was duly appointed** with four votes.

ETHICS PANEL/ONE 1-YEAR TERM EXPIRING IN 2009

VOTE (2008-173) Councilor Henry nominated John Wierzbicki. Councilor Bowie nominated Ross Cunningham. Councilor Smith nominated Sandy Craig. Ballots were cast and **Sandy Craig was appointed** with three votes.

ETHICS PANEL/ONE ALTERNATE MEMBER 3-YEAR TERM EXPIRING IN 2011

VOTE (2008-174A) Councilor Henry nominated John Wierzbicki. Councilor Bowie nominated Ross Cunningham. Ballots were cast **and Ross Cunningham was duly appointed** with four votes.

RECREATION COMMITTEE/ONE 3-YEAR TERM EXPIRING IN 2010

VOTE (2008-174B) Councilor Bowie nominated Joseph Normand. Councilor Henry nominated Marcy Crosskill. Councilor Larochelle nominated William Tapley. Ballots were cast and **Marcy Crosskill was appointed** with four votes.

RECREATION COMMITTEE/ALTERNATE 2 YEAR TERM EXPIRING IN 2009

VOTE (2008-174C) Councilor Smith nominated Joseph Normand. Councilor Larochelle nominated William Tapley. Ballots were cast and **William Tapley was appointed** with four votes.

CONSENT AGENDA

VOTE (2008-163) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to approve the minutes of September 2, September 29, and renewal Liquor Licenses & Special Entertainment Permits for the Left Hand Club and the Coombs Mountfort Post 158. **Order passed – Vote 7-0.**

COUNCIL ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES**ORDINANCES - ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE AQUIFER PROTECTION
OVERLAY DISTRICT IN THE VILLAGE ZONE***(First Reading)*

VOTE (2008-164) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved to adopt the zoning ordinance in the aquifer protection overlay district in the village zone as **presented (see attached)**.
Vote By Roll Call - Yeas: Councilors Larochelle, Smith, Bowie, Mason, Henry, Crafts, and Wells.
Nays: None. Order Passed - Vote 7-0 (First Passage).

**WARRANT FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2008
MUNICIPAL AND REFERENDUM ELECTION**

VOTE (2008-165) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to approve the Warrant for the November 4, 2008 Municipal and Referendum Election as **presented (see attached)**. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

SEWER REPLACEMENT CONTRACT

VOTE (2008-166) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved to award the contract to Harry Crooker and Sons for \$125,550. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

ORDER 2008-167 REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) SHORT APPLICATION

VOTE (2008-167) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to adopt the Short Application form and in house process for loans from \$1,000 to \$15,000 as presented. **Order passed - Vote 6-1. (Against: Henry)**

LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR CARS AND COMPUTERS

VOTE (2008-168) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to approve a 6-year lease purchase for three police vehicles and a 5-year lease purchase for computer infrastructure. **Order passed - Vote 5-2. (Against: Crafts and Henry)**

WINTER SAND BIDS

VOTE (2008-169) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Larochelle moved to purchase 1600 cubic yards of gravel for \$6.00 a yard from Dube Gravel Company, Inc. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

**WARRANT FOR OCTOBER 28, 2008
SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

VOTE (2008-170) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to approve the Warrant for the October 28, 2008 Special Municipal Election as **presented (see attached)**. **Order passed - Vote 6-0-1. (Abstained: Wells)**

APPOINTMENTS*(All Items Taken Up after Public Hearings Above)*

WORKSHOP*(Item Taken Out Of Order)*

Councilor Larochelle moved to take the Council Workshop out of order. The Council unanimously agreed to take the Council Workshop out of order. The Chairman called for a two-minute recess at 8:10 PM. The Council Chairman called the meeting back to order at 8:12 PM.

Attorney Therriault addressed the conflict of interest issues addressed by the audience in previous meetings. He pointed out that these rules were in place to protect the governmental integrity. He mentioned that Lisbon's charter does not allow the Councilors to vote upon a line item budget. He said this item as previously addressed had been resolved and that this Council's conclusion at that time was that Councilor Bowie would exclude himself from any discussions related to the line in the budget dealing with his wife's salary, but that he could vote on the budget as a whole when presented. He said most conflict of interest issues deal with business relationships and contracts, of which Councilor Larochelle does not have either. He pointed out that the wrecker schedule at the Police Department was only a list and that owners were responsible for whom they chose to call and for direct payment.

After much discussion, Councilor Wells made a brief presentation and pointed out why the reasons for the recall were unjust.

Councilor Bowie explained what the duties of the Council were and were not.

Councilor Mason pointed out how important Economic Development was to Lisbon and stressed how important it is to come together as a community and participate in the upcoming visioning sessions.

Councilor Henry mentioned how difficult the 2.9% tax increase and sewer rate increase were for residents and recommended the Council start working towards approving only what the public wants and needs.

Councilor Smith said that for four years Lisbon's taxes had not gone up, that several factors came in to play this year that made this budget more difficult, and that "we all had to do with less" this year.

Councilor Larochelle said it appears that grant funding may be gone as well next year, which will make another impact on the budget as well.

Councilor Bowie said that this Council meeting was fast approaching its maximum time limit as outlined in the Council meeting rules.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE (2007-175) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to adjourn at 8:55 PM.
Order passed - Vote 4-3. (Against: Mason, Crafts, Henry)

Respectfully Submitted,

Twila Lycette, Council Secretary
Town Clerk, Lifetime CCM

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