



**TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 1, 2007**

Layne Curtis – *At Large* 2007
Charles Smith – *At Large* 2008
Michael Bowie – *At Large* 2009
Gina Mason – *District 1* 2007
Janet Henry – *District 1* 2009
Dale Crafts – *District 2* 2007
Norma Wells – *District 2* 2009

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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. Members present were Councilors Smith, Curtis, Bowie, Mason, Henry, Crafts, and Wells. Councilors Henry and Bowie were late (excused). Members of the Budget Advisory Board present were Walter Morse, Roger Cote, Richard Main, and Lori Pomelow. Members of the School Committee present were Traci Austin, Prudence Grant, and Herbert “Pete” Reed. Also present were Curtis Lunt, Town Manager; David Brooks, Chief of Police; Shannon Welsh, School Superintendent; School Committee Member; and approximately three citizens in the audience.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

VOTE (2007-050) Councilor Wells, seconded by Councilor Smith, moved to adopt the following consent items: (A) Minutes of 4/10/2007, 4/17/2007, 4/19/2007, and 4/24/2007. **Order passed - Vote 5-0.**

COUNCIL ORDERS, ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

RENEWAL MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSES

VOTE (2007-051) Councilor Wells, seconded by Councilor Smith, moved to approve the following list of mobile home park licenses dated April 25, 2007, having met the requirements of the Lisbon Code Chapter 22 for re-licensing, be approved:

- Avery Street Park
- Beaudoin Court
- Brookwood Court
- Colonial Gardens Trailer Park
- Davis Street Park
- Gendron’s Park
- Grimmel’s Trailer Park
- Ridge Mobile Home Park
- Sabattus Creek
- St. Ann Mobile Home Park
- Town & Country Estates
- Whispering Pines Trailer Park
- Worumbo Estates
- Worumbo Park

Order passed - Vote 5-0.

SET VOTER REGISTRATION HOURS AND POLLING LOCATIONS & HOURS

VOTE (2007-052) Councilor Wells, seconded by Councilor Curtis, moved to set the Voter Registration hours for the June 12, 2007 election as June 7, 8, and 11, 2007 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the Town Office and Election Day, June 12, from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. **Order passed - Vote 5-0.**

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO LISBON CODE
FIRST READING

VOTE (2007-053) Councilor Wells, seconded by Councilor Smith, moved that the following Chapters be amended:

- Chapter 6 Article II Dogs Sec. 6-31
- Chapter 10 Article III Alcoholic Beverage, Div. 2 Special Amusement Permits
- Chapter 10 Article IV Itinerant Vendors
- Chapter 10 Article VI After Hours Entertainment Events
- Chapter 50 Traffic and Vehicles, Article I Sec. 50-9 Campus Street
- Chapter 50 Traffic and Vehicles Article III Div. 2 Stop and Yield Intersections.

Janet Henry arrived at 7:07 PM.

Amendment #1 - Councilor Smith seconded by Councilor Wells moved to amend the main motion to withdraw the amendments to Chapter 50 Traffic and Vehicles. **Amendment #1 passed - Vote 6-0.**
Order as amended passed - Vote 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR LISBON CODE AMENDMENTS

VOTE (2007-054) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Wells, moved to set a public hearing for May 15, 2007 at 7 PM at the Town Office conference room to allow comments regarding the proposed amendments to Lisbon Code chapters 6, and 10. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

ETHICS & CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ORDINANCE
FIRST READING

VOTE (2007-055) Councilor Wells, seconded by Councilor Smith, moved that Chapter 12, Ethics and Conflicts of Interest be and hereby is enacted.

Councilor Bowie arrived at 7:14 PM.

Order passed - Vote 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ETHICS & CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ORDINANCE

VOTE (2007-056) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Wells, moved to set a public hearing on May 15, 2007 at 7 PM at the Town Office conference room to allow comments regarding the proposed Chapter 12 Lisbon Code, Ethics & Conflicts of Interest. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

PARKING ZONE ON BOOKER STREET ORDINANCE
FIRST READING

VOTE (2007-057) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Wells, moved that Lisbon Code Chapter 50, Traffic and Vehicles Article II, Div. 2, be amended by adding the following:

Booker Street except that 2 hour parking shall be allowed on the east side from Union Street approximately 140' northerly.

Order passed - Vote 4-3 (opposed: Henry, Mason, Crafts).

PUBLIC HEARING FOR BOOKER STREET 2-HOUR PARKING ZONE

VOTE (2007-058) Councilor Wells, seconded by Councilor Bowie, moved to set a public hearing for May 15, 2007 at 7 PM to hear comments regarding a proposed amendment to Lisbon Code

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Chapter 50, Traffic and Vehicles Article II, Div. 2 adding a 2-hour parking zone on Booker Street.
Order passed - Vote 7-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

REVIEW OF LISBON CODE REVIEW/REVISION TIMETABLE

Mr. Lunt explained the code review/revision time table; any code revisions with Comprehensive Plan involvement will be scheduled after Planning Board approval.

Councilor Henry left at 7:26 PM and returned at 7:28 PM.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

As a result of arsenic testing and a consultation with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, the Town has stopped accepting Water Department filter sludge until an alternative can be found. The City of Lewiston has loaned a fire truck to the Town of Lisbon Fire Department while a truck is out for three weeks having warranty-related repairs. The Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) announced the projects for their \$100 million budget on Monday. According to discussions at the MMA LPC meeting last Wednesday, a school unit consolidation seems uncertain. Aubuchon Hardware did not appear at the Planning Board meeting on Thursday due to delays in a driveway permit from MDOT. Mr. Lunt has asked the Town Attorney to investigate a resident claim that outdated subdivision standards led to the lack of wetland area determination on a recent approval by the Planning Board. Mr. Lunt has been inspecting several dirt roads and consulted with the Public Works Director regarding sweeping; he also ordered the Papermill walking trail to be swept.

Mr. Lunt explained the priorities for this spring and summer regarding roads, trails, and the boat launch. Councilor Smith requested a letter be sent to MDOT requesting ditching on Main Street.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Faye Brown, a resident, expressed concern that experimental parking has passed the 30-day limit by ordinance, and requested clarification from the Town Attorney regarding the definitions of ordinance, law, and code. She also requested that parking lines be repainted at her business address.

APPOINTMENTS

VOTE (2007-054) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Wells, moved to appoint Dale Crafts to the ATRC Policy Committee as an alternate. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

GOOD NEWS & RECOGNITION / ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Mason said that there is a need to make the townspeople aware of what is being done by the Councilors. Councilor Bowie reiterated a request to have a letter sent supporting the State taking responsibility for jails.

The Chairman called a recess at 7:52 PM, and recalled the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

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SCHOOL BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Budget Advisory Board recommended a total reduction of the School budget by \$155,500, and suggested reductions in the following areas to compensate for the adjustment:

- Additional two days and related line increases
- Saxophone purchase
- Change in lunch program
- Campus Avenue buildings utilities
- Lease purchase of a pickup truck
- Building a new modular.

They also recommended the Council review an increase of approximately \$81,000 in the personnel lines.

Mrs. Grant requested a list of questions and concerns from the Council regarding the budget that the School Committee can respond to properly at the next budget hearing.

Councilor Wells expressed concern with the Professional Development day, student lunch program, and the building of a modular. Councilor Henry stated that she supports the budget overall, though she could understand removing the pickup truck lease purchase. Councilor Crafts supported the Budget Advisory Board recommendations. Councilor Mason suggested restructuring the ala carte menu rather than spending more to change it entirely, and offered that there are ready alternatives to building a modular in light of a possible consolidation of schools. Councilor Smith suggested a reduction approximately \$110,000 to conform to TABOR.

Councilor Wells stated that she is concerned that a new superintendent would remove the need for the modular; Mrs. Grant said that that is a fair concern.

Councilor Bowie expressed concerns with the Professional Development day and student lunch program, and suggested leasing a modular for a year to address consolidations concerns. Councilor Curtis expressed that he was content with the budget as presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTE (2007-059) Councilor Wells, seconded by Councilor Smith, moved to enter executive session at 8:48 PM to discuss a personnel matter per MRSA Chapter 13 Sec. 405(6)A. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.** The recording secretary was dismissed. The Council returned at 9:29 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE (2007-060) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith, moved to adjourn at 9:30 PM. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Juliet C. LeBlond
Assistant Town Clerk

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