



**TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 18, 2010**

Michael Bowie, Chair District 2 2012
Gina Mason, Vice Chair District 1 2010
Fern Larochele, Jr., At Large 2010
Roger Cote, At large 2011
Mark Lunt, District 1 2012
Dale Crafts, District 2 2010
Lori Pomelow, At Large 2012

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

ROLL CALL. Members present were Councilors Bowie, Mason, Crafts, Larochele, Cote, Pomelow and Lunt. Also present were Stephen Eldridge, Town Manager; David Brooks, Police Chief; Sean Galipeau, Fire Chief; Ryan Leighton, Town Engineer; Mark Stevens, Recreation Director; Elwood Beal, Public Works Director; Pat Dow, Assessor; Rosie Bradley, Economic & Community Development; Diane Nadeau, Librarian; Verla Brooks, Park Ranger; Budget Advisory Board Members, Donald Fellows, Richard Graham, Dorothy Fitzgerald, Jeffrey Ganong (arriving at 7:48PM); Water Commissioners, William Bauer, Ken Wells, Paul Adams, Water Department Manager; and approximately 25 citizens in the audience.

PUBLIC HEARING

12 MONTH MASS GATHERING PERMIT FOR THE LISBON REVITALIZATION PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE

The Chairman opened the public hearing. There were no comments. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

VOTE (2010-73) Councilor Larochele, seconded by Councilor Pomelow moved to approve the Mass Gathering Permit for the Lisbon Revitalization Promotions Committee, Renewal Itinerant Vendor Permit for Frank Hogan d/b/a Hogie's Hot Dogs, Renewal Victualer Applications for Ed's Hot Dogs, Hogie's Hot Dogs, Kitty Korner, Lisbon Left Hand Club, the Minutes of April 27 and the Minutes of May 4, 2010. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

COUNCIL ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, & ORDINANCES

NOMINATIONS TO MMA'S LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Eldridge said at the last meeting we talked about if you knew anybody who wanted to serve on the Legislative Policy Committee at MMA; they have about 70 participants throughout the State that represent the communities throughout the State, and they push MMA's agenda. Councilor Bowie said do you know Steve if any of the staff would like to serve. Mr. Eldridge said they are mostly here tonight. Councilor Bowie said is there anyone from the Budget Advisory Board who would be willing to serve. We are interested in volunteers, and if we don't get anyone, Steve. Mr. Eldridge said we get updates from MMA still. Councilor Bowie said it's not like we lose a seat or a vote like that. Councilor Pomelow said who served last year. Councilor Bowie said I don't know, but in the

past some of the staff have served and in prior years there have been interested Councilors and Selectmen.

Dorothy Fitzgerald said is it possible to nominate someone who is not here. Councilor Bowie said you can nominate them, but if they don't accept, they don't accept. Mrs. Fitzgerald said I would like to recommend Michelle Turmelle on the Ethics Committee and she is very knowledgeable on a lot of things, but I don't know if she would be willing to step up.

Councilor Bowie said we have to have this in before June 3 and we have a meeting on Tuesday, June 1. Since Dot made that nomination, can we check with Michelle? Mr. Eldridge said sure. Councilor Bowie said if she is, we could make that nomination at the next meeting and have the paperwork filled out before the deadline so we will move this to the next agenda.

BEAVER PARK GULLY REPAIR BIDS

Mr. Eldridge said we have had some major washouts at Beaver Park unexpectedly and they have worked with Androscoggin Soils Conversation people. All the heavy rain that we have had has done quite a bit of damage and we put this out to bid to have it all repaired. This is one of our baseball fields down there and it gets quite a bit of use. We have bids for you to look over.

Councilor Larochelle said the bids that we have are those to just remove the trees, not to actually fix the damage due to the washout, I mean, last time it was quite a process and it still kind of did what it did.

Verla Brooks said we did do some work on it a couple of years ago. We dug a trench and put a tile drain in, but it is not taking care of the problem. The Town Engineer and the people from the Natural Resource Conservation Service are recommending that we get the weight off the bank, get the large trees off, and clean up the gully so that that weight is not putting pressure on anything increasing the erosion problem. Hopefully, that will slow things down. We do need to do something to stabilize it. This bid is only to remove the trees and clean up the brush. I am doing as much of the work as I can. I showed Mr. Eldridge pictures of the gully today and it is a tangled mess. They are going to need an excavator. I can't do that, but I cut the trail to the gully for them to access. Some of the trees are very nice logs and I will have those sawed into lumber and I will need the lumber.

Councilor Larochelle said all the bids are a little different. Are we comparing apples to apples? Ms. Brooks said I highlighted the areas that are apples to apples so, basically, each of them will cut the trees, remove the brush, and make sure the field area is back to the way it is right now. The stumps are not being removed, only the logs. They have all looked at it, but some are approaching it in a different way. Councilor Larochelle said the last project that was done there, some of the people looked at it and had different ideas on how it should be repaired, because everybody is going to look at it differently. Is this just going to slow down the erosion or do you feel that at some point in time, even with the trees removed, we may have more of an issue. Ms. Brooks said I think we need to dig a trench or build a berm along the edge of the field for when the snow and the rain comes off the field; we are starting to see the ripples and we did not see those before. We had professionals look at this: soil scientists, agriculture engineers, and the Town Engineer. Everybody at that time, except for one contractor, agreed this is what we need to do. That one contractor didn't give us a bid this time. Basically, I think, probably that contractor said that you would be in this circumstance a couple of years down the road, maybe. Ms. Brooks said, so, we went with what we had for professional opinions at the time. Mother Nature is taking its course, I guess. Councilor Larochelle said you have to try to attack it somehow, but by removing the trees probably is going to either take care of them now or take care of them when they are in the bottom of the gully, right. Ms. Brooks said, right, if you take care of them now we will get to use the lumber.

Councilor Lunt said I just want to be clear here that the Rick Mason bid is for \$1,150. Mr. Eldridge said Verla's recommendation is to go with Mason Excavation. Councilor Larochele said if the cost is pretty much going to do what we need it to do, I guess, that's my recommendation, too.

VOTE (2010-75) Councilor Larochele, seconded by Councilor Bowie moved to accept Rick Mason's bid for \$1,150 to cut and remove the trees and take care of the brush.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Councilor Crafts said I am going to stay out of this business, because I am a cousin and a brother.

Order passed - Vote 5-0-2. (Abstained: Crafts and Mason)

OTHER BUSINESS

A. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jessica Maloy said I just wanted to point out a few things. With the excise tax collected; in April 2009 we collected almost \$133,000 in vehicle excise tax and this year we have collected about \$130,000. So, we are only about \$2,500 less than last year at that time. For year to date, we are actually \$4,254 over last year. We are doing well with that and looking to be on target as we have collected 95% of what we have budgeted. With the revenues: State Revenue Sharing is down \$178,000 over last year and we are only 62% collected as opposed to we should be around 83% based on where we are. Investment interest is down approximately \$27,000 and recycling revenue is down \$4,000, both compared to last year. I spoke with Mrs. Bailey out front about real estate taxes and we are about at the same place now as we were last year at this time. The 30-day notices have gone out so the lien process is rolling.

Councilor Bowie said on the State Revenue Sharing, is that just the fact that they are delinquent in getting us the funds, or are we not anticipating getting the money. Mrs. Maloy said we are not getting what we thought. Councilor Bowie said, so, out of the million that we had thought we were going to get based on what we set the budget for last year, what are we projecting for this year? Mrs. Maloy said we could be looking at maybe another \$200,000. Councilor Bowie said another \$200,000 from what we have already collected. Mrs. Bailey said, yes, in addition. Councilor Bowie said, so, roughly around another \$816,000.

Councilor Bowie said in Solid Waste you said recycling revenue was down slightly, did we budget them less? Mr. Eldridge said we budgeted less. Councilor Bowie said, so, we still anticipate making the budgeted amount? Mrs. Maloy said, yes, compared to this year's budget we have surpassed that by \$2,000, but compared to last year's, at this point, we are down \$4,000.

Mrs. Maloy said concerning expenses, I am not finding any real big areas of concern right now. It looks like right now we will be rolling \$160,000 into surplus. In speaking with Twila, we may be over drafted in the Town Clerk Election line due to the addition of the April Election that was unbudgeted.

Councilor Bowie said, so, we are projecting about \$160,000 in surplus, now, that is not including the bond money, right? Mrs. Maloy said right. Councilor Bowie said next time when we get this report could we put the bond information down below so we could see what the expenses were for just the budgeted money because bonds are really outside of what the budgeted money is so that way we could see how we are aligning with the budget.

Mrs. Maloy said I, also, wanted to mention that with the rise in Health Care costs with MMA and with some of the complaints we have heard about the current coverage from the employees we have

been looking at new insurance plans to offer. Last week we held two informational sessions with representatives from Ultra Benefits and from Anthoine Financial Group and from what I heard everyone seemed pleased with what we are looking at, that it's a better coverage plan than what we are currently offering at an equivalent if not better cost for both the Town and employees.

Councilor Larochelle said it would be worthwhile to set up a meeting with the Audit Committee, School Department, and the Council to just get together to make up plans on what we are expecting this year, because it was a little bit different last year, as was the year before. I imagine that this year will be a little different as well. Mr. Eldridge said we just got our engagement letter from them so it is perfect timing. Mrs. Maloy said Cathy Messmer just contacted me to see about getting the ball rolling yesterday.

Councilor Larochelle said I recommend that we actually as a committee get together before we meet to go over what we expect to get from the Audit Committee and try assessing goals, because last year we kind of rolled through it. Mr. Eldridge said I will have Jody contact them with a date.

Councilor Lunt said could you explain to me why the Planning Board is over budget by a pretty big amount, what is that? Mrs. Maloy said that is due to AVCOG services. We carried forward some monies. Mr. Eldridge said that is for work on ordinances.

Ken Wells said she made a statement about the April Election, which was for the School Department and Twila is over budget, because of the School Department, are they going to pay that bill? Mr. Eldridge said did we bill that. Mrs. Lycette said they pay for their ballots and we pay for their personnel. Mr. Wells said I don't see why they don't pay at 100%; it's their ticket. Councilor Bowie said we will take that under advisement.

B. OLD MEADOW ROAD, ROUTE 9, UPLAND ROAD WATER PROJECT

OLD MEADOW ROAD WATER MAIN

Mr. Eldridge said the Water Department wanted to talk about the Old Meadow Road and the Water line up there with the Council.

Mr. Bauer said I would like to talk specifically about the Old Meadow Road. At this particular point in time, the Water Department cannot put in a new water main without the Town's approval. Old Meadow Road has some 650' feet of line with a fire hydrant at the end of it. That made it a private fire line or private road. The Council then accepted the street, so, now we have a fire protection service in a public way. What I am looking for here is a vote from the Council to accept Old Meadow Road as a main extension, so, we can tap on to that for water service. We cannot do that without a vote of the Town. It used to go to Town Meeting. Now, I assume that this would fall under the jurisdiction of the Town Council. That is what I am looking for as far as the Old Meadow is concerned. This is located off Upland Road. There are currently three houses at the end of the Old Meadow Road, but all three of those houses are on individual wells. Now, we have a request for water service from a customer off from Old Meadow Road and in order to provide water service to them it has to be a Town-accepted water main, not just a fire service water main.

Councilor Larochelle said isn't that usually done at the same time, I mean, it just seems odd that when we accepted it as far as for the water part of it with the fire service would be agreed upon and voted on, is that typically done so it can be used as a main water line usually at the same time or is that usually done at two different times. Councilor Bowie said I think it's usually done separately, because not all roads have water, right. When you put in a road and have the Town accept it there are a number of roads in Town that we have accepted from a development perspective that there may never be water to them. Councilor Larochelle said did we vote to actually use that for fire service water. Mr. Eldridge said, no, we just accepted the road.

Mr. Bauer said the road has been accepted by the Council, now we need to accept it as a water main. Councilor Bowie said we have to deal with the fact that now it is a public way. If there is a fire hydrant there we have to pay for the fire hydrant use and this is just another kind of twist to the tale or whatever, is that you have to now in order for anybody to have water up there, you have to actually accept it as a water main. Councilor Larochelle said is there any drawback to accepting it. I am just curious because this is the first time I have come across this.

Mr. Bauer said there are really no drawbacks to accepting it. The main has been put in and installed. It was put in to our specifications with a 6" water main. The hydrant is to our specifications. We have some concerns about the freshness of the water, but we are discussing it with the customer.

Councilor Mason said is there an extra cost to the Town to do that. Mr. Bauer said, no, there is no other cost.

VOTE (2010-75A) Councilor Larochelle, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved to accept the Old Meadow Road water main as the Town's water line.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Order passed – Vote 7-0.

ROUTE 9 & UPLAND ROAD WATER PROJECT

Mr. Eldridge said this has to do with extending the water line up Upland Road, which is something Mr. Bauer wanted to discuss with the Council.

Mr. Bauer said there are some houses further up on Route 9 that have to be taken care of as far as the water is concerned. I posed this question before to the State Engineers when Mr. Eldridge and I were in Augusta I posed that question to them at the time, how do we get water to Mr. Upham and I have contacted Mr. Campbell and Mr. Campbell has indicated that he would be open for a suggestion to take water. He didn't 100% guarantee it, but he would be interested. I have since then spoke to Mr. Halle and he is indicating that he would like water. The problem arises at this particular time, I think, that K & K construction has gone so far that I don't think we can put a line up through there. At the last Water Board Meeting we discussed running a private line up in back of the property off from the Upland Road water main to service those three individuals. I am not sure if there are any beyond that, but somehow or another I know that Mr. Upham is here tonight and he needs water. He has two places up there that need water badly. Somehow or another we have to provide water to him whether or not the Town, and I know there is a dilemma as far as the State's concerned, and I don't want to get into that tonight. I don't think it's the place to talk about it. He said Mr. Eldridge and I are on the same wave-length with that, but somehow we have to get water to this gentleman, be it an individual well or through a private line that goes up the backside of his property. Mr. Halle has no problem with the water line going up through there. I did not speak to Mr. Webber who owns a piece of property.

Councilor Larochelle said what is the advantage of going up behind the properties; the road is being dug up anyway. What are we talking about anyway, a 1" inch line? Would it be more practical to go up the roadway? Mr. Bauer said they have gone too far and I do not think we can dig it up. Councilor Lunt said, right, they have already put down the roadbed. Mr. Bauer said I posed this question six months ago. Councilor Larochelle said I did not know that they were at that point. The ditches are done too.

Councilor Cote said they said they were going to have the road paved by the end of this month. Mr. Bauer said I don't know what Council wants to do. I recommend that we get together, hash this

over, and not take the time tonight, although it would be beneficial if somebody could just wave a magic wand and say this is the solution and it will work. Councilor Larochelle said is Mr. Webber the only property in question. You would pretty much have to get permission from all the landowners going up through, right. It would not be intrusive; what, you would have to go down, basically, below frost level and run a 1" inch line up through. Mr. Bauer said it could be worked out, but I don't know what the Council wants to do. Do they want to drill him a well or do they want to, and he probably needs two wells, because he has two properties and he shouldn't have more than one well supplying two pieces of property in the event he wants to sell the property.

Mr. Eldridge said did we get a cost, Ryan, on drilling. Mr. Leighton said not yet. Councilor Larochelle said it would be nice to have the information, if all the landowners were in agreement for one. I mean, if Mr. Webber says no, then it is pretty hard to discuss it beyond that. Mr. Bauer said it doesn't have to cross his property. We can go around and as I said I did speak with Steve Halle the other day and he would not have a problem with it.

Councilor Larochelle said I guess the other would be just a cost comparison to put that up there versus drilling a well. To me the permanent solution would be to run a pipe then it's not a question about whether you drill another well and have the same problem. Mr. Bauer said there will be some other costs due to going up hill and you are going to lose pressure again. I don't know who bears the burden of those costs.

Councilor Larochelle said we talked about pressure pumps built into their system at their individual residence, but again I think it would have to be all put together and presented to the landowners before we get going into it. A workshop with the landowners would be beneficial and I'm not sure if that would work.

Mr. Eldridge said I think to start we need to look at what it's going to cost us to drill wells and is it liable that we are actually going to get water that is not contaminated and second, what is the cost to get the water up there from Upland Road.

Councilor Cote said the question I have is, is Mr. Halle's well contaminated or is Mr. Campbell's. Mr. Bauer said according to Mr. Halle, no, it is not, but he would like Town water. Mr. Leighton said we have Mr. Carville, too. Mr. Bauer said that would take care of anybody on the west side of Route 9, but I don't know what you want to do with anybody on the east if you have any problems over there. I haven't heard of any.

Councilor Bowie said can we bore where we are currently paving in the road bed. Mr. Leighton said there is ledge there. Mr. Lemieux said we can bore it, but it's the cost. Mr. Bauer said our engineer, Tim Sawtell, is coming to our meeting on Monday night so we may get more answers then.

Councilor Larochelle said we are already going to have water feeding on to the Gould Road, because we already made that provision to have water. Councilor Bowie said not on the Gould Road. Mr. Leighton said we have to hit the first house on the corner. Councilor Bowie said you are bringing water right up to the intersection, basically, of Upland Road and Route 9. Mr. Leighton said we are going to provide service to the corner house though, because they need it. We went that far specifically to pick up that one last house.

Councilor Larochelle said if we are going to be on that side of the road, can't we run a line up through the edge of the road very similar to what we are looking like doing on the other side if necessary.

Mr. Leighton said based on all the discussion that I have been a party to and in the last Water Commission meeting the most feasible alternative without getting a price for a well is to connect Mr. Upham from Upland Road. He owns property that abuts Upland Road. If he is connected from

behind along his entire property, we can satisfy his well problems. As far as the other residents that aren't on the list for contamination, that would be something that they would have to work out with Mr. Upham. The only other person that's on the identified list is so far away that it is not even feasible to consider water to that point. The Sullivan's are on the corner of Gould and Upland Road and there are provisions in there to connect them, but it won't be on a line from Gould Road, it will be most likely a service line that connects from roughly where the main ends. I am not exactly sure how that will get laid out. That's up to the Water Department when we get that far, but from the discussion that we had last Monday night I am willing to bet that the best route for us is to consider connecting from Upland Road to Mr. Upham's. Then you don't run any risk of having to drill a well, have that be contaminated, have to provide treatment, or any of these other unknowns that we can't quantify. We can quantify how much it is going to cost to drill a well. We have no idea what kind of quantity water he is going to get, what kind of pressure he is going to get, or any of that stuff. I think our best bet is to investigate a little more closely this connection to Upland Road. Councilor Crafts said if we run it up behind Mr. Halle house we still could run into ledge couldn't we. Mr. Leighton said, theoretically, but I don't believe there was ledge found on Upland Road in that area when they did their borings.

Mr. Upham said I am not sure I am happy with this solution. That leaves me with 1,500' feet of private pipe that I am responsible for, particularly when I heard that they only want to go down three feet and now you are talking about tying other people into what you say is going to be my line. I think you have dragged your feet too long. You should have had costs by now. Nobody has done that. I have a feeling by the time you build a pumping station to pump it up the hill, cut the trees, and come through the woods you will find it cheaper to dig a well. I know you have a problem about what the quality will be, but you had a chance to avoid this by running it up the road and nobody did anything. I went to the March meeting and the Council assured me that they were going to do something, but they didn't and now the road is in. I noticed today that they are doing a lot of digging putting that line in off the road on the edge, whether that's still a possibility I don't know. I know the road is in now. I think they have got everything there all the way up to the top of the hill. You are still going to have to pump it whether you come across the back lot or come up the side of the road. A boring underneath would take care of anybody on the other side that wants it as well as on this side. Pardon me Bill, but nobody mentioned coming up through Halle's land. It was all coming up as Ryan said through my own land so I am just frustrated. When the State came in and found my well before he left he had drinking water delivered for me. He said we will be drilling wells and yet this is ten months later and nothing is settled. I am not sure that I am comfortable owning a line 1,500' feet away that is going to be pumped. I know you talked about a pump in the basement, but that won't work from Upland Road up. You don't have any water pressure down on Upland Road now. You don't know whether that water will go over the hump by Webber's area. It's something like 40' feet and you can't suck water up 40' feet.

Councilor Larochelle said are there other areas or ways without drilling a complete well to tell what water quality is under there, like what's the aquifer like, or how far away you would have to drill. I am just wondering if you have areas on your property that you feel would be suitable for drilling a well. To me it seems like the only option is pretty much drilling without actually running a line out behind having the other issues, but my question is has that been mapped out, looked at, or you know what the process would be at that point. I realize that kind of gets away from Mr. Bauer, you know, at that point in time when you start looking at wells and stuff.

Mr. Bauer said that has nothing to do with the Water Department, but I think it's a good suggestion to have somebody come in, look at it, and possibly site out a couple of places for wells for Mr. Upham. As I said, there are different avenues that can be addressed. He is absolutely right; it's going to be a private line for him. It can be a line that he can have some of his neighbors connect to that will help him absorb the cost. He can charge them to connect or else this is my line and you are not going to connect. I mean, that is up to him.

Councilor Larochelle said this is the hardest thing that we have seen as a Council, and I haven't even been talking to Steve because this has been mentioned a lot. It isn't something that has been dropped. Just what the State told you that day, you know, we will take care of it or we will do something. Unfortunately its very easy for them to make promises, but unfortunately they don't really deliver a lot of times, they usually just hand the buck down and without really giving a description or actually saying if they are going to be responsible.

Mr. Upham said, well, they have done that in the last week. Mr. Eldridge and I got the letter that said they feel it's the Town's responsibility. Councilor Larochelle said, unfortunately, it's just like you mentioned only in the last week or so have they been able to do that. You know, we have actually been proactive. The idea of trying to get the water main going and get it up that way, but unfortunately sometimes we run into some difficulties. Hopefully, you don't feel that we were actually trying to twiddle our thumbs on purpose, because I think that the Water Department and the Town have been trying to do their best, but unfortunately there are limitations, but as a homeowner I know you can feel very frustrated and you have a reason, too.

Mr. Upham said I don't think there is any ledge coming up on the west side of Route 9. They blasted curiously on the right side. The only place I know would be right across from Goddard's driveway. They might run into ledge there.

Councilor Larochelle said, Ryan, off away from where K & K has a right of way to do the road, when you actually get into the personal property part of it, you know, where ever that is, I mean, would it be very intrusive if there wasn't ledge just to go up the outside edge where the road property is, to go out that way. Is that a possibility? Mr. Leighton said it is feasible, depends on, I just don't remember which side the poles are on. Councilor Larochelle said even if you went to the house side of the poles, if you went up through the lawns and fixed some of them. Mr. Leighton said that's one alternative. The question is, does the Town and Water Department want to take ownership of a 2" or whatever public water line. There are still no answers as far as how the pressure problem is going to be resolved, or what size line it would be, whether it's something you put in the house, or is it something like a public booster or whatnot. All those questions need to be answered along with is it cheaper and easier to just drill a well and be done with it, but it's the unknowns about the water quality and who is going to be responsible for that water quality from now until we get all kinds of more money and can run a real water line up there.

Councilor Crafts said I want you to know even as a State Legislator in this Town that I've contacted Commissioner Cole for the last month and a half and he hasn't even returned my call. I've emailed and I haven't got a return email on that, which I did two days ago. I have another complaint from another constituent so it's a little bit frustrating when they won't even call back a State Legislator.

Mr. Upham said I agree with you. I filed a claim form for a well last August with them and it wasn't until I got on their case and this month, I think, they gave us finally a written answer and they didn't even acknowledge that they got my claim. But, once they got the water to me to drink, I'm still getting spring water so they feel some responsibility. Councilor Crafts said we had a meeting with them over a month ago with Councilor Mason and some other Route 9 citizens and they promised us the moon when we were there. I never heard a word from them for over a month. Finally, I had Councilor Mason call them and they finally did decide to send a letter out after a month and a half and they still didn't return my call. It is very frustrating. My suggestion would be that he at least deserves to have the Town drill him a well and hope for the best. I personally agree with him that I would not want to be personally responsible for a 1,500' foot line and I don't think it's fair to him. I think we should try to get him the best result the best way we can and if we run into a road block we will have to go to Plan C or whatever.

Councilor Mason said has anybody ever talked about filtration, is that even possible, I mean, for existing wells, or is it too costly. Mr. Leighton said all of these questions we have been asking for, as well, and we still have no answers for, as well. I don't want to bore everybody with the history, but

MDOT didn't come to us until last August and said you have this problem, we are going to build a road next year, and figure it out between now and then, basically. Then the Town agreed to build the water line, because they scared us with numbers of \$50,000 per well for drilling and the filtration system and twenty years worth of maintenance. When those numbers were thrown at us we started focusing on installing the water line. That took its own amount of time to come to fruition and now we are installing the water line. We are taking care of the majority of the wells that were contaminated, but we still don't have an agreement with the State as to what the final answer is for who is paying for the wells to be installed and what kind of system it needs to be. In thinking about it, we are looking for direction from them, but we need to have our own experts to tell us exactly what we should be doing.

Councilor Mason said I can tell you that the day that they came to my house, and I don't remember the date, but they had no idea who I was. The guy came into my home and he started taking my water out of my tap and he said, well, you don't let the Town tell you that this is our fault, it's not our fault. I said, oh, I'm a Town Councilor and I haven't heard anything about that and so I don't know what he was going around trying to do other than take water samples. But, even at that point, he quoted me a figure of \$30,000 to \$50,000 the day that he was taking my water samples.

Mr. Leighton said I don't know what the details of the filtration system would be, what it will look like, what it will cost to run, how it would be installed, what the expenses would be, I don't know if its electric, and so we don't have any of those details. We have contaminated wells; deal with it, that's basically what we have.

Mr. Upham said I was told it is not the salt it is the chlorides that are very expensive and that's the continuing cost to handle. That is one of the bigger contaminants to handle.

Dorothy Fitzgerald said there are three concerns with drilling wells: Quality, quantity, and septic systems. Those people up there are on septic systems and you have to deal with that too, keeping wells 100' feet from any septic system. On this bond issue for this water project, is it my understanding that it came in under budget because the road is being dug up anyway so you were able to install the lines at less expense because you were not doing a lot of the digging.

Mr. Eldridge said we based our estimates on what the costs would be based on them already being there tearing the road up so we already anticipated that savings.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said how difficult would it be to re-dig from Upland Road up a half a mile or so to install a water line. Councilor Bowie said I think there is a moratorium on digging up newly developed and constructed road for five years, typically once the pavement is down. Mrs. Fitzgerald said the pavement is not down yet so you have a chance yet. Councilor Bowie said but it is going to be down within the next two weeks. Mrs. Fitzgerald said can't you ask the State to hold off. Councilor Bowie said that would be like asking the State to pay for the water lines and the amount of difficulty we would be going through to get them to stop the project and move someplace else and not pave. Mrs. Fitzgerald said I am not saying to stop it because they have a long way to go. Councilor Bowie said but they are going to stop the section they are in for the way they developed the project and how they are going to move forward. Mrs. Fitzgerald said, well, the State has a responsibility for this as well as the Town. Councilor Bowie said, I know, we all understand that, but the State is not listening to us. That's the reason we are in the dilemma we are in. You heard Mr. Upham talk about the letters he has had with the State and the Town has had letters with the State. Mrs. Fitzgerald said you have known about this for several months now. Councilor Bowie said we just can't get anything out of the State.

Councilor Cote said the thing that I want to bring up is that if we run a water line up Route 9 or up behind Mr. Upham's house we are going to have to put in a pumping station and you are looking at a minimum of \$150,000 to \$200,000. That's a lot of well. I think that we ought to look at the one up a little further, Mr. Carville, and you know when you drill two you can do better than when you

drill one, so I think we ought to look at getting a well driller in here and have him give us a price on some wells and get this man some water. I had a well put in eight years ago and I have all kinds of good water and my neighbors have, too. I think the possibility of drilling a well up there is very good. The thing of it is, I think, we ought to act on it and get this man some water. I wouldn't want to go without water too long.

Councilor Bowie said I recommend we schedule a workshop for June 1 and try to get some well estimates, some boring costs, or costs for whatever the different options are available. Talk with the engineers at the Water Commissioner's meeting on Monday and find out what the potential options are and what those costs are and then let us sit down as a group between the Commissioners and the Council and come up with the best resolution that supports the citizens as well as if we have to go do anything further. It may turn out to be that we just dig a well. It may be let's go use the right of way and put a line in, either dig it or bore it, you know down there and bring it up to those people's property or it may be something else. It may be a filtration system. We may have to find out what that is and what that costs and that may be a benefit. I think we have to find out the cost. Hindsight is 20/20 and we probably sat on this too long, but we, the Council, were in hopes that we were going to be able to work something out with the State with all of our discussions we had with the Governor's Executive and the Director of Transportation and everything. I think we thought we had some potential expectations there, but that's all gone by the wayside now so I think we need to look at a Plan B or C type of approach.

Councilor Cote said one thing that I would like to bring up is the hope of maybe having money left over, because the bids came in a little cheaper. We have blasted more on that road than anticipated. Councilor Bowie said then there may not be any savings. Mr. Eldridge said we will see. Councilor Bowie said that's my recommendation, based upon everything we have heard, and I think we need a focused effort just to discuss that. That should be the only thing on our agenda so we can work through it and then make a decision to go forward. Mr. Eldridge said we should have some prices for you by then.

C. COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION

Mr. Eldridge said the County Commissioner's office has sent out a request for people who might be interested in serving on the Charter Commission. The Androscoggin County is trying to put together a commission to have a charter change how they do business. In order to do that you have to get a packet if anyone is interested in running for office. You have some deadlines to meet. Councilor Bowie said the deadline for filing nomination papers with the Registrar for certification is by 5:00 pm May 25. You need between 50 and 80 signatures. Councilor Mason said I was told last night at a meeting that we have three different districts and they would have to be from your district.

Councilor Bowie said District 1 is Lewiston. District 2 is Auburn, Minot, and Poland. District 3 is everybody else. Councilor Mason said we are in District 3.

Mrs. Lycette said typically we have five days to certify names so that is why they need to be in to us by May 25 and filed by June 1. Councilor Bowie said that's right so they need to be in to the registrars to be certified by May 25 so that they can be submitted by June 1. Councilor Bowie said is that already on our webpage and on our sign out front. Mr. Eldridge said, not yet, but it will be.

D. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Eldridge said we are hoping that the employees will be receptive to the new health care plan. They are looking at it. We have been working on that pretty hard.

Mr. Eldridge said all of the bond documents are in and we should be getting a check on the transfer of money by a week from Thursday. There is also a Planning Board Public Hearing that will cover

some of the land use ordinance changes, as well as the Lighting and Well Head Protection Ordinances so if the public is interested, please attend.

Mr. Eldridge said on the Lighting Ordinance, there has been a gentleman who has been to you several times, and I know Councilor Cote has brought it to my attention, is that the Somali Farmers are moving back into this area on the King & Littlefield Road and they work long hours. Our draft ordinance talks about lighting up our intersections so I am recommending that maybe we consider putting one up there before adoption. This will be on your agenda for the first reading June 1 and then on the next meeting in June for the final reading. Roger Therriault has been on vacation for a couple of weeks so he hasn't had a chance to review it, but he will be back tomorrow. I am hoping that everything looks okay and that we can move forward with it, but in the meantime that's my recommendation.

Councilor Bowie said question for you Steve. You said it's going to the Planning Board in June. Mr. Eldridge said, no, it is on their agenda for May 27.

Mr. Eldridge said the State has changed how they are going to do the Fisher Road. This is a very large project. We are looking at a very expensive culvert and process. Buttons is working on an estimate, but we may be shy of having enough money to do that. We are working on that and hopefully we will have some updates on the cost.

Mr. Eldridge said if you see some strange meetings down at the Library, we have a possum living there with her young possums. It's an unusual thing to see in the State of Maine, but I guess they have migrated up and the Librarian is dealing with it.

Councilor Larochelle said you made a recommendation about the light, Steve, how do we move forward with that? Mr. Eldridge said we just call CMP and they install it. Councilor Larochelle said do we have to take a vote on that. Mr. Eldridge said you had voted on that in the past, but the new ordinance will take that out of your hands and we will follow a procedure where they will have to come to the Town Engineer and he will work with Buttons and the Police Chief and they will have very specific guidelines to follow. We finally got our inventory of lights and we have over 605 lights in the Town of Lisbon and 151 of them are not on the map so it will take us a while to go through it and make some recommendations. Buttons' employees did a real nice job and that's why it took so long. We inventoried every pole where there was a light and where the pole was it was labeled and there wasn't a light so he did a nice job for us.

Councilor Larochelle said I don't know how you want to move forward with that tonight or on a different night as far as on the light and us voting. My biggest concern is that we took \$10,000 out of that budget so it's hard to decrease by increasing. How does that make any sense? I would be more than happy to add it if it's going to be a concern, it's gone this far, but I am not sure how the rest of this Council feels.

Councilor Lunt said it certainly makes sense to put a light there and the ordinance would seem to suggest that we need one there eventually anyway so I don't see what dragging our feet for a month would do. Councilor Cote said since that new bridge went in there they can approach that intersection pretty quick. Councilor Larochelle said somebody mentioned that there was a light there before until it got ripped down and it was not replaced. I mean, was there a light there years back. Chief Galipeau said two years ago a truck tore down that corner pole and one pole in each direction on King Road and Littlefield Road and it was never replaced. Chief Brooks said the truck's insurance company paid for the light, but CMP never put it back up. Councilor Larochelle said so under those recommendations I think that one ought to go back up. Councilor Pomelow said that makes it a very different story from what we have been talking about all along, because I specifically voted against this because we didn't have all the facts and figures. Councilor Bowie said right. Councilor Pomelow said I think we need to move on that now.

VOTE (2010-75B) Councilor Pomelow, seconded by Councilor Cote moved that a light be installed at the corner of King Road & Littlefield Road.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Councilor Mason said I would just like to add, "with researching what the story is and finding out it can be replaced and if somebody's insurance can pay for it" so I don't know how you want to add all that in. Mr. Eldridge said there is no cost to us to put it up there. Mr. Leighton said we need to make sure it's not already on the inventory to begin with. Councilor Larochelle said it may already be paid for anyway.

Order passed - Vote 7-0.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - NONE

APPOINTMENTS

WARDENS FOR JUNE 8, 2010 ELECTION

VOTE (2010-76) Councilor Larochelle, seconded by Councilor Pomelow moved to appoint Sheila Gray Warden in District 1 and Monique Gayton in District 2.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Order passed - Vote 7-0.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilor Bowie said I see you are very active in Baseball and Recreation Open Gym. Mr. Judd said I have been coaching for Mark for this year. I did their Open Gym for them and did K-6th Grade. I am in charge of the Boys T-Ball now for the area. I just took over for that. I was just added to that board as well.

VOTE (2010-77) Councilor Larochelle, seconded by Councilor Mason moved to appoint Mark Judd an alternate member on the Recreation Committee until June 30, 2012.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Order passed - Vote 7-0.

Councilor Bowie said welcome aboard.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Cote said I was stopped on the way in tonight by a citizen who would like to know why the holes on Route 196 are not filled in and they would like to see them fixed. They are by the Farwell Mill. They said they have been there a considerable amount of time and that they don't know why they have not been fixed.

Councilor Bowie said so these are pot holes on Route 196. Councilor Cote said I guess there was some construction there. Councilor Lunt said there was a water main break by the Farwell Mill and there are still openings in the dirt there.

Councilor Cote said I was asked to bring it up so I am fulfilling my responsibility. Mr. Eldridge said we will take care of it. Councilor Cote said thank you. Councilor Bowie said is that something the Water Department has to take care of. Commissioner Bauer said, yes, we are just getting the shovel ready. Councilor Bowie said okay, thank you.

Councilor Mason said I would just like to say something about Twila and her staff. I have been dealing with her through elections and have been dealing with some of the other communities. We are very lucky to have the staff that we have in the Town Clerk's office. Twila is very efficient. She is very quick. She is very helpful and we have not gotten that same reception in other communities so we should be thankful for her and the good job that she does so thank you Twila and Beth. Mrs. Lycette said your welcome.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE (2010-79) Councilor Cote, seconded by Councilor Pomelow moved to adjourn at 8:12 P.M. to a workshop. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Twila D. Lycette, Council Secretary
Town Clerk, Lifetime CCM/MMC

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