



**TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 6, 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; Ryan Leighton, Town Engineer; Gerald Samson, Assessor/CEO; Paul Adams, Water Department Manager; representatives from the Water Commission and Trail Commission were present along with approximately 20 citizens in the audience.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ITINERANT VENDOR PERMIT & VICTUALERS LICENSE FOR BILL KURTS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

VOTE (2008-57) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to approve the minutes of April 8, 15, and 22. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

COUNCIL ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

VOTE (2008-58) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to approve renewal Victualers licenses as presented for the following:

Angelo's Pizzeria	Lisbon United Methodist Church
Blake's Grill	McDonalds
Bootleggers	New England Vending
China Inn	Poppy's
Coombs-Mountfort Post 158	Raymond J. Lavigne, VFW Post 94
Good Time Lanes	Sausage Kitchen
Kennebec Fruit Company	Slovak Catholic Association
Lisbon Left Hand Club	

Order passed - Vote 7-0.

WARRANT FOR
SPECIAL MUNICIPAL REFERENDUM ELECTION JUNE 10, 2008

VOTE (2008-59) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to approve the warrant for a Special Municipal Referendum Election on June 10, 2008. **Order passed - Vote 6-1 (Against: Henry)**

SET POLLING LOCATIONS, REGISTRAR HOURS, & POLLING HOURS FOR
JUNE 10, 2008 AND MAY 20, 2008 ELECTIONS

VOTE (2008-60) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Bowie moved to set the polling locations and hours for the June 10, 2008 and May 20, 2008 Elections as follows:

- Polling Hours: 7AM to 8PM
- Locations: Ward/District 1 – Town Office & Ward/District 2 - MTM Center Gym
- Registrar Hours for May 20, 2008: May 15, 16, and 19 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
And Election Day May 20, 2008 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
- Registrar Hours for June 10, 2008: June 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
And Election Day June 10, 2008 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Order passed – Vote 7-0.

WIND MILL ORDINANCE

(First Reading)

VOTE (2008-61) Councilor Crafts, seconded by Councilor Mason moved to adopt the Wind Mill Ordinance. Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Bowie moved an amendment to eliminate #8 and #9 from the Wind Mill Ordinance. Amendment Vote 7-0 carried. **Order as amended passed – Vote 5-2. (Against: Smith and Bowie)** *(First Reading)*

WELL HEAD PROTECTION ORDINANCE

(First Reading)

VOTE (2008-62) Councilor Crafts, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to adopt the Well Head Protection Ordinance. Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved an amendment to insert today's date, May 6, 2008. Amendment Vote 7-0 carried. **Order as amended passed – Vote 7-0.** *(First Reading)*

REVISED SIGN ORDINANCE

(First Reading)

VOTE (2008-63) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved to adopt the revised sign ordinance. **Order passed – Vote 7-0.** *(First Reading)*

BEAVER PARK DRAINAGE BID

VOTE (2008-64) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Bowie moved to award the bid to Leon Bard for \$7,880.00. **Order passed – Vote 7-0.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT PROJECTED
PURCHASE/REFURBISHMENT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Chief Galipeau explained that the Lisbon Fire Department had projected purchase/refurbishment plans to year 2033. He said a significant cut has been proposed to this program. In 2002, the Fire Apparatus Study Committee formed to evaluate purchases due to the increasing cost of apparatus. Their goal was to review current inventory and to study and research the immediate and future needs in the area of apparatus. When completed they would make recommendations for immediate

and future apparatus acquisitions. This committee addressed and developed a plan that reduced the fleet of apparatus and presented the immediate need for apparatus purchase. At that time, the Fire Department did away with two engines and purchased an engine and a ladder. Engine 1 and Truck 6 became the goal of the committee along with fitting the new apparatus into a long-term plan of replacement and refurbishment. He said Lisbon spent some major dollars on replacing those two pieces of apparatus. In 1977, Lisbon bought two pieces of apparatus for \$140,000, and in 2003, two pieces totaled \$1,300,000. In order to avoid another huge increase the committee came up with a plan, which the Selectmen adopted in 2004 knowing they would revisit and revise it annually. Chief Galipeau said so far they refurbished Tank 9 for \$60,000, purchased Rescue 10 for \$245,000, and refurbished Engine 7 for \$35,000. Those were not in the order as planned because the rescue unit ended up going out of order and could not be stickered. Because a significant amount of money was in this plan, they were able to get a demo apparatus. In the upcoming budget for 2008/09 Squad 3 for \$80,000 has been proposed. After Engine 7's payment, there should be \$20,000 left in that account to carry over. The plan now shows actual figures and truer numbers for forecasted items. The plan by design is to keep the bottom line out of the red. He said if the Council cuts the plan by \$25,000 that would leave \$50,000, thus making the plan short of funds.

Councilor Wells thanked Chief Galipeau for bringing this to their attention and said budget decisions would be taking place on May 13.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. TRAIL SEGMENT 3 FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT

Mr. Leighton presented the Council with the feasibility study report. Daniel Goyette, from Woodard & Curran explained that there were three segments to this trail: The Railroad Trail, the Riverside Trail, and the Safe Route to School Trail. The first segment will cost about \$500,000, the second one about \$344,000, and the last one about \$354,000. The scenic section along the water on the Riverside Trail would be an extra \$20,000. Councilor Crafts said he would like to keep the trail as scenic as possible along the river. He said this would be a major benefit to the Town. There was some discussion about segment 14A and the Davis Street section. The cost of building a bridge and possible flooding issues made one alternative not very attractive. Councilor Crafts suggested Lisbon pursue both alternatives and let the residents decide in the end depending upon the cost.

Councilor Larochelle asked whether funding would be impacted by the fact that the trail is seasonal. Mr. Goyette said it is not a deal breaker. MDOT did extend riprap under the Sabattus River Bridge to allow for some type of platform. He said part of this trail would be underwater occasionally. He said MDOT would become very involved with any type of design taking place there. Councilor Smith said this would be no different from the trail in Brunswick, which is underwater at times.

C. TRAIL SEGMENT 3 GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Leighton pointed out a new program called Quality Community Programs, which includes Transportation Enhancement Funds and Safe Routes to School Funds. Mr. Leighton explained that Lisbon is applying for a number of different funding sources for this project. One of these sources is called the Safe Routes to School, which is 100% funded by the State and Federal Government. The other two segments of this project fall under the Transportation Enhancement Program, which calls for a 20% local match, like the way Lisbon did the Ricker Farm and Paper Mill Trail. Mr. Leighton said he would like to apply for everything. He said Lisbon could apply for everything as long as Lisbon would be willing to fund 20%. He said the total for everything would be \$1,500,000. **The Council unanimously supported the grant application as presented. Vote 7-0 carried.**

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Eldridge said he was preparing for upcoming contract negotiations with the Police Department. He said the Friends of the Library had received a \$325 grant from the Maine Humanities Council's Discretionary Fund. He said he and Mrs. Bradley were continuing to work with Maurice on the Teen Center sale. He mentioned that Mrs. Bradley would be attending the May 27 meeting to update the Council on her progress. She will be recommending loan committee members to the Council for appointment. He said the Chamber's Business Open House had a fabulous turnout of people in attendance at the Maine Art Glass Studio. He was impressed with the Maine Art Glass Studio's collection of work. He explained MDOT's Route 295 closure plans this summer and said Lisbon might experience an increase in traffic flow on Route 9 and 196. He said Sandy Page announced his departure from Celotex. He said Celotex was in a good position and would be introducing some new products soon.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Faye Brown announced the 10th year running of the Chief Worumbo River Race that starts at the Durham Boat Launch and ends six miles later in Lisbon. She said the Androscoggin River Land Trust would run the race next year. She invited everyone to the River Night Program on Wednesday, May 21 at 7PM at the MTM Center. The Androscoggin River Alliance will show a film about the river's environmental history.

Faye Brown thanked Mark Jones for putting the Lisbon/School Street Wheel Garden back together again after another accident. She requested that the Council do something soon to help protect the old historical carding machine wheels that originally came from the Worumbo Mill. She said a lot of effort went into getting these wheels fixed and placed there and accidents just keep happening there. Ms. Brown commended Cheryl Haggerty for her volunteer work getting businesses to sponsor flower gardens around town.

Richard Main said that last summer the Fire Department brought before the Town a proposal to purchase a new rescue vehicle. He said, at that point, the fund was \$25,000 short and that the Council decided at that time this \$25,000 would come out of the next year's fund. He said he believed this was the next year. Councilor Bowie said it ended up being \$20,000 and it came out of this year's budget. Councilor Smith said it went just as the Council said it would go.

APPOINTMENTS

ORDER 2008-65 TO APPOINT WARDENS

VOTE (2008-65) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to appoint Sheila Gray the Warden for Ward/District 1 and Jody Durisko the Warden for Ward/District 2. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Henry said she felt that the School Committee was elected to have charge over their budget, that the municipal side came out with a 9.62% increase that was decreased by 5%, which is a lot different from the School's budget, which came in at a 1.9% increase and then they were asked to cut it another 5%. She said she would not support the municipal side of the budget unless the School's budget begins at a 9.62% increase, which they decrease by 5%, or the municipal side starts with a budget at a 1.9% increase and then cuts it by 5%. She said this seems to be a very emotional issue. She encouraged residents to attend the upcoming public hearing on May 10.

Councilor Larochele thanked residents for coming out at the last public hearing. He pointed out that about 170 residents attended as compared to a very few last year. He said the message he received was that residents were concerned about the budget and they did not want to see the Town go backwards. He said everyone seemed to be aware that the Town was really holding a solid line on the budget. He said he believed residents were very positive about their Police and Fire Departments. He said he was sure the Council would find some type of happy medium here. He encouraged residents to attend.

Councilor Mason said Lisbon was not the only town facing these issues, every town and city appears to be cutting, and it is not unheard of that School Departments were being cut. She said the Council was not picking on them. She said this is a difficult budget season and everyone needs to work together to achieve the very best we can.

Councilor Bowie commended the Library Department for obtaining so many donations for the Library Reading Program and complimented them for doing such a great job with this program. He received a notice from Maine Municipal that said MMA was accepting nominations for the newly formed Board of Corrections.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTE (2008-66) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to go into executive session per 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (D) at 9:05 PM. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

Councilor Henry left at 9:06 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE (2007-67) Councilor Mason, seconded by Councilor Bowie moved to adjourn at 9:50 PM. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Twila Lycette, Council Secretary
Town Clerk, Lifetime CCM

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