



**TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 1, 2010**

Michael Bowie, Chair District 2 2012  
Gina Mason, Vice Chair District 1 2010  
Fern Larochelle, 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 Vice-Chairman, Gina Mason, called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL. Members present were Councilors Mason, Crafts, Larochelle, Cote, Pomelow and Lunt. Councilor Bowie was excused. Also present were Stephen Eldridge, Town Manager; Don Fellows, Dot Fitzgerald, Advisory Board; Michelle Swatsworth-Turmelle, Ethics Panel; and 20 citizens in the audience.

**PUBLIC HEARING - NONE**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**VOTE (2010-99)** Councilor Larochelle, seconded by Councilor Pomelow moved to approve the Minutes of May 11, 2010, May 18, 2010, and a Victualer's License for Mark LaRoche d/b/a Mark's Deli. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

**COUNCIL ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, & ORDINANCES**

NOMINATIONS TO MMA'S LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Eldridge said it was recommended at the last meeting that Michelle Swatsworth-Turmelle be nominated to serve on this committee. He said we did contact her and told her to get back to Jody if she would like to serve.

Michelle Swatsworth-Turmelle said, although I appreciate the nomination, I read through all of the materials and from what I've read they are looking for three people from our county to serve. It, also, requires 10 hours every single month, which is not something I am capable of doing right now, based on my work hours. I appreciate it, but that is an awful lot of time consistently throughout the entire year.

Councilor Larochelle said we appreciate your looking at it and at least considering it. Councilor Mason said are there any other nominations. Mr. Eldridge said I will volunteer. Councilor Mason said, okay, thank you Steve.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**VOTE (2010-100)** Councilor Larochelle, seconded by Councilor Lunt moved to nominate Steve Eldridge to serve on the MMA Legislative Policy Committee. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

A. LD 1121 AN ACT TO PROTECT ELDERLY RESIDENTS  
FROM LOSING THEIR HOMES DUE TO TAXES OR FORECLOSURE

Mr. Eldridge said this legislation passed in the last session. It actually was placed into law on November 20. I wasn't aware that it was, but one of our elderly citizens brought it to my attention. Dale and I have talked about this. It goes into effect July 12, I think. In order for us to do something with this, I provided you with all the materials and what it entails; we would have to put together an ordinance in order to accomplish that. I think it is a worthwhile endeavor, because all communities will have elderly who are struggling as it is. It would be a good thing to look at.

Councilor Crafts said I agree with Steve. It's a program that's going to help people stay in their homes and their taxes will get paid. It is a deferred program so that when the home is sold or whatever down the road, the community gets paid the tax. I think we ought to move forward on it and write an ordinance and be a part of it.

Councilor Larochelle said does the State actually have an ordinance already in place. There must be other towns running into the same circumstance. Mr. Eldridge said they are all running into the same thing. I will pool the managers on the listserv and see if anyone has come up with anything; whatever we have, I will send the legislation on to Roger.

Councilor Cote said you would think the State would jump on that. You would think if they are going to issue something like this, you would think they would do something about it. Councilor Mason said they just adopt new laws and new procedures and they don't give anything.

Councilor Pomelow said just to clarify, the way that it's actually written here, is that the way it's going to go into law, because it has all this crossed out and added stuff. Mr. Eldridge said yes. Councilor Pomelow said so we should expect to see something clearer. Mr. Eldridge said yes. I will get it to you once it's all drafted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

#### **B. POLICY FOR DISPOSITION OF TOWN-OWNED REAL PROPERTY**

Mr. Eldridge said this was something that was brought before you several meetings ago. Roger Therriault drafted this. It's a policy, so we really don't need a first reading or anything like that. You just need to agree that this is how you would like this to read and that it's the right process. Councilor Larochelle said is this the same or did you just change a couple of things from the last copy we received; we had already looked at this once. Mr. Eldridge said, yes, you have looked at this once. Councilor Larochelle said there are no major changes that you know of. Mr. Eldridge said, no.

**VOTE (2010-101)** Councilor Larochelle, seconded by Councilor Lunt moved to adopt the policy for Disposition of Town-Owned Real Property as follows:

#### **TOWN OF LISBON POLICY FOR DISPOSITION OF TOWN-OWNED REAL PROPERTY**

##### **1. Generally**

The purpose of this Policy is to establish procedures for the Town Council and Town Staff to determine what Town-owned property may be surplus to the Town's needs and/or available for development, and to establish a procedure for the disposition of that property.

##### **2. Conditions and Restrictions**

The Town Council may establish any conditions on sale, restrictions on use, or any other conditions or restrictions that it may deem appropriate with respect to the

disposition of a Town-owned property, in order to protect the interests of the Town and/or neighboring properties.

3. **Waiver**

The specific procedures outlined in this Policy may be waived by vote of the Town Council with respect to the disposition of any particular property, when the Town Council deems it to be in the best interests of the Town of Lisbon to do so.

4. **Prerequisites to Disposition**

Prior to the disposition of any Town-owned property, with the exception of property that has been tax acquired, as outlined below, the Town Council shall review the following data relating to the property:

- A. Assessor's records giving pertinent information regarding the use and status of the property.
- B. Current occupants and current use, if any.
- C. A copy of the latest Deed to the property.
- D. The status of taxes due, if any, through the date of the last tax commitment.
- E. The status of sewer user fees and water fees.
- F. Information from Town Staff regarding any potential Town use of the property.
- G. Any known environmental concerns, land use nonconformities, easements or restrictions on use, or any other special concerns or considerations relating to the property.

5. **Inventory/Review**

Within ninety (90) days after the date upon which tax liens mature, the Town Manager shall develop an Inventory of all Town-owned property, together with any recommendations regarding the disposal of that property.

6. **Tax Acquired Property**

Property that has been acquired by the Town of Lisbon for nonpayment of taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 943, and for which the period of redemption has expired, may be returned, by Municipal Quit-Claim Deed, to the taxpayer who is the owner of record of the property at the time of the acquisition by the Town, or that taxpayer's successor in interest. The Municipal Quit-Claim Deed is to be executed by the Town Manager and the Town Finance Director without the necessity of Council action. The Deed shall not be delivered to the taxpayer or successor in interest until the payment of all back taxes, interests and costs, including such taxes, together with appropriate interest and costs thereon, which would have become assessed and due during the period the property was Town-owned, together with all delinquent sewer user fees and water fees.

7. **Valuations**

Upon recommendation of the Town Manager, and approval of the Town Council, the Town Manager may obtain an appraisal of the property, by an appraiser licensed under the laws of the State of Maine, and qualified to appraise the type of property in question.

## 8. Methods of Disposal

A. Solicitation of Public Bids: Where the Town Council determines that exposure of the property to a public bid procedure is the most expeditious method for disposing of the property, it shall instruct the Town Manager to conduct a public bid procedure. This procedure shall involve at least one notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the Lisbon area. The bid advertisement shall contain any conditions or restrictions that the Town wishes to place on the property, the ability of the Town to negotiate with the lowest bidder should it be deemed in the best interest of the Town to do so, and the right of the Town to reject any and all bids.

B. Solicitation of Limited Bids: Where the market for the property appears limited to a few potential purchasers, then the Town Council may instruct the Town Manager to solicit bids from those potential purchasers without the need of public advertisement. Any bids received, shall be documented by the Town Manager and the solicitation shall include the same terms and conditions as outlined in Section A above.

C. Request for Proposals: To request proposals from potential purchasers where the Town determines that the redevelopment of an existing structure, abatement of environmental conditions, job creation, or similar factors, or where the Town has special concerns about the nature of the use to be conducted on the property, or where required by State or Federal Law. The Town may solicit request for proposals which will include proposals for the development, redevelopment, or other use of the property. The Town Council may establish criteria or guidelines to be included in the request for proposals that relate to the qualifications of the developer, selection factors, ranking methodology, and any other factors deemed appropriate to the particular property being offered for sale. The Town also may include as part of the conditions of sale, a development agreement to be negotiated between the Town and a selected purchaser. Any development agreement shall be subject to final approval by the Town Council and may contain deed restrictions or other guarantees to assure the performance of the proposed developer.

D. Listing Agreement: Where, due to the nature of the property, a listing agreement with a realtor who has expertise in marketing property of the type to be disposed of, may be approved by the Town Council, when this is deemed by the Town Council as the most effective way of disposing of the property.

E. Abutter Sale: The Town Council may approve the sale of the property to an abutter, without a bid process, where the nature of the property is such that only an abutter would have an interest in acquiring that property.

F. Gift: The Town may determine to convey the property without compensation where it is deemed in the Town's best interest to do so (i.e. convey the property to a non-profit entity providing a service of benefit to the citizens of Lisbon; disposition of real estate to put the property back on the tax rolls, etc.).

G. Lease: Where use of the property is deemed appropriate and in the Town's interests, but where permanent disposal of the property is deemed inappropriate, then the Town Council may approve a lease in accordance with such terms and conditions that the Town Council may approve, for use and occupancy of the property.

H. Other Disposition: The Town Council may determine other dispositions of real estate not listed above, when it is deemed to be in the best interests of the Town of Lisbon to do so.

**Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

### C. RECOGNIZE DOWNTOWN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

Mr. Eldridge said as part of the Downtown Network Communities throughout the State of Maine, each year they accept nominations for Outstanding Maine Downtown Network Community. We nominated the Town of Lisbon and were awarded the Outstanding Maine Downtown Network Community award. There are a total of seven communities within this group. We got a very good review and we were nominated and awarded it, which is outstanding. This coming Friday awards will be given out on this particular aspect. Anybody who can attend, that would be great. Please let Jody know, she will be back tomorrow.

Mr. Eldridge said we, also, submitted a nomination for the Outstanding Public Official or Employee Award, which includes the whole Maine Downtown Community Program, not just for the Network Program. Gina Mason was nominated and awarded the Outstanding Public Official award. She gets it and she knows what she is trying to accomplish. She will get recognized in front of everybody, which is a truly outstanding honor. Also, as part of this program, we submitted a nomination for the Outstanding Public and Private Partnership Award. We nominated Maurice Bonneau's Sausage Kitchen. We have had a great relationship with him during his move. He, also, won the nomination for that. Lisbon has received three awards out of the four that were possible at this convention. It is really quite an honor. A lot of hard work on everybody's part who was part of the Downtown Revitalization group is what accomplished this. This is outstanding. Congratulations.

### D. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Eldridge said we received our MDOT Bridge Maintenance Division report should anybody like to see the book. They did it with photographs and it includes a whole list of things that we need to work on. Fisher Road; we talked about that bridge before. Buttons is working on getting cost estimates. He received those, so we will have some money left over this year to take care of that issue.

Mr. Eldridge said Upland Road, which I think I brought to your attention at the last meeting, is that MDOT seems to think that the cost of doing this project may exceed what we originally budgeted. Jim Ferguson, who is the project manager for that program doesn't quite believe that, because he feels it will come in on budget or under budget since there are a lot of hungry contractors out there who are willing to do that.

Mr. Eldridge said the Fire Department has a 1996 Jeep that will not pass inspection. We've patched it and fixed it. Buttons asked if he could purchase it for \$500. I think the process has been that we should probably post it internally to make sure everybody gets an opportunity. It's junk. I don't really think anybody can fix it.

Mr. Eldridge said we will be meeting on June 3 to talk about dispatch. All the Town Managers and some public officials are going to be meeting here to talk about this letter we got from the Public Utilities Commission. We are looking at consolidating all the dispatch services. Everybody is very concerned; they all got this letter. We have some public officials attending, as well. As part of that process and discussion we are going to be looking at the study that Chief Brooks did and trying to come up with a solution. The meeting is Thursday at 3:00 PM at the Town Office.

Councilor Larochelle said, Steve, maybe this is off the subject a little bit, but I see that the Brownfield's Grants were awarded, that was for the asbestos removal, right? I know the school has actually run into another issue. Is that something the Brownfield's Grant can be used for? I know that I have mentioned it multiple times. Mr. Eldridge said, yes, Cathy Messmer called me today and she had heard we got free money. The State pays the Federal government. I put her in touch with Rosie. Rosie thinks we can get these grants quite easily. They are going to talk to each other

tomorrow. Councilor Larochelle said so it may be a possibility. Mr. Eldridge said, I think, it's a good possibility. Councilor Larochelle said I know that they are going to run into that in a few years at the Lisbon High School. It's always been funded, but all locally. Mr. Eldridge said, yes, there is money out there from what I understand. We've done the one for the garage down on Rte 196. We did the school, so there are a few things that have been done.

## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Debbie Barry of Lisbon Falls said I got here a little late so I missed Item 6A, specifically LD 1121 An Act to Protect Elderly Residents from Losing Their Homes Due To Taxes or Foreclosure. Mr. Eldridge said the Council agreed to move forward. We need to write an ordinance. The State issued it, so there has not been anything written yet, but if the Council wants to draft an ordinance for this they'll bring it back.

Ms. Berry said I urge Lisbon not to participate in this, because it's going to create a vacuum if, in fact, an elderly person is allowed to do this. I support senior citizens, not a problem, but it has to do with revenue. If, say 5,000 people in town, were allowed to have a purveyance of their taxes until they sell their property, there should be some kind of arrangement like the children that inherit the property pony up the difference, because that vacuum, caused by those taxes not coming in, the other townspeople have to come up with. Salaries still have to be paid. Everything still has to go on, so that revenue source has to come from somewhere. As a taxpayer and a property owner, I know where it is coming from and to adopt that without any type of discussion or, at least, allowing the people in town to know how this is going to impact each homeowner, isn't right.

Mr. Eldridge said this is an ordinance. State law is very specific about who qualifies and who doesn't. Not every senior citizen qualifies, plus, if the house is sold or ownership changes hands, the money automatically gets reimbursed to Lisbon. There are quite a few guidelines. It will have to go before the public anyway. There will have to be a first reading and discussion prior to this becoming enacted by the Council. There will, also, be a public hearing.

Ms. Berry said, again, the people who are eligible to get this, let's say that there are 5,000 in town, and you have that loss of revenue every year and the person is still allowed to stay there and the children that are going to be inheriting that property are allowed to do that, as well, at the time of the transfer of the estate to the child, the property may not necessarily be sold. The taxes are still not paid, but somebody has to pay those taxes. I would urge you to not adopt this, not in this format, because it does not appear to be well thought out at all.

Councilor Larochelle said, unfortunately, it's really hard to discuss a lot of the details, because a lot of the details are not put in front of us until it is written into an ordinance. That's one of the advantages of writing an ordinance, is the idea of having discussion and seeing the details, so that we will be able to take the information we have for the ordinance and see how many houses could be affected and then we can try to get some numbers on it and actually get some public input. Unfortunately, until we get to that point, I mean, just because you draft an ordinance doesn't mean you will actually move forward with it. That's why we actually have the first and second readings and public hearings to try and get that information. It's very difficult to know the details until it's written into ordinance form, which is more understandable for me anyways. The decision we were talking about tonight, wasn't the idea of adopting it, it was more the idea of getting it into some form so that we can discuss it.

Ms. Berry said the language from the state appears to be that certain individuals are going to be eligible for this and it may only be a certain number, but in the meantime, salaries still have to be paid and everything else has to be maintained at a certain level of service, so when this property is sold and the money is then returned to the town, how are you going to reimburse the taxpayers, the ones that ponied up the money during the time the people were living?

Councilor Larochelle said one of the things, I think, we need to understand is until we actually get it in a form more detailed as to what our liabilities are, if it is a state law, whether we have the opportunity to adopt it or not, or we are forced to, I mean, that is one of the things that once it comes in ordinance form we will be able to understand it a little better. We may not have an opportunity if it is a state law as a town to say that we don't want it.

Ms. Berry said, well, I do hope when they write this ordinance that they clearly state that the monies taken from the other taxpayers is reimbursed to the taxpayers that paid for the free gratis while the individual's property wasn't sold or while the taxes weren't paid. Whoever is inheriting the property should be concerned about paying those taxes in a timely fashion, real time fashion, not wait 20 or 30 years, and then pay that and the interest back, because, let's say the real estate crashes, the house never retains its value, in the meantime, the taxpayers of the town continued to support that, subsidize that, and yet there is no redress for the taxpayers.

Councilor Mason said, I think, part of what we are doing here is that we are looking at what is allowed by state law and then we are coming back to look at what we would like to have as an ordinance for the town. As Fern said, we can't go above and beyond what the State allows, but we can go within our own guidelines. This is only something for us to study. We haven't passed anything.

Ms. Berry said, Gina, it seems like you are opening the door. Today it is going to be the elderly, tomorrow it will be people with disabilities, the next day it will be people with blue eyes, and the next day it will be people with blonde hair. Its people, if you own property, you pay taxes. I don't see the reason. If they want to waste their time up in Augusta, fine, but don't do it in this fashion.

Councilor Mason said we haven't decided on anything; we are just looking at it. Ms. Berry said, then I will wait, but I personally say that this is not a good idea. The taxpayer is going to take the hit. The money comes back and how would you reimburse the taxpayers. It doesn't make sense to me.

Councilor Mason said I don't think any of us really know how it all works and that is why we got this information tonight, which is to understand it and that's why we will move forth and write an ordinance, then we will have the right to change that ordinance according to how we as the Council feel it should apply to our town.

Michelle Swatsworth-Turmelle said do we know what the order is for reimbursement regarding precedence on Federal money versus State money. The reason I ask is, and Lori may be able to speak to this, is that with Medicaid State recovery, if you have someone who receives Medicaid Homecare Services or goes into a skilled nursing facility under Medicaid dollars, once they have passed away or their home is sold, you are going to go into a State recovery. The Federal government is going to have first dibs on any of those funds. Do we know where our State is going to fall, because I doubt we are going to have precedence over the Federal government? The only thing that I would ask is that we look for where in the language we are going to fall. I am all for supporting our elderly. We wouldn't have what we have now if it wasn't for them, but I am concerned about where that money is going to come from and if it is even there, because with the estate recovery, the Feds are going to get their money first and then there may not be any left over at \$3,000, or almost \$4,000 a month, for a skilled nursing facility.

Councilor Larochelle said that eats it up quick. Mrs. Swatsworth-Turmelle said very quickly, so I mean if they transfer their estate three years before they go in and use those funds, that's one thing. It's going to go to a family member. My concern is, if they go into a facility or start accessing the Medicaid services before there is a transfer of that real estate, all those dollars they are accessing is going to go into the estate recovery pot. You may not have a pot once you have sold or paid out for us to recoup our money. That would be my concern, so I would ask that you look for that language to see how we are protected in the event something like that happened.

Councilor Larochelle said I'm sure that is pretty much listed under how the lien process works. Within the first year of that happening I'm sure the liens start to take legal effect. Mrs. Swatsworth-

Turmelle said, yes, but whose lien is going to take precedence. I can guarantee it is probably the Federal government. That would be my concern, which is the estate recovery piece of it and whether or not there is a way we can work together to resolve that.

Councilor Larochelle said the town and probably the State of Maine is, also, looking at the same details and, hopefully, they will go back to the top and we can get some answers. Mrs. Swatsworth-Turmelle said that is the only thing I am asking, is that we try to keep a watch to see where we fall in that order, because at the bottom there may not be anything left.

Councilor Mason said I had someone speak to me about this who is in a long term care facility. They work in one. They addressed this very issue. Once again, that's why we will look at it and that's why we have the information here tonight. Mrs. Swatsworth-Turmelle said that is all I am asking for, is that we watch out for that.

Mr. Eldridge said in the state's law it says there is a fund set up from the state tax or transfer tax, so we get reimbursed annually. Councilor Mason said, Lori, is there anything more you know about this.

Councilor Pomelow said I know that estate recovery will come first and it's about \$6,500 to \$7,000 a month to live in a nursing facility. Estate recovery is taking effect for the nursing home level of care right now, but residential care, there isn't an asset level that they are looking at as of yet, but the State, also, needs money, so they will start looking at these estates. I do believe that the State will come first before there are any offsets in the local communities.

Councilor Mason said I think that, once again, we have a lot of work to do before this becomes law in Lisbon, so we will take all those factors into consideration.

Councilor Pomelow said I will add one other concern, which is that Steve said there might be a fund set up here, but we've already seen through this budgeting process that we haven't gotten all the revenue that was suppose to be sent back to us, whether it's funding their 55% share of the schools or any of the other revenues, so I wouldn't run to the bank based upon them saying, you know, we are going to give this money back, because we are starting off the next fiscal year on July 1 with a huge deficit. Councilor Larochelle said I.O.U., I.O.U.

Councilor Mason said any more questions or comments.

Dorothy Fitzgerald said are there copies of this ordinance available for us to read now. Councilor Mason said we do have copies tonight. Mrs. Fitzgerald said, okay, it would be good to review. I have one more comment that I did not intend to make, but the last meeting that was televised last Thursday you could hear the first half of the Town Council meeting and then, evidently, the microphones were turned off on the second part, because you could not hear anything. Councilor Mason said we have already addressed that and we are hoping that we have corrected that tonight.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER

#### One Council Member

Councilor Mason said I don't see any information about this. Mr. Eldridge said the Town Council needs to appoint one member. We usually have two. Councilor Larochelle is a member right now. We need one more Councilor to volunteer to serve on the Audit Committee. We need to add one, because we are gearing up for that first week when the auditors come in to do their preliminary work, so it has to be prior to that.

Councilor Larochelle said we had talked about that awhile back and I know Mike had mentioned that he was interested in being on that, but again I don't know if that has changed or not.

Councilor Mason said is anybody else interested. All right, then shall we nominate Mike. Mr. Eldridge said, yes, I know he did mention it. Councilor Larochelle said he did mention it to me, because we were talking about some of the items that we needed to address from last year.

Councilor Larochelle said can I just ask when will we actually be doing this, when is the first meeting. Mr. Eldridge said now that you have a full committee, Jody will schedule a meeting. Councilor Larochelle said that would be prior to meeting with the auditors, right. Mr. Eldridge said, she is coming in, I think, around the end of June, so we will have a meeting prior to that. Councilor Larochelle said one of the things I've recommended before is that we actually invite one person from the Water Commission to sit in on that meeting, because that's usually discussed every year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**VOTE (2010-101)** Councilor Larochelle, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved to appoint Mike Bowie to the Audit Committee. **Order passed – Vote 6-0.**

#### SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Mr. Eldridge said this is an annual appointment. This gentleman always does it and he has requested that he be appointed again.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**VOTE (2010-102)** Councilor Larochelle, seconded by Councilor Lunt moved to appoint Louis Levesque to a 1-year term as Sealer of Weights and Measures. **Order passed – Vote 6-0.**

#### AVCOG GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2010-2011 (Two Members)

Mr. Eldridge said AVCOG sent us a notice asking us to update our representatives. Janet Henry was the previous elected official. I serve on the Executive Committee. Janet is no longer on the Council, so I would like to have another elected official serve, if they could. Councilor Mason said who is interested. Mr. Eldridge said they usually meet once a month. Sometimes if they don't have a lot of business, like in the summer, they usually postpone it. Usually meetings start around 11:30 AM, they generally provide lunch, and they last for about an hour or an hour and a half at most. Sometimes it's good to have two people serve. Councilor Lunt said I will volunteer.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**VOTE (2010-103)** Councilor Larochelle, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved to appoint Mark Lunt the AVCOG General Assembly representative for 2010-2011. **Order passed – Vote 6-0.**

#### **COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Mason said this past week myself, Mike Cote, and my husband, who just happened to go along, went to a FEMA meeting. They were doing some flood delineation stuff. It was very interesting. The flood plain that we have now is, basically, a 250' foot strip that runs in a straight line along either side of a stream or river. This new delineation they are doing by airplane; the mapping is all done with topo maps according to what the airplane sees. It makes topo maps, basically, so it's going to change a lot of the flood plain. That is something they are going to be working on into this fall. For some people it will be helpful, you know, folks might own land that's in a flood plain, but it really has never flood, that type of thing. It's very interesting. I have a small map here with some of the information they discussed. Lisbon happened to be the example they used on their overhead. It was a section of Ferry Road. It was interesting to see where the flood plain is now and where it will

be. It should be helpful in some instances for some pieces of property. It's an interesting process. We will have it by early fall.

Councilor Crafts said I just want to congratulate the Revitalization Committee. The hard work that they are doing is proving itself out. Another thing, I want to remind the public that we have a State Primary election on Tuesday. You can still request an absentee ballot if you want to vote that way. You can request one from Twila; just call her if you need one mailed so you can vote from home. I just want to remind people to get out and do your civil duty and try to make a difference. There are a lot of bond issues. We have that LD1495 which is going to impact a lot of people. I am hoping people will get out and pay attention to what is going on this election cycle.

Councilor Lunt said I just want to follow up on that. I, also, want to remind people even if you are an independent that you can still vote. It is not just a primary election there is a referendum ballot, too. Even if you are not in a party come out and vote, too. Councilor Mason said absolutely.

Councilor Larochelle said the other thing to add to that is that the school vote is going to be coming up and that's on Tuesday also, so if you have an opinion about the school happenings, please come out and voice your opinions.

Councilor Mason said next Tuesday we will be having our budget workshop. We will be voting on the municipal budget on June 15. Just so that others know this will be our final time to look at the budget. We will be discussing it further and then we will vote on it on June 15.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

## ADJOURNMENT

**VOTE (2010-104)** Councilor Cote, seconded by Councilor Larochelle moved to adjourn at 7:35 PM. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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

*These Council meeting minutes were transcribed by Beth French and proof read by Twila Lycette.*