

**SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2006**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO FLAG.
2. ROLL CALL. Members present were Charles Smith, Paul Chizmar, Ed Madden, and Layne Curtis. Chairman Michael Bowie was excused. Also present were Curtis Lunt, Town Manager; Twila Lycette, Town Clerk; Gerald Samson, Tax Assessor; and approximately four citizens in the audience.
3. PUBLIC HEARINGS. None.
4. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Curtis, seconded by Mr. Chizmar, moved to approve the following consent agenda items:

- **5.168 Easement for Electrical Line – Moody Road Parcel**
- **7.1 School Warrant 1035**
- **7.2 Payroll Warrants 32 & 33**
- **7.3 Town Warrant 15**
- **10.1 Written Communications – Minutes of January 10, 2006 and February 7, 2006.**

Vote 4-0 carried.

5. SCHEDULED ITEMS

5.168 EASEMENT FOR ELECTRICAL LINE – MOODY ROAD PARCEL. See Consent Agenda.

5.169 WATER COMMISSION REQUEST FOR SALARY ADJUSTMENT. Stan Doughty, Chairman of the Water Commission, explained that the change in salary would put them at the same level as other elected officials. **Mr. Curtis, seconded by Mr. Madden, moved to place the requested salary adjustment on the May Town Meeting Warrant. Vote 4-0 carried.**

5.170 PROPOSED ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEE INCREASE. Mr. Samson explained that the work is contracted out, and that the fee collected is their only pay for each job, and no mileage is paid. The minimums in other towns are around \$25.00. **Mr. Curtis, seconded by Mr. Madden, moved to approve the proposed fee increases to \$20.00 minimum, and \$30.00 for single-family. Mr. Curtis, seconded by Mr. Madden, made an amendment to include a \$20.00 fee for multi-family per unit. Amendment 4-0 carried. Main motion as amended 4-0 carried.**

5.171 REVALUATION – TAX ASSESSOR. Mr. Samson explained that currently all assessing functions are done by hand, no pictures or sketches are available, and most information is not accessible by the public. By purchasing software, the information would be easier to access and understand. Available software requires information not available on the cards, and would require a revaluation for efficient use. Included in the cost would be the computer

software, digital pictures, and computerized tax maps. Recent home sales have shown that the values currently on file are actually around 50% of the actual market values, though the mil rate does help to balance this. The revaluation would cost approximately \$300,000, the software \$60,000, and the pictures would be \$15,000. Regionalizing software purchases could reduce the cost, but regionalizing services would not reduce man-hours.

5.172 APPOINTMENT TO PINE TREE ZONE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION. Mr. Lunt proposed the appointment of Dan Feeney to the Pine Tree Zone Advisory Committee, stating that he has been doing the duties all along. **Mr. Curtis, seconded by Mr. Chizmar, moved to adopt the resolution and appoint Dan Feeney to the Pine Tree Zone Advisory Committee. Vote 4-0 carried.**

5.173 CONSTRUCTION OVER LIMIT PERMIT – MDOT BARKER BROOK PROJECT. A weight limit waiver is needed for heavy equipment to be allowed on the roads for repair construction. A similar permit was issued previously for construction on Route 125 with a \$40,000 bond requirement. **Mr. Curtis, seconded by Mr. Madden, moved to approve the MDOT Barker Brook Project Over Limit Permit. Vote 4-0 carried.**

5.174 ANNUAL DOG WARRANT. Mrs. Lycette explained that current issues with the new computer software have placed names on the warrant that should not be there, and hopes that people are patient with the process. Those who receive notices but no longer have dogs will not be fined, and need only call to be removed from the list. Last year the warrant was signed at the first Selectmen's Meeting of February, and because it was done later this year some revenue will be lost. Mrs. Lycette added that recent legislation has changed the rabies vaccination duration, so that shots labeled as expiring in two years are actually good for three. **Mr. Chizmar, seconded by Mr. Smith, moved to approve the warrant for unlicensed dog owners dated 2/21/2006. Vote 4-0 carried.**

5.175 TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT. Mr. Lunt explained that the 39 Village Street property has been inspected, and the report concludes that the building is stable, and is not a public danger at this point. A fence is required to discourage anyone from accidentally entering the site, and work will need to continue in the spring to ensure more permanent fixes. Mr. Samson agreed with the assessment.

Marcel Obie was hired as a Transfer Station Attendant, and previously worked for Bushman in Lewiston. Wayne told Mr. Lunt that he was happy to have him as a replacement for Jerry Arsenault. Mr. Lunt reminded the Selectmen of upcoming meetings with the Advisory Board on April 11th & 12th. Mr. Lunt, along with Mr. Madden, attended and testified at the Legislative hearing regarding extending the terms of the Water Commission members, and it was approved. Tim Herling of Central Maine Power reported that there are 587 streetlights, and Mr. Lunt requested recommendation on alternatives. As of Friday candidates were able to sign up for Council and Advisory Board openings, and information has been added to the website. Mr. Lunt said the Comprehensive Plan was not yet finished, that all the money appropriated has been spent, and another \$2,000 is needed, excluding printing costs.

6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION. Cyndi Best, of 30 Village Street, asked if a building permit had been issued for construction on 39 Village Street. The Selectmen said that yes, one had been issued, but that it might be difficult to keep posted there. Ms. Best also asked who was paying for the Engineers working on the site. Mr. Lunt explained that the Town has paid for the inspections, though Reggie Thiboutot is responsible for the most recent one, and that the Town is paying for no other work. Mr. Lunt also added that Mr. Thiboutot has not yet signed the agreement from the Selectmen Meeting of January 17th, for the reason that a lawyer advised him not to, and that the Town wasn't in the position to require him to. Ms. Best mentioned a chain from under the house to her tree, and said that she tried to unhook it but wasn't able to. Mr. Lunt said that the chain doesn't seem to be holding the house up, and that Mr. Thiboutot could be talked to about removing it. Ms. Best also said that the generator is loud until 9:30-10:00 PM. Mr. Lunt explained that the Town still wants him to work on it, and finish it. According to the Engineer, the house is much safer, and not going to fall down or cave in. A lot of work has been completed, including removal of the shed, which was an eyesore. Mr. Lunt added that the Town cannot force Mr. Thiboutot to make it habitable, and that there was probably never a real foundation when it was brought there.
7. WARRANTS. See Consent Agenda.
8. APPOINTMENTS. None.
9. GOOD NEWS & RECOGNITION. None.
10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
 - 10.1 MINUTES OF 1/10/2006 & 2/7/2006. See Consent Agenda.
11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS. None.
12. EXECUTIVE SESSION. None.
13. ADJOURNMENT. **Mr. Curtis, seconded by Mr. Madden, moved to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Vote 5-0 carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Juliet LeBlond, Assistant Town Clerk
Lisbon Town Clerk's Office

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