



**TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 9, 2006**

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

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 Smith, Curtis, Bowie, Mason, Henry, Crafts, and Wells. Councilor was excused. Also present were Curtis Lunt, Town Manager; Michael Cote, Deputy Code Enforcement Officer; Elwood Beal, Public Works Director; and approximately three citizens in the audience. The Chairman dispensed with the reading of the meeting rules.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**VOTE (2006-69)**

Councilor, seconded by Councilor moved to adopt the following consent items: (A) Written Communications - Minutes of 10-17-2006. Order passed - Vote 7-0.

**COUNCIL ORDERS, ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION  
ORDINANCE TO REZONE PINEWOODS ROAD

**VOTE (2006-70)** Councilor Wells, seconded by Councilor Henry moved to adopt an ordinance to change the zoning district on the south side of Pinewoods Road by extending the limited residential zone westerly to include Lot 9 Map U 20 and Lots 40D, 40C, 40B, 40, 40A, 13A, and 13C Tax Map R8 in the Limited Residential, said district designation change to be included as an amendment to the official zoning map of the Town of Lisbon dated 11-21-2002. Councilor Wells seconded by Councilor Henry moved to withdraw the motion. Motion to withdraw passed by unanimous vote. The Order was withdrawn and will be rescheduled for a later date pending Comprehensive Plan Committee discussion.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE TO REZONE PINEWOODS ROAD

**VOTE (2006-71)** Order to set a public hearing on a proposed Residential to Limited Residential for Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 7 PM and that notice be given as required by law, moved to a future agenda by general consensus.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING: TIME WARNER CABLE

**VOTE (2006-72)** Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Bowie moved to set a public hearing for December 5, 2006 at 7 PM to hear comments regarding proposed cable TV rate increases by Time Warner. Order passed - Vote 7-0.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING ON PRIORITIES

**VOTE (2006-73)** Councilor Curtis, seconded by Councilor Henry moved to set a special Council Workshop on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM to review and discuss Council priorities. Order passed - Vote 7-0.

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**OTHER ITEMS**

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Review only. In the past few months the Public Works Department has been working on several projects. The Sabattus River Boat Launch has been completed. The Park & Ride by the Railroad Diner has been completed. The Walking Trail is still an open project, and Carl Huston has stopped as of now for the winter. Crossman Street reconstruction only has landscaping along the sides of the road, which will be taken care of in the spring. Some drainage work was completed at 39 Village Street. Whitney Street will be ditched by Rand Griffin. The Public Works Department plans to install snow fencing within the next couple of weeks, which seemed to work well last winter. Winter sand bids have been sent out and were opened as of Monday November 6<sup>th</sup>. Only two bids were returned, no other interest was given. One bid was very high, the other was the same as last year, and Mr. Beal intends to buy 1700 yards instead of 2000. "No" Parking signs were posted on Town property located on Booker Street to stop people from parking there, though some are still parking on the grass behind the signs. The sign will soon be replaced with "No Parking Anytime" signs. Councilor Curtis asked if the MTM Center could be added to the plowing list, and Mr. Beal said that now that he has the personnel he can do that.

COUNTY BUDGET

Review only, see attachments. Councilor Bowie had invited Commissioner Berry to the meeting, but he wasn't able to attend due to the recent death of Deputy Sherriff Rancourt. The County intends to cut the prisoner transport program for municipalities that have their own police department. Commissioners are also requesting that non-union workers take five furlough days. There are no projected wage increases for elected officials or step increases for non-union workers. Commissioners did not take a reduction in their pay despite the impending layoffs for non-union workers, though they receive full-time health benefits. The Committee does not like to see furloughs or layoffs, but there is a \$400,000 reduction in County revenue, mainly attributed to surplus funds being used while taxes were cut. The final budget is not expected to be approved for some time. Councilor Bowie stated that he will be working behind the scenes to come up with ways to balance the budget without taking out the prisoner transport program, and that he believes the Commissioners should charge a fee instead, which would allow the Sherriff's department to hire needed staff. The County Commissioner is scheduled to attend the Lewiston City Council meeting on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at the City Hall at 7:00 PM.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lunt participated, along with all department heads and Council Chairman Bowie, in a 3+ hour NIMS training (National Incident Management System) held by the County EMA staff. This is not only a requirement for any further FEMA disaster or grants assistance but a useful response to the deplorable lack of command and planning that occurred during and after Hurricane Katrina.

The MPO Androscoggin Transportation Response Center (ATRC) Policy Committee voted last week to allocate \$325,000 to Upland Road for 2008-2010 with \$177,000 for 3<sup>rd</sup> year funding 2006-08. With whatever funding remains from the \$540,000 allocated for 2006-08, which is to be used for design and right-of-way, some type of construction project may proceed.

Fire Department Unit 10 (Rescue) is out of service indefinitely due to extensive body rust.

Construction has continued on the Mill Street/Upland Road trail adding culverts and gravel. He visited Beaver Park where the shed, picnic shelter, and drainage projects have been completed. Landscaping is underway at the Boat Launch.

Mr. Lunt worked with Town Attorney Roger Therriault on a variety of issues including acquisition of 12 Union Street, deed revisions, and a re-subdivision for Trenchless Technologies on Capital Avenue, and cable television issues.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

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**APPOINTMENTS**

PLANNING BOARD RESIGNATION

**VOTE (2006-74)** Councilor Smith seconded by Councilor Wells moved to accept Kevin Hanlon’s resignation from the Planning Board. Order passed – Vote 7-0.

**VOTE (2006-75)** Councilor Bowie seconded by Councilor Smith moved to appoint John Potvin to the Planning Board. Councilor Bowie withdrew the motion. Motion to withdraw passed – Vote 7-0. John Potvin and Jonathan Foster will be interviewed for the position at a later date.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS

**VOTE (2006-76)** Councilor Smith seconded by Councilor Wells moved to accept the resignations of Daniel Poisson and Sandra Levesque from the Technology Committee. Order passed – Vote 7-0.

**COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Smith congratulated the local emergency and rescue personnel for a job well done regarding an accident in front of his farm on Oct 21st. Councilor Crafts said congratulated the voters of Lisbon for a job well done on the local voting results for TABOR, and commented that the Council should take their opinion under consideration. Councilor Henry stated that the Historical Society is selling a book called *The History of Lisbon*, and commended Pauline Mathieu and Detective Bernie McAllister for taking a bus of kids to a camp about. Councilor Bowie, Mason, and Wells announced that they will all be unable to attend the November 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**VOTE (2006-77)** Councilor Curtis seconded by Councilor Smith moved to go into Executive Session at 8:24 PM to discuss Real Estate MRSA Title 1 Chapter 13 405(6)C. Order passed – Vote 7-0. The Council returned from Executive Session at 9:05 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**VOTE (2006-78)** Councilor Wells, seconded by Councilor Henry moved to adjourn at 9:06 PM. Order passed - Vote 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Juliet C. LeBlond  
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Lisbon, Maine