



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JULY 1, 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; Mark Stevens, Recreation Director; Judy Hardy-Goddard, Deputy Welfare Director; David Brooks, Police Chief; Dr. Shannon Welsh, School Superintendent and 5 School Committee Members; Walter Morse, Budget Advisory Board Member; Lori Pomelow, Budget Advisory Board Member; Roger Cote, Budget Advisory Board Member; Layne Curtis, Budget Advisory Board Member; and approximately 65 citizens in the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA

VOTE (2008-101) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to approve the minutes of June 3, and 17, 2008. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

COUNCIL ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

SCHOOL TRANSFERS W/ BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD

VOTE (2008-102) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to approve \$155,000 for School transfers as presented below. (Note: The Budget Advisory Board present did not object.)

\$50,000 from 4) Special Education Line A. Personnel	to 2) Regular Programs Sec Line A. Personnel
\$17,000 from 4) Special Education Line A. Personnel	to 4) Special Education Line B. Contractual
\$22,000 from 3) Support Services Line A. Personnel	to 8) Operation/Maintenance Line B. Contractual
\$33,000 from 7) General Adm. Line B. Contractual	to 8) Operation/Maintenance Line B. Contractual
\$ 2,000 from 5) Co-Curricular Line C. Commodities	to 8) Operation/Maintenance Line B. Contractual
\$25,000 from 8) Operation/Maint. Line A. Personnel	to 9) Transportation Line A. Personnel
\$ 6,000 from 9) Transportation Line B. Contractual	to 9) Transportation Line C. Commodities

Order passed - Vote 7-0.

PHOTOCOPIER BIDS

VOTE (2008-103) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Wells moved to award a 3-Year lease purchase of a Kyocera KM-6030 photocopier with a service contract to Budget Document Technology for \$307 per month. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

COUNTER CLERK JOB DESCRIPTION

Councilor Wells requested the Town Attorney review this item. Item postponed to a future agenda.

ROAD STRIPING BIDS

VOTE (2008-105) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved to award the road striping bid to Markings, Inc for \$17,356.36. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

FUEL BIDS

VOTE (2008-106A) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to accept the fuel bid from Downeast Energy for a fixed price of \$4.29 for heating oil, \$4.69 for Kerosene, and \$4.59 for diesel. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

Councilor Bowie requested the Town continue to seek lower prices and perhaps join with the School Department to obtain lower pricing as well. Councilor Larochelle concurred, suggesting the Council move forward now, and look at reducing these prices later.

OTHER BUSINESSA. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Eldridge said the Finance Director closed the books at 9:00 PM last night, that the new budget is now in Northern Data, and that he would be giving the Council new reports soon.

Maurice Bonneau's loan closed last night and he is hard at work in his new building.

The Route 9 and Route 196 intersection should be done in September. Mr. Eldridge mentioned that Lisbon and Sabattus will jointly apply for an MDOT grant for the Route 9 project.

Mr. Eldridge said he received a letter for the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce requesting street closings for the Moxie Festival and recommend the Council approve them as presented.

VOTE (2008-106B) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Bowie moved to authorize street closings and use of other municipal areas in connection with the July 11-13, 2008, Moxie Festival as follows:

1. Closure of Main St. from Rt. 196 to Goddard Street for Festival activities from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. **Friday** evening.
2. Closure of municipal parking lot off Main St., Lisbon Falls on **Friday** evening, and continued barricade so that lot will be empty for **Saturday**.
3. Closure of Rt. 196 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. for the parade on **Saturday**.
4. Closure of Main St. from Rt. 196 to North Street from 9:00 to 11 a.m. on **Saturday**.
5. Closure of Capitol Avenue in Lisbon Falls from 6:00 to 11:00 a.m. on **Saturday** for parade staging area.
6. Closure of Maple St. from Main St. to the municipal parking lot entrance for pedestrian use on **Saturday** from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
7. Closure of Union St. from Booker St. to Main St. for pedestrian use on **Saturday** from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
8. Closure of Frost Hill Avenue Park from 5:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to all except canoe race participants on **Sunday**, July 13.

Order passed - Vote 7-0.

B. OFFICIAL VOTE FOR MMA'S LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

VOTE (2008-106C) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Bowie moved to cast a ballot for Errol Additon and Gregory Gill. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

At this time, several residents spoke in favor of keeping the MTM Center open. Residents made several positive comments about how well the public utilized these programs. Dan Nicholson of Addison Street said he stated his concerns to the Town Manager earlier about the vacant building on Campus Avenue and pointed out how nice it is to see the MTM building busy instead of being an eye sore. Tim Haggerty commended Mr. Stevens for his award winning championship teams and for using such good character building techniques.

Mr. Eldridge pointed out that the Recreation Department only had two and a half people now running these programs, which Mr. Stevens chose over another cut, and that he would be moving the director back to the Town Office after their busy season. Councilor Bowie suggested Mr. Eldridge be given a chance to do his job, which is to manage departments the way he believes works best, and asked that staff work with him. Several comments supported keeping the Director at the MTM Center. Jill Denniston of North Street mentioned Mr. Eldridge could use video conferencing, faxing, and other technology to maintain Supervisor/Director communication.

Councilor Smith said closing MTM was not on the Council's agenda. Councilor Wells explained that at one time, the Council discussed the decision to keep the community center at MTM or move to LES, but eliminating the community center was not an option.

Councilor Wells concluded that Mr. Eldridge would take all of these comments into consideration and moved on to the next agenda item.

APPOINTMENTS

BOARD OF APPEALS - REGULAR MEMBER – 3YEAR TERM & RECREATION COMMITTEE – REGULAR MEMBER – 3 YEAR TERM

VOTE (2008-107) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Bowie moved to appoint Mark Tupper to the Recreation Committee for a three-year term and Janet Tuttle to the Board of Appeals for a three-year term. **Order passed – Vote 7-0.**

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Wells announced that the Lisbon Rotary would no longer be in existence and that she was concerned the Thanksgiving dinner they put on would end. She said Mrs. Hardy-Goddard volunteered to put together a committee to do this for our residents.

Councilor Wells reminded the members that the Moxie Festival was coming up July 11, 12, and 13.

Councilor Wells pointed out that the MMA Convention was coming up soon. She said Council members were required to attend the session on the "Right to Know" law.

Councilor Henry encouraged everyone to support the hockey program by stopping at the jail next to the dunk tank on Moxie Day.

Councilor Larochelle said the Track Benefit Car Show at the Lisbon High School was well attended and thanked everyone for taking the time to do it.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONLABOR NEGOTIATIONS

VOTE (2008-108) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Mason moved at 8:39 PM to go into executive session per 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (d) to discuss labor negotiations, (a) to discuss personnel matters, and (c) to discuss Economic Development. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

The Council Chair dismissed the Council Secretary. The Council returned to regular session at 9:25 PM.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

VOTE (2008-110) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to authorize a \$50,000 Revolving Loan to Patricia Ouellette d/b/a T & A Diner for 6.5% for ten years. **Order passed - Vote 4-3. (Against: Henry, Wells, and Mason)**

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE (2007-111) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Mason moved to adjourn at 9:34 PM. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

WORKSHOPRECREATION DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Mr. Stevens presented his Recreation Department MTM Center Report (see attached). Councilor Mason asked Mr. Stevens about programming. Mr. Stevens pointed out his new after school program that begins this fall. He said he was working out the details; he anticipated buses would drop off children at MTM to participate in activities from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM.

Mr. Stevens recommended the Council review the need for two separate committees, the MTM Board that deals with building and maintenance and the Recreation Committee that deals with programming. He encouraged the Council to consider changing this to one committee that would oversee both functions of the Recreation Department.

Councilor Mason raised some concerns over the cost and quantity of fuel that it takes to keep this building going. Mr. Eldridge and the Council discussed building upgrades and maintenance issues as well.

Councilor Wells thanked all the residents for their comments and the meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Twila Lycette, Council Secretary
Town Clerk, Lifetime CCM