



## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 1, 2011

Mark Lunt, Chair District 1 2012  
Lori Pomelow, Vice Chair At Large 2012  
Roger Cote, At Large 2011  
Michael Bowie, District 2 2012  
Roger Bickford, District 2 2013  
Fern Larochelle, Jr., At Large 2013  
Gina Mason, District 1 2013

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. The Chairman, Mark Lunt, called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL. Members present were Councilors Bowie, Mason, Larochelle, Cote, Lunt, Pomelow, and Bickford. Councilors Larochelle and Pomelow were excused. Also present were Stephen Eldridge, Town Manager; Budget Advisory Board members Don Fellows, Rick Graham, Dot Fitzgerald; Water Commissioners Bill Bauer and Ken Wells; Gerry Kamke, Treatment Plant Operations Manager; Scott Benson, Economic & Community Development Director; and approximately 20 citizens in the audience.

### PUBLIC HEARING

#### LIQUOR & VICTUALER'S LICENSE FOR TOM & KAREN PELLETIER D/B/A THE FIREHOUSE DINER & VARIETY

Karen Pelletier said the restaurant would be open from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM Monday through Thursday and from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Saturday.

### CONSENT AGENDA

**VOTE (2010-16)** Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Cote moved to approve the Liquor License & Victualer's License for Tom & Karen Pelletier d/b/a The Firehouse Diner & Variety [conditional upon attendance at Food Safety Class as specified on back of application] and the Minutes of December 14, 2010 and January 5, 2011.

**Order passed - Vote 5-0.**

*Item taken out of order.*

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**VOTE (2010-19)** Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Cote moved to go into executive session at 7:05 PM to discuss 3 items per 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (c) Acquisition of real property or economic development. **Order passed - Vote 5-0.**

The Council came out of executive session at 8:05 PM and moved into regular session.

### COUNCIL ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, & ORDINANCES

#### ANDROSCOGGIN RE-CLASS MODEL LETTER OF SUPPORT

Mr. Eldridge said changing the classification to the Androscoggin River could have a direct impact on the Lisbon Treatment Plant. Ryan and Gerry have made a recommendation. Mr. Kamke indicated that this would be coming before the Legislature this year at some point.

Mr. Kamke explained that Lisbon received state and federal funding to upgrade the facility to comply with the 1970's Clean Water Act and since then there have been some grants, but not as many as we had to begin with, however Lisbon has still spent a lot of money upgrading its facility. Testing shows that our plant was designed with certain parameters for removing certain items, such as total solids, BOD, PH and ecoli. The study on the river shows that Lisbon is not adversely affecting the Androscoggin River. Our plant was designed to remove 80% of these items and we regularly remove 95% to 98%. The parameters the plant was designed for is working fine, however, there are issues with some nutrients; one being phosphorus. If Lisbon were to support the issue it might mean that, we are supporting a potential cost to remove phosphorus and we don't know what that potential cost is. He mentioned he previously recommended Lisbon remain neither for nor against this and that has not changed. Mr. Eldridge suggested we do not take a position. Councilor Mason pointed out that Lisbon was not required to.

**VOTE (2010-17)** Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Bickford moved to not recommend anything and to not send a letter.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**Order passed - Vote 5-0.**

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION RESIGNATION (1)

**VOTE (2010-18)** Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Cote moved to accept Nathan Gould's resignation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**Order passed - Vote 5-0.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### A. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Eldridge said not a lot had happened since the last meeting, last week. He indicated that the Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center (ATRC) had acquired \$500,000 in federal funding that will go towards paving Route 196 this summer from Memorial Drive to the top of the hill in Lisbon Center where they left off. It will require a 10% match, or \$50,000. He pointed out that this would have to go into the budget if we want to do that. He indicated Lisbon was working with the Kelly's about a turning lane into the Dragon Pit.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Fillmore presented a letter to the Councilors he said he was originally going to send to the Ethics Panel. He indicated the Ethics Panel Chairman said it did not fall within their parameters and suggested it be presented to the Town Council. Mr. Fillmore filed an official complaint against Mr. Eldridge. Councilor Lunt requested Mr. Fillmore summarize it, which he did.

Councilor Cote asked that the Council hold a public meeting to discuss this. Councilor Mason pointed out that the Councilors just received this and needed time to read it. Councilor Lunt recommended taking this up at a meeting with Steve in a couple of weeks.

Don Fellows asked about mirroring the electronic sign at the Water Department in Lisbon Falls. Mr. Eldridge agreed that one would be useful at the MTM Center and that it would be a good way to market it. The one at the Town Office was around \$28,000. Councilor Lunt said that's fairly expensive. Mr. Fellows said the sign at the Town Office would be a good place to list the web address where you can read the communications once a month.

**APPOINTMENTS - NONE**

**COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS - NONE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Item taken up after the Consent Agenda at the beginning of the meeting.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**VOTE (2010-21)** Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Mason moved to adjourn at 8:30 PM.  
**Order passed - Vote 5-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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