



## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 23, 2007

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, Layne Curtis, called the meeting to order and dispensed with the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 6:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL.** Members present were Councilors Smith, Curtis, Bowie, Mason, Henry, Crafts, and Wells. Also present were Curtis Lunt, Town Manager; Roger Therriault, Town Attorney; Ryan Leighton, Town Engineer; Richard Main, Lori Pomelow, Walter Morse, Hale Chase, Roger Cote, and Paul Chizmar, Budget Advisory Board Members; William Bauer, James Gurney, and Stan Doherty, Water Commissioners; Paul Adams, Water Department's General Manager; and approximately three citizens in the audience.

### OTHER BUSINESS

#### REVIEW LISBON CODE CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION DRAFT

Mr. Therriault and the Council reviewed the draft. A number of changes were addressed. The re-draft will be scheduled for discussion at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### CABLE TELEVISION ORDINANCE

The Council will review the draft ordinance. A workshop is expected sometime after the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD

In an effort to eliminate repeat presentations, it was suggested the Budget Advisory Board attend the Council and School budget deliberations. Mrs. Pomelow said she found it very informative to attend last night's School's budget meeting, and recommended the Budget Advisory Board participate in the municipal and school workshop sessions this year. The Budget Advisory Board unanimously agreed to attend these meetings. Mr. Main said the Budget Advisory Board will make its recommendations on the bottom line towards the end of this process, by May 8<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### WATER COMMISSIONERS

***Filtration Plant Status:*** Mr. Bauer gave a power-point presentation touring the Filtration Plant that showed pictures of the exterior, interior, filters, gages, valves, piping, back wash tanks, clean water storage tanks, instrument display panels, and pumps, which run the filtration system. He added currently Lisbon is filtering out iron, manganese, and arsenic. There are approximately 2,400 customers on this water system. The Council thanked Mr. Bauer for the update.

***Groundwater Protection Dragon Pit:*** Dragon is evaluating its options and is not returning phone calls. At present, they are obtaining appraisals. Mr. Gurney said this property must be protected; it sits directly over the well head. Its current uses are only residential; however, plans are underway to rezone this area for groundwater protection. Mr. Lunt said if Lisbon did take this property by eminent domain, we would pay fair market value. Mr. Lunt offered to pursue Dragon again.

**Communications:** The Council received a complaint from Paulette Carville who is opposed to the Water Department installing meters at cemeteries and charging non-profit associations fees for hooking up and disconnecting each spring and fall. Mr. Bauer said the commissioners were not in favor of charging any fees at this time, that they don't have any information to base a decision like that on, and that they just wanted to know what the water usage was for the eight or nine cemeteries in town. Mr. Bauer said the Water Department would install the meters at the Water Department's expense.

**Compensation for Meter Readings:** Mr. Lunt said he understood this subject was left hanging. The Water Department wants compensation for meter readings since the town uses this information for sewer billing. Mr. Bowie indicated that although the Water Department was not using this building for office space, the town still provides the Water Department with many services, like payroll, bonding, loaning equipment, insurance, coordinated street opening efforts, and billing in exchange for this service adding that the difference is so minor it should not even be an issue. (Mrs. Henry left at 9:15 PM.) Mr. Bauer said he had no ill feelings over this issue, but hoped that the town would consider making a donation towards defraying the cost of the meter readings. Mrs. Wells said without firm figures to compare for these expenses, it was difficult to discuss compensation at this point. Mr. Lunt suggested this discussion be postponed until the spring meeting.

### ADJOURNMENT

**VOTE (2007-10)** Councilor Curtis, seconded by Councilor Bowie moved to adjourn at 9:32 PM. Order passed - Vote 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Twila D. Lycette, CCM  
Certified Municipal Clerk  
Town Clerk