



## LISBON WATER DEPARTMENT

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### Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for August 24, 2009

Members Present: Stanley Doughty Jr., James Gurney and Bill Bauer

Staff Present: Paul Adams

Audience: Steve Levy of Maine Rural Water Assoc., Town Councilmen Fern Laroche and Roger Cote

Late Arrivals: Attorney Joe Donahue of Preti Flaherty

Meeting called to order by Mr. Doughty Jr., at 6:30pm.

#### **I. WARRANTS**

- A. Warrant 32 for August 12, 2009- Approved
- B. Warrant 33 for August 19, 2009- Approved

#### **II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

- A. None

#### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Reading and Approval of Minutes:
  - 1. Minutes from August 10, 2009
    - a. Mr. Bauer made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Doughty Jr. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion followed by a positive unanimous 2/0 vote.
      - i. Mr. Gurney abstained from the motion and the vote as he was not present at the last meeting.
- B. Town Council Workshop
  - 1. The Commissioners and the Councilmen discussed the workshop held at the Town Office on August 18<sup>th</sup>.
    - a. The Water Commissioners and the Town Councilmen each expressed their frustrations with the workshop and that none of the issues between the Town Officials and the Water Dept. Officials were resolved.
    - b. The Commissioners and the Town Councilmen agreed to future workshops to try to resolve the issues.
  - 2. The Commissioners discussed the following issues with Attorney Joe Donahue.
    - a. PUC requirements for meter readings.
      - i. Mr. Donahue stated that the PUC requires the water utility to act as a prudent competitive business. They monitor the water dept to control rates either by reducing costs or obtaining fair revenue to cover the costs associated with services provided by the water utility.
    - b. Freedom of Access Law



- B. Mr. Bauer made a motion to exit Executive Session, at 10:05pmMr. Gurney 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion followed by a positive unanimous 3/0 vote.
- C. Mr. Bauer made a motion to issue a letter to the Town Council to follow counsel recommendations. Mr. Gurney 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion followed by a positive unanimous 3/0 vote.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Mr. Gurney made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Bauer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion followed by a positive unanimous 3/0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:07pm.