



**TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 6, 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, and Larochelle. Councilor Henry was excused. Also present were Stephen Eldridge, Town Manager; and approximately 30 citizens in the audience.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE  
CONSENT AGENDA - NONE  
COUNCIL ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES**

**MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION POLICY**

**VOTE (2008-182)** Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Mason moved to adopt the following policy:

Town of Lisbon  
Maine Municipal Association Use Policy

The Town of Lisbon as a member of the Maine Municipal Association has access to all services provided to the member communities. Services provided encompasses, legal, healthcare and property and casualty insurance coverage, as well as numerous other items such as educational opportunities, publications and representative organizations for elected officials, and appointed positions such as the Maine Clerks Association, Tax Collectors Association, Maine Chiefs Association, Maine Town and City Mangers Association, and Maine Public Works Association just to name a few.

The following protocol will be followed by all appointed and elected officials. The following positions will be allowed access to all MMA services, except for employees who are calling MMA about personal insurance matters:

Town Council Members  
Town Manager  
Town Clerk  
Town Manager's Administrative Assistant  
All Department Heads  
Chairman of Town Appointed Committees and Boards

All inquires must pertain to the specific department or committee. All other inquiries must be approved by the Town Manager. All inquiries to Maine Municipal Legal Services must be approved by the Town Manager. The Town Manager's Administrative Assistant will provide an updated list of individuals annually to MMA.

**Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

FEE SCHEDULE - COPIES

**VOTE (2008-183)** Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Larochelle moved to make the following changes to the fee schedule:

Change \$1.00 per page for single-sided copies to \$.50  
Change \$1.50 per page for double-sided copies to \$.75

Mr. Eldridge recommended charging \$.50 per page for single sided copies and \$.75 per page for double sided copies and pointed out that the research charges as outlined in the Freedom of Access Law should cover the actual cost of searching for, retrieving, and compiling the requested public record, which is \$10.00 per hour after the first hour of staff time per request. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

BUDGET PROCESS CALENDAR

The Council requested Mr. Eldridge revise the proposed calendar and possibly add a budget meeting on March 31 if needed.

RESIGNATION (1) CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER

**VOTE (2008-185)** Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to accept Ross Cunningham's resignation from the Conservation Commission. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**A. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Nadeau said there had been a significant increase in use, that there were three to five new patrons a day, and that adult book use was up by 20%. She said they had to add another day to the children's program because the attendance was so high. She indicated parents were happy with their programming. She indicated over 1,000 books were read during the summer reading program.

Mrs. Nadeau reported that the new computer circulation system was working out well and that online services were becoming more popular. She said the card catalog was now available online. She said patrons could now access their patron record to see what is due or to reserve a book. She said that the wireless connection was a wonderful service and patrons were now using their laptops. She mentioned the Library had three computers for public use, that they were in use four to five hours each day, and that they were limited to one hour per patron at a time.

B. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Eldridge said Dr. Welsh and several members of the School Department met with Mr. Stevens, Mr. Beal, and himself to discuss the recreational fields and to clarify who uses and maintains what fields. He said there were some good discussions about cooperative efforts and future needs. Plans are underway for another meeting.

Mr. Eldridge indicated that Mr. Stevens wants to purchase a 15-passenger van with the Maine Community Foundation, Sunshine Hill funds. The council invited Mr. Stevens to the next meeting to discuss the van.

Mr. Eldridge said Capital Improvement Plan meetings were going well. He anticipated some changes to this program, which would be presented to the Council in December.

### C. MAINE BMX OPTION TO LEASE

The Planning Board turned Kim Mitchell's Maine BMX application down because she did not have any vested interest in this land. Councilor Bowie said he wanted to hear from the residents present first. He indicated there had been some concerns about the land and vernal pools and stated he did not think Lisbon would be ready to discuss lease options until these issues were resolved.

Christine Lacombe presented the attached petitions containing 132 signatures from residents who live within 500 feet of the proposed BMX track and who do not want this track in that spot. She said the traffic from the ball fields were too much now and could not imagine adding more. She indicated this track would disrupt the quiet rural setting.

Cecile Roy said she enjoyed the quiet rural setting, which is why she moved to 2 Arundel Drive. She said she did not need all the extra noise now that she has retired. She said that the residents of Lisbon should come first and suggested sending Mrs. Mitchell back to Durham.

Monique Gayton said she lives right across the street, that the traffic was her main concern, and that all the dust and spinning tires were her second concern. She said this event might bring vendors, strain local businesses with fund raising efforts, and would require expanding that parking lot. She said that the residents present tonight pay taxes here in Lisbon and explained that this organization wants to use our land for \$1.00. She said she does not want this BMX track there.

Denise Gonya pointed out that there were no children from Lisbon at the Planning Board meeting.

Councilor Wells thanked everyone for attending and for their comments.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - NONE**

Councilor Larochelle said 132 residents indicated that they were not interested in having this BMX track in Lisbon, and stressed that this message needed to be taken into account.

The residents in the audience asked the Council to take a straw poll vote to indicate their decision.

**STRAW POLL VOTE (2008-185A)** The Council voted that the BMX track lease option was a dead issue. **Straw poll vote passed - Vote 6-0.**

### **APPOINTMENTS - NONE**

### **COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Larochelle said he was sad to see Councilor Smith leave office. He thanked Councilor Smith for his 16 years of service to Lisbon and applauded Roger Cote for winning the at large seat for Council.

Councilor Crafts thanked everyone for voting and thanked God that we live in a country where we have the freedoms we have.

Councilor Mason announced the new revitalization committee meetings and said they looked forward to finding different grants and funds to help improve Lisbon.

Councilor Bowie congratulated Councilor Crafts for winning the Legislative House District 104 seat and Roger Cote for winning the Council at large seat. He thanked Councilor Smith for his service.

Councilor Wells said Lisbon's 73% turnout was an amazing number and announced Lisbon voters had passed all the charter amendments. She said she believed the Council made these changes for the right reasons. She thanked the Town Clerk and her entire staff for all their hard work and commented how exhausted everyone must be. She said there were at least 100 in line at 7:00 AM when she went to vote. She recognized Councilor Smith and thanked him for his 16 years of dedicated service.

Councilor Smith thanked everyone for voting and congratulated Roger Cote and Councilor Crafts. He said he was pleased all the charter amendments passed. Councilor Smith said he had served since 1993 when he became a Selectman. He said it has been a great education and pointed out that the changes during his tenure over the past 16 years have been unbelievable. He said serving had been an overall enjoyment and thanked the residents of Lisbon.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

## ADJOURNMENT

**VOTE (2007-186)** Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to adjourn at 8:40 PM.  
**Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Twila Lycette, Council Secretary  
Town Clerk, Lifetime CCM

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