



**TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 10, 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

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CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. The Acting Chairman, Norma Wells, called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL. Members present were Councilors Smith, Bowie, Mason, Crafts, and Wells. Councilors Curtis and Henry were excused. Budget Advisory Board members present were Paul Chizmar, Roger Cote, Steven Curtis, Richard Main, Walter Morse, and Lori Pomelow. Hale Chase was absent. Also present were Curtis Lunt, Town Manager; Twila Lycette, Town Clerk; Rodney Moody, Finance Director; Daniel Feeney, Economic Development Director; Ryan Leighton, Town Engineer; David Brooks, Chief of Police; P. Sean Galipeau, Fire Chief; Wayne Ricker, Solid Waste Director; Mark Stevens, Recreation Director; Verla Brooks, Park Ranger; Michael Cote, Deputy Code Enforcement Officer; and approximately ten citizens in the audience.

TOWN BUDGET DISCUSSION

Public Works Street Division Operations.

The Council requested a revision of the line items.

Public Works – Snow/Ice Control.

The Council requested that an additional \$2,000 be added to increase snow removal for the Papermill Trail.

Capital Leases.

The Council requested that new capital items be listed in their respective budgets.

PW Street Paving.

The Council requested that proper ditching be made a priority before paving to improve road longevity. The Council also requested that a letter be sent to the Maine Department of Transportation reminding them of their responsibility to ditch along Route 125.

Councilor Smith left at 7:17 PM and returned at 7:18 PM. The Chairman called a break at 7:32 PM. The session resumed at 7:39 PM.

Solid Waste.

The Council requested a revision of the line items. The Council also requested a cost estimate for extending the water line.

Library Services.

The Council requested consistent mileage reimbursement.

Town Buildings.

The Council asked the Town Manager to research more cost effective telephone service alternatives. Mr. Lunt said that he will get accurate figures for electricity costs for the recently acquired Campus Avenue building. The Council requested an estimate for extending the

janitorial services contract with ServicePro to include the MTM Center. Mr. Lunt will provide an explanation for the Natural Gas estimate at the next budget hearing.

Economic Development.

The Council suggested that the longevity stipend be removed from the budget, and asked Mr. Lunt to research Economic Development Director salaries. The Council also asked Mr. Lunt to research the cell phone plan and remove the dedicated land-line charges.

Recreation Department.

The Council requested revenue totals. The Council also requested a review of the budget to see if there is a way to use revenues to eliminate any increase.

MTM Center.

The Council requested revenue totals. Mr. Stevens explained that the bottom line would be increased by \$3,000 due to the loss of two tenants.

The Chairman asked that all questions and requests by the Council and issues that need to be addressed be discussed at the April 19th meeting. Councilor Bowie requested a list of budget items to be adopted by consent at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE (2007-43) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith, moved to adjourn at 8:47 PM. Order passed - Vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Juliet C. LeBlond
Assistant Town Clerk

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