



**TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21, 2006**

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 Vice Chairman, Layne Curtis, called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL. Members present were Councilors Smith, Curtis, Henry, and Crafts. Councilors Bowie, Mason, and Wells were excused. Also present were Curtis Lunt, Town Manager; David Brooks, Chief of Police; Detective Bernard McAllister; Pauline Mathieu, Recreation Secretary; Sean Galipeau, Fire Chief; Ryan Leighton, Town Engineer; Betty Griebel, Tax Collector; Twila Lycette, Town Clerk; and approximately six citizens in the audience. The Vice Chairman dispensed with the reading of the meeting rules.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

VOTE (2006-79) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved to adopt the following consent items: (A) Minutes of 11/9/2006. Order passed - Vote 4-0.

COUNCIL ORDERS, ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

ORDER: SAFE ZONE DESIGNATIONS

VOTE (2006-80) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Henry moved that the following locations be designated as "safe zones" as recommended by the Lisbon Chief of Police and the Lisbon Community Policing Advisory Group:

- Summer Street Park
- McCarthy Park
- Beaver Park
- Sabattus River Boat Launch
- Pinewoods Road Ball Fields
- Teen Center
- Papermill Trail
- MTM Community Center
- Lisbon Elementary School property*
- Gazebo Park
- Campus Avenue Park

Order passed - Vote 4-0.

ORDER: GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE - TINY BILLS

VOTE (2006-81) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Curtis moved to approve a Going Out of Business Sale permit to William Holt d/b/a Tiny Bills, Inc. for a period of 60 days. A 22-page inventory is on file at the Town Clerk's office. Order passed - Vote 4-0.

OTHER ITEMS

TAX FORECLOSURES LIST REVIEW

Review only. Betty Griebel presented a preliminary list of potential foreclosures due to tax liens. This year there are 51 on the list, four less than last year. Of those listed, Mrs. Griebel expects to foreclose on approximately 15. Eight of those are located in Winter Park, for which the Town Attorney is researching deeds. Liens were filed on June 15, 2005 and will mature December 15, 2006, requiring further action.

POHLE STREET SEWER

Review only, see attachments. Ryan Leighton explained that Mr. Maloy of Pohle Street has purchased building and sewer permits, and has been waiting for dry season to connect his new home to the town sewer lines. In order to connect, he needs to dig under the paved portion of the road, which requires an easement from the Town. Mr. Maloy plans to put in a 2-inch force main and a gravity line, and hopes to occupy his home by the first of February. The Tax Assessor questions whether there is a Town easement for the unpaved portion of the road, and the Council requested that research be done to find out for sure. Trenchless digging is not an option due to cost. The Council agreed to allow the easement by unanimous consent with the condition that the line be documented as private, and that the owner maintain and repair the line himself as needed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANTS

Review only. Sean Galipeau explained that two grants were received, and that no matching funds are required from the Town. FEMA awarded a grant in the amount of \$79,000 for firefighter safety, which will be used to purchase ventilation systems for both stations. The Maine Municipal Association awarded a Safety Enhancement grant in the amount of \$1,206 which will be used to purchase MDOT approved vests to be worn when responding to traffic-related incidents.

RESCUE 10 - FIRE TRUCK COMMITTEE

Review only. Dep. Chief Michael Robitaille explained that the fire vehicle Rescue 10 has been placed out of service by DPW for electrical and safety reasons including rust, and loose and missing body bolts. Usually this vehicle carries cold water gear, the Jaws of Life, and other technical rescue equipment that is required for life-saving operations. So far this year there have been approximately 55 calls requiring use of Rescue 10. With the vehicle out of use, the equipment has been carried by pickup trucks to scenes, or left out when not in use. Currently a squad vehicle is in line for replacement; however it is not as urgent. Instead, Deputy Chief Robitaille suggested using the available \$222,000 toward a new Rescue vehicle. A suitable replacement has been located, and would cost approximately \$255,000. A 10-year limited body warranty is included, and the company is willing to hold the vehicle for a non-refundable deposit of \$10,000 which would go toward the purchase price. The Council has the option to grant additional supplemental appropriation by amending the budget. The funds would be taken from surplus to be returned in yearly increments from the Fire Department budget. The Council requested an updated refurbishment plan sheet showing the impact of the replacement plan.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Since the November 9th meeting, Mr. Lunt worked on the Town's capital budget plan and updates for the Public Works equipment, paving, and buildings capital plans. Employee performance evaluations have been completed for several Town department heads. Mr. Lunt inspected a subdivision and accepted a \$50,000 bond for Hatch Road Estates, a 14-lot subdivision, and is currently working with the Old Meadow Road 6-lot subdivision owner on a security for the final paving estimated at \$35,000. The School Committee has voted to offer the former Campus Avenue school building to the Council for municipal use, regarding which a letter will be sent and discussions will be scheduled in December. The MMA Risk Pool approved a grant of \$1,206 for Fire Department emergency safety signs and \$1,670 for a Water Department pallet drum truck. The annual Christmas tree lighting will be held December 2nd at 4:00 PM at the Gazebo Park in Lisbon Falls.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

A letter was received from MDOT which approves a request for a speed change on King Road, following a letter mailed to them a year ago. The speed limit will be reduced from 40 M.P.H. to 30 M.P.H.

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APPOINTMENTS

TRAILS COMMITTEE

VOTE (2006-83) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved to accept the resignation of Norris Ingersoll from the Trails Committee. Order passed - Vote 4-0.

PLANNING BOARD & RECREATION COMMITTEE

VOTE (2006-84) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved to accept the resignation of Jonathan Foster from both the Planning Board and the Recreation Committee. Order passed - Vote 4-0.

VOTE (2006-85) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved to appoint John Potvin to the Planning Board. Order passed - Vote 4-0.

GOOD NEWS & RECOGNITION / ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Henry is concerned with planning and preparation in growth especially regarding the recent addition of a 20-lot subdivision. She expressed that the Green Thumb Gang's cornucopia is artistic and lovely. Councilor Henry stated that the Portland Press Herald announced the win at the end of the football game, and handed out newspapers at that time.

Councilor Mason stated that she was amazed at the turnout of the game.

Councilor Smith congratulated the Lisbon High football team on a great year, super season, and a job well done. He also reported that the 279 Main Street light is out, and expressed concern about a Fisher Road drainage problem near the first brook where water is coming across the road near a curve, as ice could form and make the road dangerous.

A certificate of recognition was read aloud by the Assistant Town Clerk congratulating the Lisbon High School football team for their efforts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE (2006-85) Councilor Curtis, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to adjourn at 8:32 PM. Order passed - Vote 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Juliet C. LeBlond
Assistant Town Clerk
Lisbon, Maine