



**TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 1, 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, Crafts, Henry, and Larochelle. Councilors Bowie and Mason were excused. Also present were Stephen Eldridge, Town Manager; Mark Stevens, Recreation Director; Gerald Samson, Assessor/CEO; William Bauer, Water Commissioner; and approximately seven citizens in the audience.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

EXPANSION OF THE VILLAGE ZONE LOCATED IN LISBON CENTER

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments. The Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA - NONE

COUNCIL ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

EXPAND THE VILLAGE ZONE LOCATED IN LISBON CENTER

VOTE (2008-39) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved to expand the Village Zone located in Lisbon Center as proposed (see map attached). Vote By Roll Call - Yeas: Councilors Larochelle, Smith, Henry, Crafts, and Wells. Nays: None. Order Passed - Vote 5-0 (*Final Passage*).

WELL HEAD PROTECTION ORDINANCE (*First Reading*)

Mr. Samson said this new Well Head Protection Ordinance would offer protection to various water supplies in Lisbon. He said this ordinance was broken down into two Zones. The changes for Zone 1 would adversely affect three individuals. In Zone 2, he said, the majority of these properties were already over the aquifer so the major difference here is now the Planning Board grants approval for permits in order to monitor what's happening in that zone. Mr. Samson said he did not support making this ordinance retroactive.

Ferg Lea from AVCOG made a brief presentation. He explained that in Zone 1 (closest to the well head) it would take a drop of water traveling from the edge 200 days to reach the well head and 2,000 days in Zone 2. After much discussion, he suggested the Council read through these uses in Zone 2 to determine what impact they would have.

Mike Gotto, representing Gendron and Gendron, said the Well Head Protection Ordinance was problematic for them. They just bought land to operate a gravel pit near the Hatch Road, which is close to the site the Water Department identified as a potential backup water source. He said he understood this gravel pit would be grandfathered. He said his company could live with this ordinance now with the changes the Planning Board made, although they preferred it not be adopted at all. He said he did not want to see this ordinance become retroactive because his

company might be able to purchase more land that could be grandfathered before this ordinance gets adopted. His firm represents Dingley and Longchamps too. He said that although it would impact them as well, this ordinance is difficult but workable.

George Janosco from Pine Knoll Lawn Care & Landscaping located at 143 Lisbon Street indicated he was comfortable with the ordinance as presently written. His business falls under the grandfathering clause as well.

Mr. Bauer said this ordinance was needed in order to control pollution and protect our existing wells. This ordinance was not meant to keep businesses out of town, but rather to control what businesses can go into the commercial/industrial parks located within these zones so that contaminants don't get into our water supply. He said this ordinance protects our water supply by regulating and controlling potential hazardous materials.

Mr. Smith requested copies of the Planning Board's minutes. It was pointed out that Mr. Therriault still needs to review this ordinance as well. The Council agreed to move this item to a future agenda.

FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

VOTE (2008-40) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved to adopt the Flood Plain Management Ordinance as presented (see attached).

Mr. Samson said flood plain maps were done in 1984 and that new maps should be coming out again within the next year or so. He said that flood insurance would be four times more for residents if Lisbon did not have such an ordinance. Mr. Samson said Lisbon took the State's generic flood plain management ordinance, changed a few words, and added Lisbon to it to make it ours, etc.

Order passed - Vote 5-0.

WIND MILL ORDINANCE (First Reading)

Mr. Samson said six months ago he started receiving inquiries about permits for wind mills. At this time he has three residents interested in putting one up. He said he reviewed several wind mill ordinances and came up with basically seven items to address. Attorney Therriault added two more items, which limited one wind mill per parcel and required the one wind mill service only that parcel. Mr. Samson said he could not issue a wind mill permit without some type of wind mill ordinance. Councilor Crafts suggested adopting something now and revising it later. Councilor Laroche pointed out it would be better to start off being restrictive and then more lenient later. Councilor Crafts suggested allowing shared wind mills with abutting neighbors. Mr. Eldridge offered to have Mr. Samson obtain copies from other towns and revise this ordinance so that it's easier to understand. The Council agreed to move this item to a future agenda.

DOG WARRANT

VOTE (2008-43) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Laroche moved to approve the Dog Warrant as presented (see attached). **Order passed - Vote 5-0.**

OTHER BUSINESS

A. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Eldridge said he asked the Department Heads to go back over their budgets and said that he would be meeting with each of them this week again. He said he was working on consolidating some of the office space; some offices were built for two individuals and desks. He added that Rosie was working with Mr. Stevens on moving the Teen Center. The Council invited Mrs. Bradley to the next meeting to meet her.

B. DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Eldridge said a study was done by Planning Decisions in 2000. He recommended putting together a committee to update this plan. He said he would like to see good ideas put into action. The Council gave Mr. Eldridge their approval to move forward.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Frank Hogan said he would like to sell hot dogs on town property. The Council Chairman asked Mr. Hogan to meet with Mr. Eldridge first.

APPOINTMENTS - NONE

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Smith asked that Public Works focus on pot holes since that's what's on everyone's mind right now. Councilor Wells said she had attended the School Committee meeting and that they had cut 3% but not the 5% requested so far. The Council affirmed their goal to only increase the mil rate by 1.5 mils. She pointed out that the Council will meet with them again next Tuesday. Council Henry said the mil rate needs to increase by 1.75 mils with the revenues the way they are. Councilor Laroche said the 1.5 mil increase was still alright, but that care should be taken to avoid cuts for items that would cost the town more the following year. Mr. Eldridge said he had put back into the budget some capital items, but plans still include bonding the re-evaluation. He said he was looking at keeping full time positions but eliminating part-time staffing positions. He commended his Department Heads for doing such a good job with their budgets. Council Henry encouraged the public to attend the upcoming public hearing. Council Wells announced the public hearing scheduled on April 28th at 7:00 PM at the Lisbon Community School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE (2008-44) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.
Order passed - Vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Twila Lycette, Council Secretary
Town Clerk, Lifetime CCM

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