



**TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2010**

Michael Bowie, Chair District 2 2012
Gina Mason, Vice Chair District 1 2010
Fern Laroche, Jr., At Large 2010
Roger Cote, At Large 2011
Mark Lunt, District 1 2012
Dale Crafts, District 2 2010
Lori Pomelow, At Large 2012

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. The Chairman, Michael Bowie, called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL. Members present were Councilors Bowie, Mason, Crafts, Laroche, Cote, Pomelow and Lunt. Also present were Stephen Eldridge, Town Manager; David Brooks, Police Chief; Sean Galipeau, Fire Chief; Diane Nadeau, Librarian; Wayne Ricker, Solid Waste Director; Budget Advisory Board Members, Donald Fellows, Richard Graham, Dorothy Fitzgerald, Jeffery Ganong, and John Wierzbicki; Traci Austin, School Committee Member; and approximately 20 citizens in the audience.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Councilor Bowie said the Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen winners sponsored by the Raymond J. Lavigne VFW Post 9459 and its ladies auxiliary were announced on March 27. They were Forrest Cornell and Alexis Ancona of Lisbon High School, and Jennifer Newendyke of Lisbon Falls Christian Academy. Student winners of the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest at Philip W. Sugg Middle School were Delaine Ouellette, Elysabeth Jefferies and Nichole Jones. We wanted to recognize all their efforts they put forth achieving the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen awards.

PUBLIC HEARING - NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

VOTE (2010-60) Councilor Laroche, seconded by Councilor Pomelow moved to approve the renewal Victualer's Licenses' for Blake's Grill, Bootleggers, China Inn, Lisbon Dunkin Donuts, Lisbon Getty d/b/a Nino Corporation, McDonalds, and Sam's Italian, and renewal Mobile Home Park Licenses' for Colonial Gardens Mobile Home Park, Town & Country Mobile Home Park, and Sabattus Creek Mobile Home Park pending receipt of their list of mobile home owners as of April 1st. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

COUNCIL ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, & ORDINANCES

QUICK CLAIM DEED FOR SEWER LIEN

Mr. Eldridge said their bank has requested this Quick Claim Deed just so they can close. It's all been paid for. Councilor Bowie said so this is just releasing the sewer lien with a Quick Claim Deed. Are there any questions on this? Councilor Cote said we all have a copy of this in our folder. Is this something we have to sign? Councilor Bowie said yes, we have a folder her for signatures to sign later.

VOTE (2010-61) Councilor Laroche, seconded by Councilor Mason moved to approve the Municipal Quitclaim Deed to release a sewer lien in regards to the Catherine A. Poulin property.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None noted.

Order passed - Vote 7-0.

WARRANT FOR
SCHOOL BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM
JUNE 8, 2010

Councilor Bowie said this is to adopt the School Budget, whether its too high or too low, and setting polling hours as 8AM to 7PM, and polling locations at the Superintendent's Central Office Building and MTM Center, and to cast absentee ballots at 10AM, 2PM, 4PM, 7PM, and 8PM and the registrar will be available from June 1-4 and June 7 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the Town Clerk's Office and on Election Day from 7AM to 8PM at the polling locations.

Mrs. Lycette said there is one typographical error here that needs to be changed, that's polling hours, they are from 7AM to 8PM. There are three questions on the warrant. It's in your signature packet to be signed later. Traci Austin said it's whether or not you want to continue voting on the school budget. Councilor Bowie said yes, there is a third question on there that asks whether or not the citizens want to continue to vote on the school budget for an additional three years? That's a state requirement. Mrs. Lycette said so that will be on there as well and there is a corrected warrant in your signature packet.

Councilor Bowie said do we have to list the budget by category on the warrant? Mrs. Lycette said the School Department will give us a summary sheet, which will be posted on the wall at the polling place. The numbers are available, but they are not on the ballot specifically. The question on the ballot is do you want to approve the school budget that the Council adopted at their May 25th meeting. Then the School Committee will provide the breakdown of those figures in a summary format for these lines. Councilor Bowie said okay.

Councilor Pomelow said having it that way makes it all or nothing. You either accept it the way it is or not. Councilor Larochelle said it's actually broken down per article, but actually you are voting on the final dollar amount. Mrs. Austin said which is what the state requires us to do.

VOTE (2010-62) Councilor Larochelle, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved to approve the Warrant for the School Budget Validation Referendum on June 8, 2010 with corrections (polling hours 7AM to 8PM and adding the third question).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Donald Fellows said did the Council accept the School Budget. Councilor Bowie said not yet. We have to do that by May 25. We are just putting an article out there, which doesn't have any dollar value to it until May 25. The question just says do you want to approve the budget and if you don't, was it because it was too high or too low.

Councilor Pomelow said didn't we used to have a line in there that said, an obviously the Town Council approved it as well, but didn't we have a provision in there for the Budget Advisory Board making a recommendation for that budget as well? Councilor Bowie said yes, on the actual question it should be recommended by the Town Council and the Budget Advisory Board if the Budget Advisory Board so elects. But we will have to do that by the 25th. We will work that out at one of our next meetings to get that in place so that we can post the warrant appropriately.

Order passed - Vote 7-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jessica Maloy said we are still on line with our spending. I gave you the expense and revenue reports in your packets. We are 82% collected on the revenue side. State Revenue Sharing is down and we have

collected 58% of that. Councilor Bowie said are there any expenditures that stand out? Mrs. Maloy said not for this month. Mr. Eldridge said the Public Works winter budget is over expended this year by \$41,000, but not because of labor. It was because of purchasing sand and salt.

Councilor Pomelow said I would like an explanation about the Town Engineer's line dealing with the project. Mr. Eldridge said that would be the overdraft for some of the Route 9 work. Councilor Pomelow said that's what I thought, but I just wanted to clarify that.

Councilor Lunt said I have a question on the winter account. Was that because we needed to buy more sand and salt than usual or the price went up. Mr. Eldridge said we always overrun that line because we never know what we are going to get for storms and the price is variable. We try to lock in with AVCOG every year; sometimes we go to other places. Councilor Bowie said but we did not use everything that we purchased. Mr. Eldridge said we did not. Councilor Bowie said so we went out and bought like we normally would, and we have some left over for next year.

Councilor Bowie said any questions on revenues. Is everything tracking well so that we are not going to run under revenues this year? Mrs. Maloy said yes, I don't know. Mr. Eldridge said I suspect we will on State Revenue Sharing. It looks like we are on target for excise tax. Mrs. Maloy said yes. Mr. Eldridge said but I expect revenue sharing will be off unless people start spending more money in a few months.

Councilor Bowie said why do we have a negative balance for solid waste permits. Mrs. Maloy said I will have to look into that line and get back to you. Mr. Eldridge said it's because we don't necessarily account for it as a separate item; we don't necessarily itemize it. It comes in under Solid Waste in the total if I'm correct. Councilor Bowie said so the \$100,000 in recycling revenue includes the permits.

Councilor Larochelle said on the Homestead Exemption Act, that money just comes in and goes out and we don't really figure any of that money in our yearly budget, do we? Mr. Eldridge said no, we account for it when we do the commitment. It comes off the total assessed value.

B. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Eldridge said I did attend the AVCOG General Assembly's annual meeting. I act as the secretary for that and got reappointed to that position. Commissioner Cole spoke about the rail and what they are expecting to do and what money has been allocated. Out on King Road, they are doing quite a bit of work. They are making good progress.

Councilor Larochelle said I noticed some surveying work down by the boat launch. Is that for the trail system? Mr. Eldridge said I think its part of it, but I don't know if Ryan's put it out to bid yet. Some surveying was done because property sold and they were looking for lines.

Councilor Larochelle said I noticed some blasting on Route 9. Is the blasting being done for the road or the water? Mr. Eldridge replied, both. Councilor Larochelle said is the water coming in kind of close or is there a lot of blasting unexpected in that area? Mr. Eldridge said we are on track for what was spent and what was budgeted for so; we won't really know until they get farther up. They have to remove some of this ledge; right now, they are kind of under parts of it, they will have to lay more pavement, but once they get beyond that where they can begin to ditch more they can start laying pipe pretty fast.

Mr. Eldridge said Mr. Upham has called and we had to refer him off to Paul Adams, because we don't know if it's going to go up that far.

Councilor Cote said what's going on up on Upland Road. Wayne Ricker said that's a water pipe that's going under the river. They were working on it yesterday.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - NONE**APPOINTMENTS**ELECTION CLERKS

Mrs. Lycette said this is a two year appointment for Democrats and Republicans. Councilor Mason said I have one comment on the Republican list. I think Lise Tancrede doesn't live here anymore. She moved to Monmouth. Mrs. Lycette said new legislation now allows the Town Clerk to use residents from surrounding towns, although we have plenty of Election Clerks from town so if she has moved we wouldn't call her.

VOTE (2010-63) Councilor Larochelle, seconded by Councilor Cote moved to appoint the following Election Clerks:

Republican Election Clerks

Baumer, Helen
 Booker, Camille
 Carville, Gladys
 Cooper, Jessica
 Couture, Gerald
 Douglass, Linda
 Douglass, Gerald
 Fellows, Donald
 Ganong, Jeffrey
 Ganong, Jewel
 George, Michelle
 George, Richard
 Goddard, Cheryl
 Greeley, Robert
 Greim, Phyllis
 Grinder, Barbara
 Jordan, Robert
 Jordan, Janice
 Main, Margaret
 Main, Richard
 Michel, Daniel
 Morin, Linn
 Morin, Phillip
 Ricker, Shirley
 Samson, Elsie
 Smith, Duanne
 Sullivan, Elsie
 Tancrede, Lise
 Tupper, Zachary
 Tupper, Ernestine
 Wierzbicki, Mary

Democrat Election Clerks

Comber, Janice
 Danuski, Deb
 Doboga, Constance
 DeWitt, Donna
 Donle, Lacey
 Fellows, Jane
 Fournier, A. Jeannie
 Galgovitch, Dorothy
 Gayton, Monique
 Gray, Sheila
 Ladner, Evelyn
 Hale, Marie A.
 Hanlon, Karen
 Huston, J. Michael
 Huston, Sharon
 Madden, Edward
 Metayer, Andrea
 Perron, Madeleine
 Poole, Jonica
 Rienert, Karen
 Sawyer, Elizabeth
 Stewart, Dona
 Stessl, Constance
 Smith, Dorothy
 Smith, Alfred
 Voigt, Sherie
 Voigt, Shelli
 Yenco, Addie
 Walker-Elders, Dawn
 Ziehm, John

PUBLIC COMMENT: No further comments.

Order passed - Vote 7-0.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Cote said are we going to have any discussion among the Councilors about the personal property tax issue. Councilor Bowie said we can. Councilor Cote said I think it needs to be discussed. Councilor Bowie said I'm okay with entertaining that discussion at one of our meetings or whatever. Councilor Cote said it needs to be discussed if we are going to continue to get hammered on it. Councilor Bowie said let's put that on the next agenda under other business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTE (2010-64) Councilor Mason, seconded by Councilor Pomelow moved to go into executive session at 7:25 PM per 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (C) Economic Development. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

Councilor Bowie said we will move into the smaller conference room for the executive session and then we will be coming back here for adjournment. After adjournment, we will enter into a budget workshop.

The Council entered into regular session at 7:50 PM.

Councilor Bowie said I would like to discuss changing the Council meetings from 7PM to 6PM. I know most other communities are meeting now around 6PM. I didn't know if there were any issues in getting here for 6PM. I would be interested in Council's opinion so think about it. If you are interested in changing the time to 6PM, which might get us out of here maybe ½ hour earlier, it would be for all our meetings. This is what I have seen from other municipalities around and I know back when we were Selectmen we were meeting at 7PM because a couple of our Selectmen could not get here at that time so we adjusted it to 7PM and we kind of just kept that, but if it made better use of Council's time and it could get you home earlier, and still get the business of the community done, I just wanted to put that out there for food for thought. If you guys are okay with that, then let me know and we can do something. And if not, then we will continue to go along as we are. Councilor Pomelow said we could split the difference and do 6:30PM. Councilor Bowie said so I ask you to think about it.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE (2010-65) Councilor Cote, seconded by Councilor Pomelow moved to adjourn at 7:52 PM. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Twila D. Lycette, Council Secretary
Town Clerk, Lifetime CCM/MMC

*The Council adjourned and entered into a budget workshop at 8PM and ended at 9:30PM
These Council meeting minutes were transcribed by Twila Lycette.*