



**TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

Fern Larochelle, Jr., At Large 2007
Charles Smith, At Large 2008
Michael Bowie, At Large 2009
Gina Mason, District 1 2007
Janet Henry, District 1 2009
Dale Crafts, District 2 2007
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, Henry, and Larochelle. Also present were Stephen Eldridge, Town Manager; David Brooks, Police Chief; Cathy Ricker, Finance Director; Verla Brooks, Park Ranger; and approximately 2 citizens in the audience.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

**SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT & LIQUOR LICENSE
FOR THE RAYMOND J. LAVIGNE VFW POST 9459**

The Council Chairman opened the public hearing. There were no comments. The Council Chairman closed the public hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

VOTE (2008-15) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to adopt the following consent items: Minutes of January 22, 2008 and the Special Entertainment Permit and Liquor License for the Raymond J. Lavigne VFW Post 9459. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

COUNCIL ORDERS, ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS - NONE

OTHER BUSINESS

A. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Eldridge said he had completed his first round of budget reviews with the Department Heads. He attended the School Committee meeting and met their members. He said the School Committee's preliminary budget projection is for a 1.95% increase. Mr. Eldridge and Dr. Welsh are putting together a joint School Committee/Town Council Workshop to talk about the upcoming process. They plan to talk about what their joint community infrastructure needs are and will be making a presentation to the Council soon. He informed the Council that Mr. Leighton was working with our insurance carrier about the recent sewer issue.

Mr. Eldridge said there were 13 applicants for the Economic Development Director position. William Bauer, Conrad Davis, Councilor Bowie, and Mr. Eldridge reviewed the applicants and have chosen candidates to interview the week of February 11th.

He attended the Androscoggin County Chamber Annual Awards function and announced that Heather Rideout from File Busters in Lisbon won the "Businessman of the Year" award.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - NONE

APPOINTMENTS - NONE

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Wells said it's been a busy two weeks. She attended the School Committee meeting and listened to their department head presentations; the School Committee has until February the 26th to complete and submit their budget to the Council. She attended the Fire Department Banquet and was quite impressed by their recognition of volunteers for all the hard work they do.

Councilor Smith said the Lisbon-SAD 75 Consolidation Committee tentatively scheduled a public hearing for March 15th at 10AM at the Lisbon Community School and again at 1PM at the Middle School in Topsham. He encouraged everyone to attend; public input is needed now to put together a plan that everyone will be happy with the first time around. He said a "no" vote could be quite expensive. He asked that the public hearing be posted on our website.

Councilor Henry said she attended the School Committee meeting as well. She commended the School Committee for asking all the hard questions and for going through everything in their budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTE (2008-16) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved at 7:15 PM to enter into executive session per 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (C) to discuss Economic Development. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.** The Council Secretary was dismissed. The Council came out of executive session and entered into regular session at 7:32 PM.

WORKSHOP

BUDGET REVIEW

Mr. Eldridge handed the Council a copy of the municipal budget and presented many of the individual budgets to the Council highlighting some of the budgetary changes from last year to this year.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE (2007-17) Councilor Mason, seconded by Councilor Bowie moved to adjourn at 9:32 PM. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Twila Lycette, Council Secretary
Town Clerk, Lifetime CCM