



**TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 19, 2011**

Mark Lunt, Chair District 1 2012  
Lori Pomelow, Vice Chair At Large 2012  
Roger Cote, At Large 2011  
Michael Bowie, District 2 2012  
Roger Bickford, District 2 2013  
Fern Larochelle, Jr., At Large 2013  
Gina Mason, District 1 2013

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. The Chairman, Mark Lunt, 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, Larochelle, Cote, Lunt, Pomelow, and Bickford. Also present were Stephen Eldridge, Town Manager; David Brooks, Police Chief; Michael Cote, Code Enforcement Officer; Sean Galipeau, Fire Chief; Jessica Maloy, Finance Director; Ken Wells, Water Commissioner; Budget Advisory Board Members Debbie Barry, Thomas Barry, Dorothy Fitzgerald, Jeffrey Ganong, John Wierzbicki; and approximately 15 citizens in the audience.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

RENEWAL SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT  
FOR GRAZIANO'S RESTAURANT

The chairman opened the public hearing. There were no comments. The chairman closed the public hearing.

SIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The chairman opened the public hearing. It was stated that this amendment would change the timing from one (1) minute to ten (10) seconds. The chairman closed the public hearing.

LISBON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE AMENDMENT

The chairman opened the public hearing. Larry Fillmore wanted to know what's going to be done with those changes to the Comprehensive Plan and what's going into the commercial zone. Mike Cote said that would be regulated by the site plan review and wellhead protection ordinances and indicated there were no applications pending. The chairman closed the public hearing.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**VOTE (2011-48)** Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Bowie moved to approve the Minutes of April 5, 2011, Mobile Home Park Renewals as presented (see below), and a Special Entertainment Permit & Liquor License for Casa Mia d/b/a Graziano's Restaurant:

Avery Street Park  
Colonial Gardens Trailer Park  
Ridge Mobile Home Park  
Sabattus Creek  
Town & Country Mobile Home Village  
Worumbo Estates and Worumbo Park

Order passed - Vote 7-0.

**COUNCIL ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, & ORDINANCES**

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

**VOTE (2011-49)** Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Bickford moved to adopt the following Proclamation recognizing Childhood Cancer Awareness Week:

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States. This tragic disease is detected in nearly 15,000 of our nation's young people each and every year; and

WHEREAS, found nearly twenty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and sister organization, Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center in Portland, Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Division of Hematology/Oncology in Hartford, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, through its uniquely sensitive and comforting Magical Caps for Kids program, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection distributes thousands of beautifully hand made caps and decorated baseball caps to children who want to protect their heads following the trauma of chemotherapy, surgery and/or radiation treatments; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor nationwide Courageous Kid recognition award ceremonies and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

NOW THEREFORE, We the Councilor of the Town of Lisbon hereby do proclaim May 1-6, 2011 "Childhood Cancer Awareness Week" in the Town of Lisbon, and encourage interested citizens to participate in this observance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

TOWN REPORT BIDS

**VOTE (2011-50)** Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Pomelow moved to award the Town Report Bid to Walch Printing for \$1,495.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW AMENDMENT

*(First Reading - Roll Call Vote)*

**VOTE (2011-51)** Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Mason moved to adopt the Board of Assessment Review Ordinance amendment as follows:

Be It Hereby Ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Lisbon that the Lisbon Code be amended to clarify the provisions relating to the Board of Assessment Review as follows:

1. The version of the Ordinance relating to the Board of Assessment Review designated as Division 3 of Chapter 2, Article V, be and hereby is repealed.
2. The version of the Ordinance relating to the Board of Assessment Review adopted by Council on March 16, 2010 as Division 12 of Chapter 2, Sections 2-571 through 2-585, be and hereby is repealed.
3. The Assessment Review Ordinance adopted March 16, 2010, under Division 12 of Chapter 2 of the Code, is readopted as Division 3 of Chapter 2, without changes in the originally adopted text.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**Roll Call Vote - Yeas: Bickford, Bowie, Cote, Larochelle, Lunt, Mason, and Pomelow. Nays: None. Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

**SIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**  
**(Second Reading - Roll Call Vote )**

**VOTE (2011-52)** Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Larochelle moved to adopt the following changes to the sign ordinance:

Section 70-713. Changeable signs.

(a) *Authority.* The town of Lisbon enacts....

(d) *Regulations.*

- (1) The display on each side of the changeable sign may be changed no more frequently than once every ~~one ten (10) minute~~ seconds.

(e) *Administration.* Pursuant to ...requirements of state law. The town of Lisbon shall ...

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**Roll Call Vote - Yeas: Bickford, Bowie, Cote, Larochelle, Lunt, Mason, and Pomelow. Nays: None. Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

**LISBON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**  
**(Second Reading - Roll Call Vote )**

**VOTE (2011-53)** Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Mason moved to adopt the Lisbon Comprehensive Plan Update as follows:

***Proposed Amendments  
To the  
Lisbon Comprehensive Plan Update  
As Approved by the Planning Board  
February 24, 2011***

***Proposed Amendment # 1***

***Background***

*The 2007 Plan as adopted included two commercial nodes or areas on Route 9. These were located at the Lisbon/Sabattus Town line and south of the intersection of Route 9/Upland Road/Gould Road. The purposes of these two areas were to provide areas for commercial growth along Route 9. As the result of public hearing testimony and other input during the development of the new zoning map to implement the recommendations of the Plan the need for these two new commercial areas was questioned. After thorough consideration the Planning Board recommends that the two locations on Route 9 identified as commercial on the Future Land Use Map be changed to Rural Open Space 1 areas.*

*To accomplish the change the following amendments to the Plan and Future Land Use map are necessary.*

**PLANNING TOPIC**

**Land Use and Development Patterns**

**Overview- Route 9 Corridor [Lisbon Comprehensive Plan Update-Pages 28-29]**

Route 9 extends for approximately 4.2 miles from the Sabattus/Lisbon town line to its intersection with Route 196 in Lisbon Falls. It is classified as an arterial highway with an annual average daily traffic volume of 4,000 vehicles. Route 9 is used as a commuter route from the north and west to the east. In 2004, the Maine Turnpike Authority completed the construction of an interchange at Route 9 in Sabattus. It has been estimated that the new Route 9 interchange will add some 400 additional vehicles on Route 9 in Lisbon. The Maine Department of Transportation has identified Route 9 as a backlog highway meaning it is a substandard highway and in need of reconstruction. Reconstruction is anticipated to be completed by ~~2009~~ 2011.

Land use patterns in the Route 9 corridor are primarily residential and rural/open space. Under current zoning the corridor is placed in two zones, Limited Residential and Rural Open Space. The Limited Residential District does not allow for commercial type uses and the Rural Open Space District limits commercial type uses to recreation and natural resource based.

The new interchange in Sabattus and the reconstruction of Route 9 ~~will likely~~ could result in interest to develop commercial uses within the corridor.

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## Policies

~~Encourage centralized areas of development adjacent to Route 9.~~

Retain the rural/residential character of the Route 9 corridor.

## Strategies

~~Amend the zoning ordinance to designate nodes for specific limited areas for commercial type development with the remainder of the lightly undeveloped Route 9 corridor remaining rural.~~

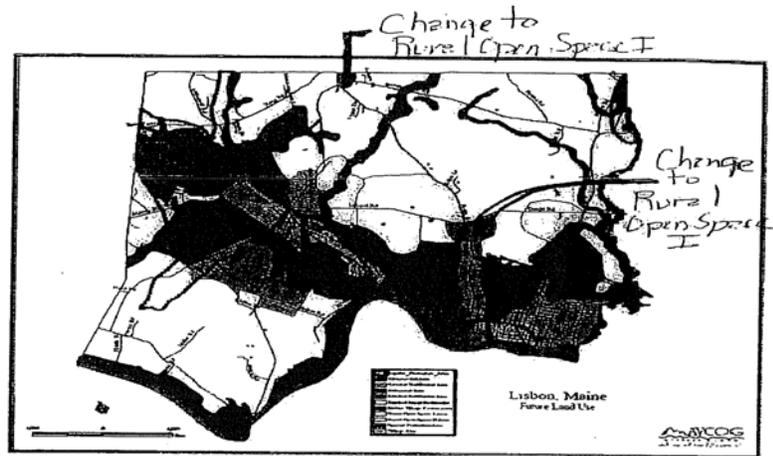
~~Responsibility/Time Frame ————— Planning Board/Short~~

## FUTURE LAND USE PLAN [*Lisbon Comprehensive Plan Update-Page 37& 39*]

Route 9 Corridor Area: The Route 9 corridor connects the new Turnpike interchange in Sabattus with Route 196 in Lisbon Falls. It is expected that as the result of that interchange traffic volumes on Route 9 will increase. The Maine Department of Transportation will reconstruct Route 9 during the planning period.

Current land use characteristics from Higgins Road north to the Sabattus Town line are low density residential development and open space. Increased traffic and reconstruction of Route 9 could make the Route 9 corridor attractive for commercial type development. Based on current development patterns the Route 9 should continue as a location for low density residential development. ~~The exceptions are two areas, at the Lisbon/Sabattus line and Route 9 and Upland Road where low impact commercial uses can locate. Development standards in those areas would included building design that is complementary with neighboring structures, landscaping and vehicle access.~~

*For the purposes of the Growth Management Law the Route 9 Corridor Area ~~has both~~ is a Rural and Growth Areas.*



**E**conomic Expectations [Lisbon Comprehensive Plan Update-Pages 95-96]

Lisbon should look for new sites to enhance its attractiveness for commercial/business development. The first step is to project growth in commercial needs along the Route 9 corridor and seek a large parcel to be used as wetland mitigation. This could be one parcel or a group of parcels capable of meeting the mandated offsets to assist Lisbon in development of its higher use areas such as Route 196 and eventually Route 9.

## ***Proposed Amendment # 2***

### ***Background***

*The 2007 Plan as adopted included a new land use category identified as Rural Open Space II. The Plan states that purpose of the Rural Open Space II area is maintain them primarily for production agriculture and residential uses that support agriculture. The Plan recommended that the lot size in the Rural Open Space II area be a minimum of 10 acres and new residential development have an agricultural component or reserve land for future agricultural use. Based on the contents of the Plan new zoning ordinance provisions were drafted. At meetings conducted by the Planning Board on proposed zoning ordinance amendments the Rural Open Space II District was discussed in great length. It was not the purpose of the District but rather the draft provisions in the zoning ordinance relating to the Rural Open Space District II. It was felt that the provisions would not achieve the goal of maintaining agricultural land and placed too much of a burden on the owners of the land in the Rural Open Space II Area. The Planning Board determined that an alternative zoning approached would better achieve the goals and policies of the Plan.*

*To accomplish the change the following amendments to the Plan are necessary.*

### ***Overview- Rural/Farmland/Open Space [Lisbon Comprehensive Plan Update-Pages 20-21]***

Lisbon, with a land area of 16,085 acres (25 square miles), has a population density of 360 persons per square mile. This level of population density is third only to the Cities of Lewiston and Auburn. Development demand, changing landowner attitudes toward public access and an uncertain future of farming economy could have significant impacts on Lisbon's character and availability of open space over the next 10 years.

Farming and farmland has a number of benefits to a community. The value of farming is that it is a major factor in "rural character" in the eyes of many, provides open space and the benefits of open space and demands a minimal amount of municipal services. It also plays a roll in agricultural economy of the region.

In 2004, the development rights of 195 acres of fields used for vegetable crops, hay and silage were purchased. These developed rights at the Packard-Littlefield Farm were purchases with a combination of state and federal funding sources.

The continuation of current agricultural activities by farm landowners will maintain open farm land and the various benefits of that land use activity. However, if because of economic viability or other reasons active agriculture is stopped, rural character may be significantly affected. Much of the open farm land in Lisbon is located in areas which would be attractive for commercial or residential development. In addition several major areas of farm land are within distances feasible to be served by public sewer and water making development potential more attractive.

Farmland is an important community characteristic as identified by the Town residents. A municipality cannot assure that farmland will be farmed. As long as economics allow, farmers tend to farm thus maintaining farmland and related open space. When the economics no longer allows, farmers may develop or sell for development their land.

Depending on the characteristics of development upon once farmland, significant changes in Lisbon's character are possible.

The term open space can be interpreted a number of ways. It can mean undeveloped land or farmland, play areas or fields within a residential subdivision, or a park in or adjacent to a "downtown." Open space can provide the feeling of rural character, pleasant or scenic views, habitat for wildlife species, areas for recreation or green belts. Residents of Lisbon value open space.

**P**olicies

- Provide separation between agriculture and conflicting land use activity.
- Maintain the valued feeling of farmland and open space.
- Discourage traditional subdivision development ~~on existing farmlands~~ in rural locations.
- Maintain farmland for current and future agricultural uses.
- Provide for innovative development options that conserve farmland.

**S**trategies

Amend Ordinances to require a minimum 100 foot buffer between agricultural areas and areas to be developed residentially.

Responsibility/Time Frame                      Planning Board/Short

Amend the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances to require residential development proposals in the Rural Open Space District I in excess of ten acres be clustered.

Responsibility/Time Frame                      Planning Board/Short

Amend the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances to prohibit residential subdivisions in the Rural/Open Space II Area.

Responsibility/Time Frame                      Planning Board/Short

Amend the Zoning Ordinance to require new residential lots in the Rural/Open Space II Area to have a maximum lot area and frontage on a publically maintained road/street.

Responsibility/Time Frame                      Planning Board/Short

Amend the Zoning Ordinance to prohibit back lots in the Rural/Open Space II Area.

Responsibility/Time Frame                      Planning Board/Short

Amend the Zoning Ordinance to limit permissible development in the rural areas to agriculture, open space uses, cluster residential development, residential agricultural, low impact outdoor recreation and related businesses.

Responsibility/Time Frame                      Planning Board/Short

Seek conservation easements or the purchase of development rights of farmlands.

Responsibility/Time Frame	Land Trusts/Ongoing
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Amend the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances to require a set aside of open space in all zoning districts of between five and ten percent of the land area within each development of more than ten dwelling units. If the set aside is not possible within the development, require a payment in lieu to be used for open space acquisition or improvement by the town.

Responsibility/Time Frame	Planning Board/Short
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Seek conservation easements or the purchase of development rights of open space areas.

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**FUTURE LAND USE PLAN [Lisbon Comprehensive Plan Update-Page 35]**

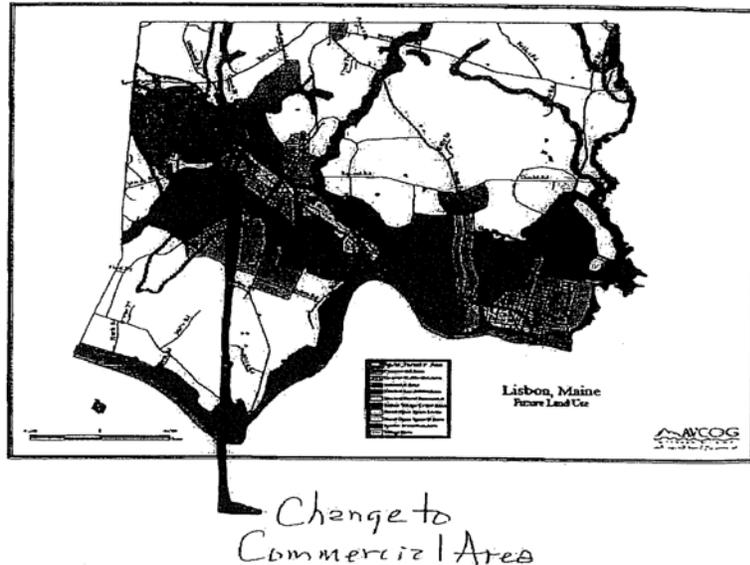
Rural/Open Space Area II. These areas are important to maintaining the agricultural base of Lisbon's. For the planning period (2006-2016), these areas should be maintained primarily for production agriculture and residential uses that support those uses. Commercial uses related to the sale of agricultural products, outdoor recreation and activities that support continued farming are appropriate in this area. Permitted and conditional uses in the Rural Open Space II area will be further defined in the zoning ordinance. The subdivision of land for residential purposes would be prohibited. ~~New residential development here would be required to have an agricultural component that will maintain the production value of the land. New lots created would be a minimum of 10 acres. will be located on lots with not less than 60,000 square feet on not more than 100,000 square feet. All lots must have frontage on a publically maintained road/street.~~

*For the purposes of the Growth Management Law the Rural/Open Space Area II is a Rural Area.*

***Proposed Amendment # 3******Background***

*The 2007 Plan as adopted places the area in the vicinity of the so called dragon pit in a general residential area. In addition the current zoning ordinance zones that area as general residential. This designation and current zoning does not allow for planned development there. To change the zone from residential to commercial the Plan must be amended.*

*To accomplish the change the following amendment to the Future Land Use Map is necessary.*



**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**Roll Call Vote - Yeas:** Bickford, Bowie, Larochelle, Lunt, Mason, and Pomelow. **Nays:** Cote.  
**Order passed - Vote 6-1.**

## OTHER BUSINESS

### A. SMART METERS, STEVE DANIELS, CENTRAL MAINE POWER

Mr. Daniels explained that smart meters use electronic data recording and two-way communication technology and that, in the near future, will provide Lisbon residents with a more efficient and accurate way of letting CMP know how much their usage is monthly, thus eliminating the need for 148 meter-reader positions, although some will be left to do repairs and installs. These meters are part of their most recent upgrade to their state-of-the-art electricity delivery system here in Maine.

All CMP customers will receive a smart meter. The smart meter has a digital display instead of the dials on the old meter. CMP's smart meters are wireless and use a radio frequency band to communicate. The technology chosen by CMP for our Smart Meter infrastructure sends a signal, via radio waves, "over the air". This technology utilizes equipment (repeaters and collectors) that receives the signal from a large volume of meters and then "hands off" this data to a "take-out point" (gateway). Data is then transferred from the gateway, via a 3<sup>rd</sup> party public provider, to a CMP building in Augusta. Because they receive daily communications from the smart meters, they will be able to detect issues [power outages] promptly.

Mr. Daniels said you do not have to do any thing to prepare for the installation or be present to have your new meter installed. The process will take about 10 minutes and your power will be interrupted briefly during the installation. Customers will not pay a special charge for the new meter.

These meters are certified by the United States Federal Communications Commission, ensuring compliance with appropriate safety standards. He said there is no evidence that these meters are unsafe. CMP received a \$96 million-dollar grant from the Federal Government's Department of Energy and will fund \$96 million themselves to complete the project.

The Maine Reliability Program (MPRP) is a \$1.4 billion investment in the backbone of Maine's electricity transmission system. It will update CMP's existing, 40-year-old bulk power system by adding nearly 450 miles of new transmission lines and related facilities to improve transmission reliability and capacity in communities throughout the company's service area. The new lines will also support the development of new renewable energy resources in northern New England and the surrounding Canadian provinces by increasing the north-south transmission capacity through Maine and by improving access to the company's transmission grid for wind farms in the state's western mountains.

Mr. Daniels said they expect to install 4,514 meters in Lisbon and should be done by the spring of 2012. He explained the voluntary "time of use" program, and pointed out that your service stays the same until you choose to use that program, adding that this is where the savings lie. He said they will begin sometime towards the end of this summer and indicated that they would give the town a call with the exact date. All this information is on our website at [www.cmpco.com](http://www.cmpco.com). The Chairman thanked Mr. Daniels for his presentation.

#### B. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Maloy said excise collection was approximately 66% collected. She pointed out that this may be uncollected by upwards of \$80,000. She said she was continuing to monitor the state revenue sharing amounts and indicated we were 75% collected on that, with another \$31,000 coming in this month. To meet our budget we would need to collect on average \$62,000 for each of the remaining months, which she expected, would happen. The Transfer Station is now 77% collected, Parks/Recreation is over 110% collected, and on the total tax commitment for the year, we are 93% collected, which is right where we were last year at this time.

Councilor Bowie asked questions about lines 4025, 4173 [Water Department revenues regarding the bond payment], 4030 [will we make that amount], 4031 [that's a timing issue], 4035 [probably won't make that amount], 4150 [probably won't make that amount], and 4156 [last year the \$125, 000 was combined, but that's broken out this year and subjective to how they code things]. She said we still anticipate receiving \$125,000. Mrs. Maloy said she would report to the Council next month on line 4025 & 4030. Councilor Bowie said about line 4011 General Assistance, have we submitted anything here. He said we are three-quarters of the way through the year now. Mr. Eldridge said we submitted our request for reimbursement, I am confident we will get it, but the state is a little slow.

Mrs. Maloy said we are over expended on legal, Town Engineer's budget due to contaminated wells, and the Repair & Maintenance line for town buildings due to at MTM. Councilor Bowie wanted to know how close the Town Engineer's budget is because the bond proceeds were put into that line. Mrs. Maloy said this encompasses the Bike Trail, the Androscoggin River Trail, and Route 9 water line maybe \$45,000 so unexpended is about \$215,000. Councilor Bowie said then we could take the \$45,000 off the \$82,000, which leaves about \$37,000 out of \$39,000 and said this is just confusing the way we are doing this. Mr. Eldridge said this is showing up under here until the end of the year, because we do not know if we are going to have money left, or whether we will have to use undesignated funds to cover the wells; there are still three left to do.

### C. REVALUATION DISCUSSION

Mr. Van Tuinen said I want to emphasize what the goal of a revaluation is and that is to try to make sure that everybody is assessed at a reasonable estimate of just value, which is the state's definition and essentially means "market value". This is where towns gather the revenue to operate. There is no goal or purpose to finding new sources of revenue. These budgets are set by the legislative bodies and from those budgets are deductions for other revenues, state municipal revenue sharing, excise taxes, and whatever other revenue sources a town receives. The Town Council sets the budget and determines how much needs to be raised by taxation. The revaluation does not affect that amount; it raises the amount the town decides to raise by revenue. It may have an effect on who pays what. Gradual improvements to property will be recognized in a revaluation. Again, those without any improvements to property will be recognized in a revaluation. However, there is no overall effect on the taxes in the community. Certain neighborhoods [waterfront or non-waterfront for example] over time may increase or decrease in value more than others.

Mr. Van Tuinen briefly outlined the steps involved in the revaluation. First data has to be gathered for properties throughout the town and the information [including digital photos] needs to be entered into the software system. Next, appraisal schedules need to be created based on current sales and entered into the software system. Lastly, all the properties at the same time need to be applied to the schedules to create the new valuation for each property in town. He said all this has to be done very carefully so like properties are treated alike. Informal hearings are a part of this process. Business property is taxable and would be included in this process.

Mr. Van Tuinen said Lisbon is too large a town to complete a revaluation in one year and pointed out that this would take at least two years. He said our current data is 22 years old and that applying the new values should be done on the same basis at the same time. He said it would be ideal to keep the budget as much the same as possible when doing your revaluation.

Councilor Pomelow said we can be prudent in keeping the budget as much the same as possible, but if we get less money back from the state it is no reflection on what we've done with the budget so it is important for people to understand that a revaluation isn't the only reason why you may see an increase in your taxes.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Larry Fillmore said it's good opportunity for us to get a picture of what our town is valued at, puts correct data on file, and that's wonderful, but the problem I have with it is that we are trying to link this to our budget and taxes.

Dorothy Fitzgerald said we have to spend less money. She said she did not anticipate values would change that much within a two or three year period. She questioned the accuracy of the information available on our website under the Assessing Virtual Clerk option.

Mr. Van Tuinen responded and said he would check into that to see where this information is coming from. He said your situation is that last year your Assessor's Office put a lot of information into the computer system. They put that information in wholesale from property cards without being reviewed. It was put in for land and for buildings. It was not utilized in the final analysis in your final valuation for last year. The previous 2009 valuation was used times a 1.32 factor was used for a vast majority of properties. I suspect that some of that information is available on the website, as never looked at, never reviewed, and never checked. It is not the actual assessed valuation; it is what entered into a computer, but not utilized. If that is the case, it should not be out there as accurate information.

#### D. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Eldridge said Durham accepted our Animal Control proposal last night so Lisbon will be picking this up immediately.

Mr. Eldridge said Lisbon Emergency offered the Fire Department a two-car garage, but we would have to move it. Estimates were \$5,700 from FCI to move it over to our lot. Councilor Bickford said that is a very reasonable price. Chief Galipeau said this would be ideal for equipment storage and suggested moving it to the lot directly across the street or to the vacant property next door. FCI recommended moving it to the vacant lot next door since that would be easier than across the street. Chief Galipeau said the estimate included preparing the ground, installing a floating slab, and attaching it to the slab.

**VOTE (2011-54)** Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Bickford moved to take advantage of this offer and accept the two-car garage gift from Lisbon Emergency and to move forward with having FCI move it to the vacant property.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**Order passed – Vote 5-2 (Against: Cote and Lunt).**

#### E. BOND REFERENDUM DISCUSSION

Councilor Lunt said there would be a better turnout in November. Councilor Mason recommended not postponing it until November and suggested we do it now.

Councilor Cote said voters would turn it down now due to the current economic climate.

Councilor Bowie suggested we use the money left over from previous bonds to fix the bridge.

Councilor Cote indicated that some people might be in favor of a couple of projects, like the MTM roof and windows, but that it would be too bad to tie the revaluation to everything. Mr. Eldridge said he recommended the revaluation be put in the budget.

Councilor Pomelow stressed that the MTM roof needed the necessary repairs and pointed out how successful those programs are in that building.

Councilor Bowie asked about a bond anticipation note (BAN) that we could pay back in the spring. Mr. Eldridge said a BAN, once approved would work well, in anticipation of the funding, we could then borrow that money to begin work.

Councilor Bickford said the MTM was used a lot and a lot of residents would like to see that roof repaired.

Mr. Eldridge offered to a mass mailing telling residents what the money is needed for and why.

Councilor Cote recommended, again, separate questions for each project. Mr. Eldridge said that the Council had talked about doing separate questions during their workshops and indicated that would be one way to let our residents decide what they wanted to fund for projects.

Councilor Pomelow suggested we leave it up to the voters to decide what projects they would like to do and recommended putting it on a June 2011 ballot.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

John Wierzbicki said he would like to see it on a June 2011 ballot and was in favor of the one project idea he felt was more palatable.

Gordon Curtis urged Councilors to place the MTM roof and window project on a June 2011 ballot. He said we can't wait because the roof leaks, there is mold, mildew, and rotten wood to deal with now. He indicated that the MTM Committee unanimously feels that something has to be done with the roof.

Dorothy Fitzgerald asked if the roof had gone out to bid. Mr. Eldridge said no, but that he had estimates. Miriam Morgan-Alexander said time is your enemy in this case and that it would be prudent to plan properly and get it done.

Councilor Larochelle said the MTM roof, as a stand-alone project, would be a doable bond. Councilor Bowie suggested we put it all out there and let the public decide what they want. Councilor Pomelow said I seconded that. Councilor Mason said we always look like we are scurrying around to get something done, up against some deadline, so yes, let's give the people an opportunity to vote on it.

**VOTE (2011-54)** Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Cote moved to go forward with placing all of the items, except the revaluation, individually on a Ballot for June 2011. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Richard Nadeau requested the town install a bike rack at the Town Hall near the entrance for people who bike to the Town Hall. He recommended that the bicycle safety program be done during the school year and that the bikes used for the auction be used to teach bicycle safety.

Richard Nadeau recommended the Council appoint a Bicycle Committee consisting of three individuals (1 Councilor/1 Police Department Personnel/1 bicyclist) to discuss ways to improve our intersections and roads for bike safety. He said he hoped to start a bike club in town and that he would be willing to serve on this committee.

Larry Fillmore asked why are we paying \$69,000 for a Town Engineer who is not even state certified as a civil engineer. He said there were two Councilors operating businesses out of their residences and asked why they are not paying fines. Michael Cote said in some instances 25% of your home can be an allowable use and pointed out one Councilor went to the Planning Board for approval for a conditional use permit as required in that zone.

## APPOINTMENTS - NONE

## COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Bowie asked about the old Lisbon Emergency property. Councilor Lunt said this now reverts back to the town.

Councilor Mason said that the Moxie Committee is in full swing now, accepting vendor applications and parade applications, which are both available on the Moxie website at [www.moxiefestival.com](http://www.moxiefestival.com).

Mr. Eldridge reminded the Council and residents that budget information is available on our web site at [www.lisbonme.org](http://www.lisbonme.org).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**VOTE (2011-54)** Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Larochelle moved to go into executive session at 10:00 PM per 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405 (6) (A) to discuss personnel matters. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

The Chairman announced that the Budget Workshop scheduled for after this meeting will be cancelled because it is so late now. The Council Secretary was dismissed. The council came out of executive session at 10:32 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**VOTE (2011-55)** Councilor Larochelle, seconded by Councilor Pomelow moved to adjourn at 10:32 PM. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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

*Budget Workshop scheduled for after the meeting was cancelled.*