



**TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 19, 2007**

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 Chairman, Layne Curtis, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL. Members present were Councilors Smith, Curtis, Bowie, Mason, Henry, Crafts, and Wells. Budget Advisory Board members present were Roger Cote, Richard Main, Walter Morse, Lori Pomelow, Hale Chase, and Paul Chizmar. Steven Curtis was absent. Also present were Curtis Lunt, Town Manager; Twila Lycette, Town Clerk; Rodney Moody, Finance Director; Gerald Samson, Tax Assessor/CEO; Mark Stevens, Recreation Director; David Brooks, Chief of Police; P. Sean Galipeau, Fire Chief; Ryan Leighton, Town Engineer; Wayne Ricker, Solid Waste Management Director; and approximately eleven citizens in the audience.

**BUDGET HEARING**

Mr. Lunt explained the various adjustments made to the budget from the last hearing as requested by the Council. Councilor Bowie requested a write up of the changes made. Mr. Lunt clarified the meeting calendar, and reminded the Council that the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting creates a conflict for the School Committee.

Councilor Bowie suggested a fuel reserve account. Mr. Lunt reported a budget amount of \$2.25 per gallon for diesel gasoline for all departments, and said that he had not yet obtained new phone service contract information or adjusted the Economic Development telephone lines.

Mr. Ricker explained that extending the water main on Pinewoods Road would cost approximately \$100-150,000, and would exempt the Town from well testing and liability.

The Budget Advisory Board recommended accepting the following budget lines as presented:

- Animal Control
- Cable

The Budget Advisory Board recommended the following adjustments:

- Elected Officials – reduce Advertising/Communications to \$2,400, and increase Printing & Binding to \$450.
- Administration, Town Manager – reduce Contractual Services to \$0, and complete the wage study using current staff with a two or three member committee to oversee the process.
- Finance Department – reduce Part-Time Help to \$8,117.

Richard Main requested reports detailing the mileage and condition of the Animal Control Officer's vehicle. The Budget Advisory Board recommended further discussion on the Assessing/Code Enforcement budget.

The Council consented to the following budget lines as presented by consensus:

- Historical Society
- Moxie
- Town Insurance
- Legal
- Hydrant Rental
- Street & Traffic Lights
- MMA
- AVCOG
- Memorial Day
- Health Officer
- Community Services
- Conservation Commission
- Planning Board
- Board of Appeals
- Social Security
- Me. State Retirement

- County Tax
- Debt Service
- Assistance
- Elected Officials
- Finance
- Cable TV
- Town Clerk
- Assessing
- Fire Truck Reserve
- Town Engineer
- Public Works - Capital Outlay
- Public Works - Paving

Town Manager.

The Council agreed by consensus to set up a small committee to oversee a wage study.

Public Works: Part-Time Wages and Overtime.

Councilor Wells requested a showing of what has been added to this line.

Computer Operations.

The Council agreed by consensus to increase Contractual by \$10,000 and reduce Capital Outlay by \$10,000.

The Chairman called a recess at 7:46 PM. The Chairman recalled the meeting to order at 7:56 PM.

Board of Registration.

The Council agreed by consensus tabled this item for further discussion.

Animal Control.

The Council agreed by consensus to decrease Capital Outlay by \$875.

Police Dept.

The Council agreed by consensus to reduce Personnel Services by \$2,700. ~~The Police Chief's vehicle lease listed as \$7,194 should be \$7,509 instead of per year.~~

Fire Department.

The Council agreed by consensus to increase the hourly per diem pay rate to \$11.00 per hour, increasing the line to \$11,048. The Fire Chief's vehicle lease listed as \$7,194 should be \$7,509.

Public Parks.

The Council agreed by consensus tabled this item pending further information.

Public Works.

The Council agreed by consensus tabled this item for further discussion.

Snow Removal.

The Council agreed by consensus tabled the discussion pending further research.

Interagencies.

The Council agreed by consensus to remove this line from the budget.

Lisbon Emergency.

The Council agreed by consensus tabled this item pending Lisbon Emergency representation.

## ADJOURNMENT

**VOTE (2007-48)** Councilor Mason, seconded by Councilor Wells, moved to adjourn at 9:33 PM. Order passed - Vote 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Juliet C. LeBlond  
Assistant Town Clerk

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