



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 5, 2016

Christopher Brunelle, At Large 2016
Eric Metivier, District 1 2016
Roger Bickford, District 2, 2016
Dale Crafts, At Large 2017
Normand Albert, At Large 2018
Kasie Kolbe, District 1 2018
Allen Ward, District 2 2018

CALL TO ORDER. The Chairman, Roger Bickford, called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL. Members present were Councilors Bickford, Brunelle, Metivier, Crafts, Albert, and Ward. Councilor Kolbe was excused. Also present were Diane Barnes, Town Manager; Diane Nadeau, Librarian; David Brooks, Police Chief; and approximately five citizens in the audience.

GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION

Mrs. Barnes commended Marcel Obie for his outside the office community service. Not only does he work for the Town of Lisbon as our operations manager at the Transfer Station, she said, Mr. Obie donates his time a couple of days a week feeding the homeless. The Council highly praised Mr. Obie and his family for their work.

Councilor Bickford commended Police Officers McGee and Stewart for their prompt attention to a call on New Year's Day. He said the husband commented on how well the officers worked together and how fast they got her to the hospital. He said he would like to thank them personally, because it was his mother-in-law.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION & RESPONSE FOR AGENDA ITEMS-NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

VOTE (2016-01) Councilor Metivier, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved to approve the minutes of December 15, 2015. **Order passed – Vote 6-0.**

COUNCIL ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, & ORDINANCES

CORNERSTONES OF SCIENCE GIFTS TO LISBON LIBRARY

INTRODUCTION: Mrs. Nadeau asked the Council to accept the donation of a telescope, a microscope and 2 circuit board kits from the Cornerstones of Science Organization. This organization that began with the Curtis Memorial Library in 1999 was established to bring science and technology to public libraries in our area. We have been participating in their “traveling science trunks” program since 2014. These wonderful trunks have science programs ready to roll and include mammal tracks, water cycle, magnetism, and the life of a lobster. They featured that program last summer and one of our young reader's Liam, dressed as a big red lobster for all the other children to enjoy. From this participation, their staff also attended classes to improve their ability to provide quality science programs. She said their commitment and being in good standing with Cornerstones of Science Organization resulted in our library being chosen to receive the science equipment that we request the Town Council accept and allow us to move forward.

Mrs. Nadeau pointed out the Library Board saw the science equipment at their December 2015 meeting and unanimously recommended the Town Council accept these gifts. Library Board member, Claire Paquette, was present to represent the Library Governing Board. Mrs. Nadeau said the Library Board and she felt this is not only a very generous gift, but also an opportunity to expand science and technology to the children and families of Lisbon. They are also excited to have this equipment available to share with other local organizations like the boy scouts and girl scouts, Beaver Park programs and our local schools science classes.

Mrs. Nadeau said two members of the Library Department staff will attend training sessions to ensure they are fully trained to host programs here at the library and will become familiar with all three units. She said be assured this equipment will not be allowed to circulate to the public until many things are in place.

Mrs. Nadeau said first and foremost, at least two library staff members will be fully trained in the use of the three units. The Library Governing Board will then formulate an acceptable use policy that will include strict rules in the use by our patrons. Patrons must be in good standing and provide a photocopy of a Maine ID. The items will only circulate for 7 days. No renewals and fines of \$15 per day if not returned. She explained that is the standard policy used by other libraries with this science equipment. Since this policy and the value of the equipment is much more than the standard they use for lost books, DVD's, and audio Books, she would come back to the Town Council for their approval of the Public Use of the Library Science equipment.

Mrs. Nadeau thanked the Council for their time and consideration of accepting the Cornerstones of Science equipment.

VOTE (2016-02) Councilor Ward, seconded by Councilor Metivier moved to accept the science gifts from the Cornerstone Science Foundation for circulation at the Lisbon Library. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

OTHER BUSINESS - NONE

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION & RESPONSE NEW ITEMS

Larry Fillmore said the Transfer Station was extremely busy on Saturday. He commended the staff for doing such an outstanding job moving it along. He said he had never seen that many down there before.

Chief Brooks asked the Town Council to meet with him and Lieutenant Michel regarding the Voluntary retirement incentive and severance agreements. He pointed out the previous Council Chairman three months ago reported he would not meet with them. Councilor Bickford suggested meeting on Thursday. Chief Brooks said he would get back to them on what dates and times would work for them.

APPOINTMENTS - NONE

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Ward invited the Council and residents to PCL's Winterfest event at Beaver Park on January 23. It starts at 9:00 am with lots of fun things to do, like ice skating, dog sled rides, local vendors, and much more, which will be open to the public with no entrance fee to attend.

Councilor Ward mentioned the LACO food drive and drop off locations. He encouraged residents to visit the website Feed the Hungry in Maine at www.gsfb.org to donate online. He pointed out how nice it was to watch Lisbon and Topsham's combined Hockey team play together so well and invited residents to attend the next game Wednesday night at the Auburn arena.

Councilor Ward encouraged citizens to vote next Tuesday, January 12, 2016 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTE (2016-03a) Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Metivier moved to go into Executive Session per 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (E) Consultations with legal counsel at 7:30 PM.

The Council Secretary was dismissed. Councilor Metivier, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved to return to regular session at 7:58 PM. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

VOTE (2016-03b) Councilor Metivier, seconded by Councilor Ward moved to authorize the Town Manager to solicit bids for an 8-acre parcel of property owned by the Town of Lisbon on Parillo Street and to set the minim bid at assessed value. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

VOTE (2016-03c) Councilor Metivier, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved to authorize the Town Attorney to bring a collection action for personal property taxes owed by Daniel Bulick. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE (2016-04) Councilor Metivier, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

Twila D. Lycette, Council Secretary
Town Clerk, Lifetime CCM/MMC
Date Approved January 19, 2016