



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 6, 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 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL. Members present were Councilors Bickford, Brunelle, Metivier, Albert, Kolbe, and Ward. Councilor Crafts was excused. Also present were Diane Barnes, Town Manager; Ryan Leighton, Public Works Director; Ed Karass, Finance Director; Dennis Douglass, CEO/Health Officer; Tracey Steuber, Economic & Community Development Director; Donald Fellows, Planning Board Chairman; Karen Paradis, Planning Board Member; and approximately 15 citizens in the audience.

GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION

Councilor Bickford said the Worumbo Mill is down and everything looks good there.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTE (2016-199) Councilor Kolbe, seconded by Councilor Metivier moved to go into Executive Session per 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (A)Personnel Matter at 7:05 PM. **Order passed – Vote 6-0.**

The Council came back into regular session at 7:11 PM.

APPOINTMENTS - NONE

VOTE (2016-200) Councilor Ward, seconded by Councilor Albert moved to confirm the appointment of Lydia Colston as Finance Director; the Finance Director's starting gross salary will be \$69,000 commencing on September 26, 2016; the Finance Director shall be covered by the Town's Health, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance and Income Protection beginning the month of October 2016.

Order passed – Vote 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. CDBG DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GRANT

The Council Chairman opened the public hearing. Dorothy Fitzgerald said \$400,000 is a lot of money and asked what the town was planning to do with it. Ms. Steuber explained these funds would be used for streetscape, green space, sidewalks, signs, creating the connection to the downtown trail, and so forth. These projects will blend very well with what is happening at the intersection of Route 125 and 196.

Mrs. Fitzgerald asked about the Lisbon Village area and if anything would go towards that area. Ms. Steuber indicated that these funds are targeted for the Blight designated area and needs to go to those spots in order to comply with this grant. She mentioned that Lisbon will score better since we have other projects going on in this area and that Lisbon may not have this opportunity again.

Fern Larochelle, local business owner and member of the Route 196 Committee articulated these improvements could make travelers look at Lisbon in a different manner when completed. He encouraged the Council to support the grant. He indicated if we took a little of our own money to put with this grant we could make it look like a place people might want to stop. He said things are happening in Lisbon and that this is a great opportunity.

Roger Cote, resident of Route 9 mentioned that every time money is ready to be spent it happens in Lisbon Falls. He pointed out that a large number of taxpayers are in Lisbon Village and that Lisbon Village is a large part of this town. He said tearing down that mill was the best thing to happen in Lisbon.

Ruth Saucier, a resident of Lisbon Center asked if Lisbon Center residents qualify for these loans. When you pull through Lisbon Village you can't tell it is even there, but when you go through Lisbon Falls you see Fern's Auto Body Shop and things happening.

Ms. Steuber said this grant is only for the Lisbon Falls downtown area and those areas that were designated as blight. She explained that the façade grant is the other piece and is a town wide grant. These are federal dollars based on low to moderate income or blight designation. She said we are not saying the other area is not in need of it but because of the development happening in Lisbon Falls we stand a good chance of scoring high and obtaining it. There are two downtowns in Lisbon, which makes us unique, and DECD has accepted that. Façade money is available for structures like the old Lisbon Village Library. Councilor Ward pointed out that there are resources for both sides of town here.

Michael Hebert, a resident in Lisbon Falls said we need to continue to see that the community is willing to invest into the community. If we as taxpayers and Councilors are not willing to secure the funds to invest in our own infrastructure to update the community then no one else is going to invest here. No one will want to bring money from outside into Lisbon if we are not willing to spend our own money to keep up our own infrastructure. Painting light poles is nice and redoing a sidewalk is nice, but the sad part of the matter is that you can wave money in front of someone all day long, but if they don't have money to put in their own business or structure, then they are not going to do it. He asked when we take on these grants, like the façade grant, is there a penalty if we don't utilize the funding?

Ms. Steuber explained that they are still working on the process for the application for the façade funds, but basically, those folks who have stepped forward have to fund the whole project upfront, it's a \$1 to \$1 match, and then they get reimbursed if they meet all the criteria when it's completed. She said there were no penalties as far as us paying back this grant and there were no matching dollars needed from the town. It is \$150,000. The Committee's goal is to see that these funds go out to help those businesses. It's capped at \$20,000 for owner and \$20,000 for reimbursement for a \$40,000 project, but the \$40,000 would need to be put in upfront from the beginning. The owner can spend more on the façade project; however, anything above the \$20,000 cap will not be reimbursable. Seeing no further comments, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

B. LOADER BOND ISSUE, ROAD BOND ISSUE, AND CHARTER AMENDMENTS

The Council Chairman opened the public hearing. Mr. Leighton explained the need for a new loader at Public Works. Mrs. Barnes mentioned the estimated impact on individual tax bills would be approximate .30 cents on the mil rate to do all of this work.

Roger Cote encouraged support for the equipment. He said these departments do an excellent job and they do need a good loader. Councilor Bickford pointed out that they are running junk right now. Mr. Cote said we need to buckle down and get them a new loader. We need to give them something to work with.

Councilor Ward explained the \$1,500,000 for road will impact 26 homes on the Gould Road, 195 homes on Summer Street, and 76 homes on the Bowdoinham Road and that this is not just paving, but re-construction work as well. Here is an opportunity for us to invest into our infrastructure.

Councilor Albert agreed and suggested folks drive down these roads. He said this is a steal for the work getting completed; it's a no brainer at .30 cents across the board to get some of the main arteries done now. Mr. Cote said back when the Charter was written \$10 was worth something.

Mrs. Barnes explained that this charter amendment changes the spending limit on major appropriations from \$100,000 to the Council's recommendation of \$250,000 to purchase equipment and services. Inflation being one reason for this change; the cost of doing business today is substantially higher.

Mrs. Barnes mentioned to begin the roadwork the town must enter into a three-year agreement for right of way work and engineering, and then if the referendum vote is defeated the town is still on the hook for 100% of that pre-work. Councilor Ward articulated that with inflation in mind this Council is trying to set things into motion for the betterment of the town here.

Councilor Albert pointed out that Lisbon will get way more than it is spending. Not a lot of us are interested in spending a lot of money so we are trying to figure out what's the best way to get it down and in the end we have to add up the cost to get it down.

Michael Hebert said investment in the town is what spurs growth. He indicated we have to take this vote to the people and a case needs to be made to let voters know why it's important. He mentioned that everyone needs to get involved so this issue is understood and why we need to do it.

Mrs. Barnes reported that the cost of doing businesses is so much more expensive than it used to be. She mentioned the last charter change was housekeeping. Councilor Metivier suggested a mailer be sent to voters to help inform them. Seeing no further comments, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION & RESPONSE FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Roger Cote asked the Council to leave Route 9 alone. He said we took a vote and the answer was to leave it alone. He commented we don't want you to do anything with Route 9 and please leave us alone; these people don't want to deal with this anymore.

Don Fellows explained the charter says the Planning Board shall have such powers and perform such duties as are provided by the laws of the State of Maine, this charter, or ordinances developed and among other things the Planning Board shall be responsible for evaluation and updating the Comprehensive Plan and it shall review the Capital Improvement Program. He said from the Charter came the ordinance in particular Section 70, which shall be known as the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Lisbon and will be referred to as this chapter. He said further down in that chapter is the provision for amendment. The initiation for amendment of this chapter can be initiated by the Planning Board provided a majority of the board has so voted, by request of the Town Officers to the Planning Board, or by petition from the citizens. He said in the case you are looking at the Town Officers have formally requested the Planning Board to look at it in the past and if voted tonight that is what you would be doing. It does say the amendment of this chapter can be adopted if recommended by a majority vote of the governing body. He said if the Planning Board works on whatever it is, comes up with something, passes it, and send it to the Town Officers as recommended then you can pass it by a simple majority. However, if after we thoroughly study it and cannot come up with something that we agree with and then pass that to you anyway recommending that it not be passed then you would need a 2/3 majority vote to pass it. Of course, there would be public hearings involved. He said their conclusions after the public input, by previous survey and two public gatherings, was that the best fit if any changes were to be made could conceivably be made in the home occupation subsection. It should be noted that there are restrictions in home occupations that are significant and if you combine those requirements plus the 34 pages of rules for auto dealerships the limitations can be very daunting. He said if the Council votes to do that, the Planning Board will work honestly for the best fit. That fit may or may not be acceptable to the board. He reported they do however plan to address the Comprehensive Plan and make some assessments this year as to what needs are eminent. He pointed out that after that they plan to work slowly over the next 12-24 months to amend the Comprehensive Plan and to make it more relevant for Lisbon.

Mr. Fellows explained that like any case, we must not base our decision on the amount of public support for or against the project, nor should our decision be based on the memberships general opinion of that project, whether it be good or bad for the town, what it must be based solely on is whether it has met the burden of proof to comply with the statues and ordinances of the town and the Comprehensive Plan.

Mark Lunt said laws and ordinances are put into place with the worst-case scenarios in mind, not the best. He asked the Council when thinking about Route 9 not to assume the best but to imagine the worst that could happen with whatever you do. He said think about what could happen if dozens of people want to change their uses all along Route 9 leaving that road just another rundown embarrassment to the town. These are the major roads people use to come into our town, what they see is what they think of us, and if those places look good then they will have a good opinion of Lisbon and they may want to move here and open a business here.

CONSENT AGENDA

VOTE (2016-201) Councilor Ward, seconded by Councilor Metivier moved to approve the minutes of August 16, 2016 and appoint Rick Roberts Warden, set polling hours from 7:00 AM to 8:00 pm, set location at the Lisbon High School Gymnasium, set the registrar hours for October 31, November 1, 2, 3, 7 and Election Day and to cast absentee ballots on Saturday, November 5 at 9 AM or immediately following any inspection, on Monday, November 7 at 9 AM or immediately following any inspection, and on Election Day at 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM, 4 PM, 7 PM, and 8 PM in accordance with MRSA Title 21-A Section 759(7) for the November 8, 2016 State & Municipal Election. **Order passed – Vote 6-0.**

COUNCIL ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, & ORDINANCES

DUMP BODY INSTALL

INTRODUCTION: RFPs were sent to the following vendors as well as advertised on our website:

HP Fairfield, LLC
Messer Truck Equipment
Viking Cives of Maine

The following bids were received:

HP Fairfield, LLC	\$51,499
Messer Truck Equipment	\$59,983
Viking Cives of Maine	\$50,225

We budgeted \$60,000 for outfitting the new cab and chassis we recently ordered and request permission to award this part of the project to Viking Cives of Maine.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS: Councilor Ward said he supported local businesses. Councilor Bickford indication they did good work.

VOTE (2016-202) Councilor Ward, seconded by Councilor Metivier moved to award the bid for the dump body install to Viking Cives of Maine in an amount not to exceed \$50,225.00. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

HUSTON STREET DRAINAGE

INTRODUCTION: RFPS were sent to the following vendors:

Carl Huston Excavating

Copp Excavating, Inc.
Crooker Construction, LLC
Longchamps and Sons, Inc.
Ray Labbe and Sons, Inc.
St. Laurent and Son

We received the following bids:

Copp Excavating, Inc.	\$96.00/LF
Longchamps and Sons, Inc.	\$85.00/LF
St. Laurent and Son	\$98.17/LF

Longchamps and Son's submitted a lump sum bid based on an estimated 300 linear feet. We calculated the equivalent linear foot pricing to \$85 per foot at the bid opening. We request permission to hire Longchamps and Sons, Inc. to replace the damaged storm drain on Huston Street in the area between Scottsdale Avenue and East Avenue.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS: Councilor Brunelle pointed out this is a local business, too.

VOTE (2016-203) Councilor Brunelle, seconded by Councilor Metivier moved to award the bid replace the damaged storm drain on Huston Street in the area between Scottsdale Avenue and East Avenue to Longchamps and Sons, Inc. for \$85.00 per linear foot. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR BROWNFIELDS QUALIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS

INTRODUCTION: The Town of Lisbon has been awarded a \$200,000 Brownfields grant by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The intent of this initiative is to conduct brownfield assessments for sites potentially contaminated by hazardous substances. As part of the grant requirement, the Town will need to contract a qualified environmental professional (QEP) firm for consulting services to implement the grant.

The Brownfields grant awarded to the Town contains all financial resources to be used for this project. The QEP's activities are being conducted as part of Town of Lisbon's grant program, which will remain in effect through September 2019. The QEP will work under the direction of Town's Economic & Community Development Director and will work in collaboration with other Town representatives, the Town of Lisbon's Brownfields Steering Committee, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) and property owners and developers. The EPA and MEDEP will be reviewing and receiving reports on program activity throughout the lifetime of the grant.

The Economic Development Department requests permission to solicit sealed bids for Qualified Environmental Professional services as part of the Brownfields Grant requirement.

VOTE (2016-204) Councilor Ward, seconded by Councilor Albert moved to authorize the Economic & Community Development Director to solicit qualifications for Qualified Environmental Professionals (QEP) for Brownfields. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

CDBG DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GRANT SUBMISSION

INTRODUCTION: Since November 2014, the Rt. 196 Master Plan Committee had been working with Olver Associates on the Engineering/Design Services in preparation of applying for a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Downtown Revitalization Grant for 2015.

In January 2015 the Town of Lisbon submitted a Letter of Intent and received an invitation to submit a complete CDBG DR Grant Application, which was due April 17, 2015. The grant was very competitive and Lisbon was

not successful in receiving the grant. The intent of the Rt. 196 Master Plan Committee was to reapply for this grant in the spring of 2016, however due to funds being shifted at the State level, there were \$0 budgeted for the DR Grant.

Because the committee wanted to move forward on a project we were able to apply for a \$150,000 Micro-Enterprise Grant (no match needed) for a façade program, which we were successful in the grant award.

At the same time we submitted a Letter of Intent in case the possibility of funding became available for a Downtown Revitalization Grant. Last month funding became available and we received an invitation to submit a complete CDBG DR Grant Application.

The Rt. 196 Master Plan Committee along with staff wishes to make the following recommendation to Council:

1. Approval to submit the 2016 CDBG DR Grant Application to the Maine Department of Community Development. Deadline for the application is September 16, 2016.

VOTE (2016-205) Councilor Kolbe, seconded by Councilor Albert moved to authorize the Economic & Community Development Director to submit a CDBG Downtown Revitalization Grant Application. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO
\$150,000 IN BONDS TO FINANCE A FRONT END LOADER

VOTE (2016-206) Councilor Kolbe, seconded by Councilor Ward moved to authorize the Economic & Community Development Director to submit a CDBG Downtown Revitalization Grant Application. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO
\$1,500,000 IN BONDS TO FINANCE ROAD PROJECTS

VOTE (2016-207) Councilor Kolbe, seconded by Councilor Albert moved to authorize the Economic & Community Development Director to submit a CDBG Downtown Revitalization Grant Application. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

WARRANT FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2016

VOTE (2016-208) Councilor Ward, seconded by Councilor Metivier moved to approve the Warrant as presented (see attached). **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

SET INTEREST RATE ON OVERPAYMENT & PREPAYMENT OF TAXES

INTRODUCTION: Title 36 Taxation §506-A. Overpayment of taxes: Except as provided in section 506, a taxpayer who pays an amount in excess of that finally assessed must be repaid the amount of the overpayment plus interest from the date of overpayment at a rate to be established by the municipality. The rate of interest may not exceed the interest rate established by the municipality for delinquent taxes nor may it be less than that rate reduced by 4%. If a municipality fails to establish a rate of interest for overpayments of taxes, it shall pay interest at the rate it has established for delinquent taxes.

This instance would only occur if a tax was paid prior to an abatement granted and the taxpayer does not want to apply the overpayment to the subsequent year as a prepayment.

Title 36 §506. Prepayment of taxes: Municipalities at any properly called meeting may authorize their tax collectors or treasurers to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay interest on these prepayments, if any is authorized, at a rate not exceeding 8% per year; municipalities are not obligated to authorize the payment of interest on taxes prepaid under this section. Any excess paid in over the amount finally committed must be repaid, with the interest due on the whole transaction, at the date that the tax finally committed is due and payable.

VOTE (2016-209) Councilor Kolbe, seconded by Councilor Ward moved to approve the following order as presented:

BE IT ORDERED: That the Tax Collector/Treasurer is hereby authorized to fix the rate of interest paid for overpayments at 3% per annum.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Tax Collector be and hereby is, authorized to accept money prior to the date of the 2018 Tax Commitment in prepayment of taxes at 0% interest, and to issue receipts for the same. It shall be discretionary with the Tax Collector/Town Manager to make arrangements through the Town of Lisbon Tax Club policy with any taxpayer for a schedule of monthly payments without interest and such arrangements, as they jointly deem necessary.

Order passed - Vote 6-0.

WRITE-OFF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX – MUZAK, LLC

INTRODUCTION: The personal property tax listed below is deemed uncollectible as this company is located out of State and the tax department is not returning my emails or calls. There is no assessment for 2017.

Account Number	Balance	Tax Years Owed
359	\$3.96	2015
359	\$3.78	2016

VOTE (2016-210) Councilor Kolbe, seconded by Councilor Albert moved to write-off personal property taxes for account number 359 assessed to Muzak, LLC in the amount of \$7.74. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

SECTION 90-17 HOLIDAY LEAVE PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENT

INTRODUCTION: On July 15, 2014 the Town Council amended Section 90-17 Holiday leave in order to address how Friday or Monday holiday's would be handled with the new Town Office and Library operating hours. Since that time we have discovered that this issue exists in other town departments when holidays fall on their regularly scheduled day off. With no policy in place for guidance they have been following a past practice of putting those hours in a holiday bank which accumulates over time. This creates an inconsistency in how these holiday's are handled town-wide. The attached amendment will correct the inconsistency making the policy on floating holidays consistent across all town departments.

VOTE (2016-211) Councilor Kolbe, seconded by Councilor Ward moved to adopt the following amendment to the Personnel Policy Section 90-17 Holiday leave Personnel Policy:

Sec. 90-17 Holiday Leave.

Permanent and probationary employees with a minimum of 30 calendar days of service shall receive paid holidays in accordance with the prescribed state employment association schedule, and any other holidays as granted by the town council (see section 90-37). If a legal holiday falls on a Saturday, the previous Friday shall be scheduled as a nonworking day in observance of the holiday. If a legal holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be scheduled as a nonworking day in observance of the holiday. The Town Office Employees shall be granted a floating holiday for any Friday or Saturday holiday, and non-union Sewer, Public Works, and Transfer Station employees shall be granted a floating holiday for any Monday holiday which falls on their normally scheduled day off and that will be used within the same fiscal year it is offered, and will not be paid out as time earned if not used accordingly by the end of the fiscal year...

Order passed - Vote 6-0.

ROUTE 9 ZONING

VOTE (2016-212) Councilor Bickford, seconded by Councilor Metivier moved to direct the Planning Board to develop a revision of Chapter 70 entitled Zoning Ordinance and in its revision home occupation is to allow limited antique auto sales in appropriate zones, and the Planning Board is also to work on updating the Comprehensive Plan beginning next calendar year.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS: Councilor Bickford said this motion is just to send this forward so that the Planning Board can do their due diligence. Maybe they will come up with a solution or maybe they won't. He said if the Planning Board doesn't recommend the change that he would not vote for it.

Councilor Albert said it is not the one person we know who wants to do business there, it is the one person who comes in with deep pockets and a bad attitude that we have to consider, who can fight the town all the way and the town would have to spend taxpayer money to defend itself against something like that because they are going to try to dictate to the town what they are going to do with their property because we opened this door. He said Mr. Fellows talked about the work they will be doing on the Comprehensive Plan coming right up and asked if the Council even needed to have this discussion now if it is going to be addressed in that Comprehensive Plan review.

Councilor Bickford mentioned that he could do what he wants to do right now by registering every antique auto for \$25 and then putting them out there to sell, which is what a lot of people do. Councilor Ward said his concern is the timing of this which smells like a four-day-old fish, in that this is after a specific thing associated with it and not the actual reason why we are actually looking at it. He indicated he wouldn't want to taint that for the individual who is asking for it. He mentioned the Council already vetted this situation.

Councilor Ward asked how long it would take to update the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Fellows reported it could take up to a year to decide (assess) what to update and then another 12 to 24 months to decide how to incorporate those changes. He mentioned this process could include more citizen participation in the town, instead of just the Planning Board.

Councilor Ward said updating the Comprehensive Plan is a town wide issue, not a Route 9 issue.

Councilor Kolbe asked if the Planning Board was already planning on reviewing the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Fellows answered yes. Councilor Kolbe said all right, the Council is just beating a dead horse. She said at this point, the people have spoken; I don't know why the Council would keep addressing this issue.

Councilor Bickford said this would be the last time it would be addressed. Councilor Kolbe pointed out that the Planning Board is already going to address the Comprehensive Plan. She asked why the Council would need to correlate these two items together.

Councilor Bickford said okay, if you want to break out the auto sales then and direct them to do the Comprehensive Plan that he would go along with that. Councilor Brunelle pointed out that Councilor Bickford is, basically, saying that he would be willing to change his motion.

Councilor Metivier said he has heard over and over that we need new businesses in town and now that we have someone here who wants to start a business we are saying, no, you can't do it because it is not zoned properly and yet he is not hurting anything. This property right now looks good and whatever he puts there will look good. He said it is too bad to shut someone down because they don't live on Route 196. He reported that he owns his property so why can't he do what he wants with his own property. He asked why the Council work can't with him.

Councilor Kolbe said there is plenty of commercial space in town for them to do what they want to do. She said she was not opposed to a business coming here, but there is a right place for those businesses. She pointed out that we could have people coming through our doors 24/7 saying, I don't like my zone, I want to do this. She said it doesn't matter how long one has lived here; it's not about that. Councilor Bickford said he would be willing to drop this issue and go with just the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilor Ward said the motion on the floor still has a piece about home businesses in the home, too, that we should discuss. Mr. Fellows explained home occupations. He said it's a difficult one to work with.

Subsidiary Motion #1: Councilor Kolbe, seconded by Councilor Albert moved to postpone the motion indefinitely without a direct vote on it.

Subsidiary Motion #2: Councilor Kolbe, seconded by Councilor Albert moved to move the previous question closing debate. **Motion to Move the Previous Question defeated – Vote 3-3 (Opposed: Brunelle, Bickford, Metivier).**

Motion to postpone indefinitely defeated – Vote 3-3 (Opposed: Brunelle, Bickford, Metivier).

Amendment #1: Councilor Bickford, seconded by Councilor Metivier moved to strike Chapter 70 revision and the request to change home occupation from the main motion as follows:

to direct the Planning Board to work on updating the Comprehensive Plan beginning next calendar year.

Amendment #1 passed – Vote 4-2 (Opposed: Kolbe and Albert) Main Motion as Amended passed - Vote 5-1 (Opposed: Kolbe)

OTHER BUSINESS

A. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mrs. Barnes said the meet and greet Police Chief Hagan will take place at the Lisbon Community School from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. She encouraged all to attend. On September 22 there will be a community breakfast forum here at the Town Hall as well to meet Police Chief Hagan at 7:30 AM so business owners will get a chance to meet him, too.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION & RESPONSE NEW ITEMS

Dana Saucier said the Council needs to take a good look at Mill Street now that the elementary school is located there. He lives across the street from the school. He said everyone who lives here knows that this is a racetrack. Even with the school there, this has not changed. Speed limit sign says 15 MPH. No one is going 15, including school busses, teachers, and parents. He pointed out that he works at home and witnesses this daily. School busses are in high gear on their way by his house. He said what scares him is that there are a lot of children out there each spring using the field to play games. People are all in a hurry to drop off the children and get to work, but they go by there too fast. He encouraged the Council to put up a speed bump or something. He said he mentioned this before, but no one seems to care.

Mrs. Barnes indicated the Police Department is purchasing some new radar equipment that should help identify when cars are going too fast. Councilors Bickford, Brunelle, Kolbe, Albert, and Mrs. Barnes explained that this equipment will not be noticeable, it monitors the speed, and time so that this information can be used to enforce the speed limit. Mr. Saucier asked that something happen quickly.

Roger Cote reported the cleanup work at the old Worumbo Mill site looked awesome. He asked what is being done about the gypsum lot. Councilor Bickford indicated Richard Main offered to work with the Army Corp of Engineers to clean that up. He asked that Councilors remember that they should represent all of the people of the town.

APPOINTMENTS

Done Earlier – After Good News & Recognition

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS - NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Done Earlier – after Good News & Recognition

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE (2016-213) Councilor Brunelle, seconded by Councilor Kolbe moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

Twila D. Lycette, Council Secretary
Town Clerk, Lifetime CCM/MMC
Date Approved September 20, 2016