



**TOWN COUNCIL
WORKSHOP
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 31, 2015**

Gregg Garrison, At Large 2015
Mark Lunt, District 1 2015
Dillon Pesce, District 2 2015
Christopher Brunelle, At Large 2016
Eric Metivier, District 1 2016
Roger Bickford, District 2, 2016
Dale Crafts, At Large 2017

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. The Town Clerk under Chairman Pesce's direction called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL. Members present were Councilors Lunt, Bickford, Crafts, Pesce, Garrison, Brunelle, and Metivier. Also present were Diane Barnes, Town Manager; Ryan Leighton, Public Works Director; Dennis Douglass, CEO; Larry Fillmore, Finance Committee Member; Karen Paradis, Planning Board Chairman; Don Fellows, Planning Board Member; Scott Hall, Planning Board Member; Curtis Lunt, Planning Board Member; Richard Long, Assessment Review Board; Ken Wells, Water Commissioner; and other totaling approximately 30 citizens in the audience from Lisbon and surrounding towns.

MS4 DISCUSSION

The Town Clerk introduced Phil Ruck, President of Stillwater Environmental Engineering, Inc. He indicated he had specialized in the stormwater management and pollution prevention field for the past 25 years. They provide a full range of environmental compliance services to towns seeking to comply with MS4 Permitting. He explained that the Federal Government mandated these regulations by adopting the Clean Water Act in 1972. That act focuses on restoring and maintaining the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters by preventing point and nonpoint pollution sources, providing assistance to publicly owned treatment works for the improvement of wastewater treatment, and maintaining the integrity of wetlands. He pointed out the targeted areas include rainwater or ice snowmelt that runs into streams, rivers, and lakes. Snowmelt traps gravel and other chemicals, which is a big concern. All this runoff drains typically to one location or low spot. We examine where that is and what water bodies it may affect. Heavy metals, trash, bacteria, petroleum products, nutrients from fertilizers and so on get trapped in the stormwater drains, which is a big deal. Some of these pollutants come from construction sites, urban development, residential development or industrial and commercial activities. This federal legislation mandates towns fix impaired streams. He said one stream [our unnamed stream a/k/a Alder Stream] in Lisbon shows up on this list maintained by the State of Maine's Environmental Protection Agency.

Mr. Ruck mentioned several other communities have been involved in the permitting process since the beginning and noted Lisbon had been added to this group now so it will have to play catch up. He indicated Lisbon was not in bad shape and with some documentation it already complies with Phase I requirements. He reported with a little more effort Lisbon would be able to comply with the requirements for Phase II by the end of June. The goal is to minimize pollution from stormwater runoff in urban areas. Lisbon was selected to join this group since it has over 1,000 residents per square mile and a census total population over 10,000 in the urban area as designated on the map.

Mr. Ruck explained that the current permit expires in 2018. He said the permit is good for 5-years and each time they are reissued the requirements become more stringent. He mentioned this regional group meets two times a year to discuss ways to work together. The plan covers strategies on ways to comply with the life of the permit. He pointed out the urban Stormwater Management Plan had been completed and filed with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection Agency (MDEP) and is available on their website. He said the plan can be amended if we find that it doesn't work so we can make it better. Our Stormwater Management Team should include some of the following individuals: Town Manager, Public Works Director, Town Planner, Code Enforcement Officer, GIS/IT technician, and Public Safety Officer. This team will create Lisbon's plan of action [identifying processes and procedures] to meet the urban Stormwater Management Plan's goals. Each of these individuals should have a role in this plan. It should address what MDEP wants Lisbon to do. Educating the public would be one piece, plus identifying yearly public and private inspections to be done in the areas identified on the map, along with the reporting requirements. He pointed out that

Lisbon had already adopted the Non-Stormwater Ordinance and Post-Stormwater Construction Ordinance, which are requirements too.

Mr. Ruck recommended everyone get a good understanding of the gravity of this plan, what is out there to be done, and set up some priorities. He encouraged Lisbon to identify the low-lying fruit, which could be accomplished right away. He encouraged Lisbon to identify what we have already done and to develop a proactive culture. He said federal and state inspections are going on now. He reported fines could be assessed for being out of compliance so he encouraged getting into compliance as soon as possible. Mandy Olver, from Olver Associates estimated it would cost \$3 per foot to camera the lines because you have to clean them as you go.

Mr. Ruck reported he would be setting up a network system, consisting of all four towns involved in the urban area, so staff will be able to access and store information in one system.

After a few questions from the public, Mr. Douglass thanked Mr. Ruck for facilitating the informational meeting. Mr. Ruck pointed out the informational meeting tonight was another requirement of the plan. Seeing no further questions, the Chairman adjourned the workshop.

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