Town Council
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2025
Lisbon Town Office
7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting

Fern Larochelle, Chair
Chris Camire, Vice Chair
Mark Lunt
Normand Albert
Jo-Jean Keller
Jeremy Barnard
Nick Craig

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO FLAG

Council Chair Fern Larochelle called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members present included Councilor Fern Larochelle, Councilor Chris Camire, Councilor Mark Lunt, Councilor Normand Albert, Councilor Jo-Jean Keller, Councilor Jeremy Barnard, and Councilor Nick Craig. Town Manager Glenn Michalowski, Superintendent of Schools Rick Green, Town Attorney Mike Carey, Code Enforcement Officer Mark Stambach, and an audience of approximately 15 citizens were also in attendance.

Vote Councilor Normand Albert, seconded by Councilor Nick Craig, moved to excuse Councilor Chris Camire's absence.
Order Passed – Vote 6-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(2025-063) Executive Session for the Acquisition of Real Property or Economic Development per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C)
Vote (2025-063 A) Councilor Nick Craig, seconded by Councilor Normand Albert, moved to enter into an executive session for the acquisition of Real Property or Economic Development per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) at 6:32 PM.
Order Passed – Vote 6-0

Vote (2025-063 B) Councilor Normand Albert, seconded by Councilor Nick Craig, moved to exit out of an executive session for the acquisition of Real Property or Economic Development per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) at 7:10 PM.
Order Passed – Vote 6-0

Vote (2025-063 C) Councilor Nick Craig, seconded by Councilor Jeremy Barnard, moved to authorize the Town Manager, with the assistance of the Town Attorney and the Economic Development Director, to effectuate the transfer of approximately 1.2 acres in two separate parcels to Realty Resources a.k.a. Winterstreet Housing Associates, LLC in exchange for a community room to be available in perpetuity, property to be surveyed, and all expenses to be covered by Winterstreet Housing Associates, LLC.
Order Passed – Vote 6-0

Vote (2025-063 D) Councilor Nick Craig, seconded by Councilor Jeremy Barnard, moved to authorize the Town Manager, with the assistance of the Town Attorney and the Economic Development Director, to effectuate the sale of approximately 0.7 acres, 100 feet by 300 feet, to Stephen Reynolds for a sum not to exceed $8,000 with the property to be surveyed by, and all expenses covered by the buyer.
Order Passed – Vote 6-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

School Budget and School CIP Budget
Superintendent of Schools Rick Green provided updates on the reductions that the School Board made to the

School Budget since it was last presented.

The Chair then opened the Public Hearing. Seeing no speakers, the Chair closed the Public Hearing.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION & RESPONSE FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Council Chair Fern Larochelle expressed his need to step away for the duration of the Audience Participation and Response for Agenda Items and Council Order 2025-064 portions of the agenda in order to avoid a conflict of interest.

Vote Councilor Normand Albert, seconded by Councilor Jeremy Barnard, motioned to elect a Temporary Vice-Chair to serve in the absence of Council Vice-Chair Chris Camire, during Council Chair Fern Larochelle's abstention.
Order Passed – Vote 6-0

Vote Councilor Normand Albert, seconded by Councilor Jo-Jean Keller, nominated Nick Craig to serve as Temporary Vice-Chair in the absence of Council Vice-Chair Chris Camire, during Council Chair Fern Larochelle's abstention.
Order Passed – Vote 6-0

Temporary Vice-Chair Nick Craig then opened the floor for audience participation.

Jason Smith spoke about the actions he had taken since the last meeting to have Lisbon Cannabis Company, his business at 5 Canal Street, reach compliance with the Town's ordinances.

Lorelei Hilliker, owner of 207 Edibles, provided points to argue that Lisbon Cannabis Company is not able to reach full compliance because her business and Jason Smith's business occupy the same building and share several compliance issues.

Jonathan Berry, attorney for Jason Smith, provided additional information that further elaborated on the points argued by Jason Smith.

COUNCIL ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, & ORDINANCES

(2025-064) Deny a Marijuana-Medical Retail Renewal License for Lisbon Cannabis Company

Town Attorney Mike Carey, Code Enforcement Officer Mark Stambach, the Town Manager, and the Town Council discussed several topics, some of which included public hearing noticing requirements for a marijuana establishment application, actions taken by Lisbon Cannabis Company to reach compliance, and additional measures that are still required for the business to reach full compliance.

Vote Councilor Normand Albert, seconded by Councilor Jeremy Barnard, moved to table Council Order 2025-064 to Deny a Marijuana-Medical Retail Renewal License for Lisbon Cannabis Company. Councilor Fern Larochelle abstained from this vote.
Roll Call Vote:
Yes – Councilor Jo-Jean Keller, Councilor Mark Lunt, Councilor Normand Albert, Councilor Jeremy Barnard
No – Councilor Nick Craig
Abstained – Councilor Fern Larochelle
Order Passed – Vote 4-1

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION & RESPONSE TO NEW ITEMS

Resident Diane Barnes expressed her concerns over the Town's budget process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(2025-065) Executive Session for Consultations with Legal Counsel per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E)

Vote (2025-065 A) Councilor Normand Albert, seconded by Councilor Jeremy Barnard, moved to enter into an Executive Session for Consultations with Legal Counsel per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) at 7:51 PM.
Order Passed – Vote 6-0

Vote (2025-065 B) Councilor Normand Albert, seconded by Councilor Jeremy Barnard, moved to exit out of an Executive Session for Consultations with Legal Counsel per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) at 8:17 PM.
Order Passed – Vote 6-0

After voting to return from their Executive Session, the Town Council engaged in a public discussion about the upcoming budget. Some of the budget topics they discussed included the tax rate increase, ways to address long-term issues, the use of undesignated funds, and public safety funding.

ADJOURNMENT

Vote Councilor Normand Albert, seconded by Councilor Jeremy Barnard, moved to adjourn at 8:40 PM.
Order Passed – Vote 6-0

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Alice Richards, Town Clerk

Date Approved: