



Significant Dates:

Selectmen meeting every two weeks on Monday nights at 5:45 pm at the Historic Train Station. (Unless otherwise posted)

To Do List:

- Research to find more information on the Ross Funeral Home and associated costs regarding the possible use as a Fire Station and municipal building.
- Bishop Road Repairs and Engineered Study
- Infrastructure of Town Roads and Bridges. Working on grants from the State to help offset capital costs (80/20)
- Try to combine Lisbon Main Street Flyer with Town Newsletter. Research cost for postage.

What's Brewing:

- Potential new Municipal Building/ Emergency Building
- Gravel Pit for Town of Lisbon
- Industrial Complex extending from Littleton into Lisbon
- Need to fill Town Positions:
 1. Treasurer
 2. ABC- Budget Advisory Committee
 3. Town Moderator

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Lisbon's Board of Selectmen Mission Statement:

"To provide visionary leadership in policy making to enable Lisbon to provide quality services at reasonable rates. To provide the highest quality of life through essential infrastructure, public safety, recreation, and welcoming growth within the constraints of fiscally responsible government."

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Board of Selectmen
Chair - Thomas Demers
Peter Nightingale
Matt Yeramian



Greetings Lisbon residents!

The Board of Selectmen is happy to welcome on our newly hired full-time police officer Andrew Hennessey, and our new Advisory Budget Committee (ABC) member Derek Rosebush. Welcome aboard!

The BOS have been busy working on a number of Town items to include: Capital Improvement plans, Town owned Gravel pit, new propane furnace for the Highway Department, Engineered Studies for Bishop Road Repairs and an Engineered Study for the Ross funeral home to name a few.

The BOS has also signed off for a new ambulance for the Life Squad. The good news is the new ambulance will be replacing old equipment, boost morale, and puts a fresh face on the Life Squad. The best news of all is it has ZERO affect to the tax rate. All monies are coming from the Life Squad account and more monies have been donated for radios and decals. Congratulations Life Squad keep making us proud!

We have also put together a list of unused Town owned equipment which we will be attempting to auction off or sell to liquidate unused equipment while generating monies for the Town.



GOALS:

- ◆ Take care of your people.
- ◆ Foster a culture of respect.
- ◆ Expectation of Excellence
- ◆ Foster a culture of feedback!

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As we head into the new year we will be starting fresh and with positive attitudes. The BOS is excited to continue working on completing projects, setting new goals, increasing revenues, cutting back waste, and increasing Town efficiency. In saying this, we are reaching out to the Towns people for help. We need more volunteers to help with Town related needs. We have vacant Town positions: including Town Treasurer, Budget Advisory Committee members, Town Moderator, and many other positions. At any time if you wish to volunteer to help the Town please stop by and see the TA Dan Merhalski and we will put you to work!

To end the December Newsletter, I would like to leave you with a modified quote from JFK: *"And so, my fellow Town folk ask not what your Town can do for you—ask what you can do for your Town."*

*Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays from the
BOS!*



Available Town Positions

- Treasurer
- Director of Public Works
- Deputy Tax Collector
- Advisory Budget Committee (1)

Projects Underway

- FY 2017 Town Budget
- Sewer Use Ordinance Review
- Capital Improvement Plan Revisions

Tax Rate Set:

Town: **\$9.36**

School: **\$15.19**

State School: **\$2.50**

County: **\$1.63**

Combined Total Tax Rate: **\$28.68**

(Same as previous year)

Department Hours:

Mon., Wed., Thurs.

9am-4pm

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Town Administrator's Message

FY 2017 Town Budget -

The Town's FY 2017 budget is being discussed by the Advisory Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen. As proposed, the budget would result in a reduction of 5.2% for next year from the current year, or \$125,000 in savings. This is despite increases in health insurance costs, increased fees and dues for agency costs, and the addition of two new pieces of equipment: a skid-steer at the Transfer Station, and a DPW Dump Truck. The Town's Department Heads worked hard to meet the goal of the Selectmen for a 3-5% reduction across the board, and while some department's were not able to make this threshold, others were able to exceed it to allow for an overall decrease of over 5%. I want to thank all department heads for their hard work to meet this goal.

Water Well Update -

The Town has received the engineering report from Weston and Sampson, the Town's contractors for the well repair and mitigation work, and the results were positive. We did not detect E. Coli or other contaminants at the well source during testing in November of this year and have sent this report and the well testing samples to DES for their review. If DES is satisfied, we may be able to bring Well #1 back online. This is significant in two ways. First, it would be the end of a long, arduous process that began with the unexpected detection of E.coli in the well in January of this year, and included engineering, monitoring and revised treatment, as well as operating Well #2, the Town's backup well, for the majority of the year. The second is that Well #2 has a higher level of manganese in its intake which can sometimes result in a higher portion of iron in the water, occasionally resulting in a reddish color to water that has been stationary in pipes at the end of a water line with no loop in it. We will all await the final approval from DES, and watch with caution to see if the flooding events that may have triggered this contamination will return again this January, and if the work to mitigate the contamination has been successful and Well #1 remains clear during the spring thaw.

With the winter snows beginning to fall, spring may seem like a long way off, but Town Meeting is just around the corner. I hope that all of you will join us at this year's Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 14th.

Until then, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Daniel J. Merhalski, MPA

Town Administrator



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Lisbon Fire Dept.

Monthly Report

We have been fairly quiet the last couple of months as far as calls that we have had. That isn't all bad as we have been able to have some good training.

Our first training in September had us doing a combined training with the Littleton Fire Department. We went to Pine Tree Power in Bethlehem where we were there for a Confined Spaces Awareness. We were given a tour of the plant with the numerous confined spaces being shown to us as well as the numerous hazards that exist there are. The reason for these combined trainings are because of the number of personnel needed to accomplish these tasks, thus utilizing our neighboring departments as we all fall a little short in personnel.

Our next training was our Department going to the State Academy facility in Bethlehem for training. While there we did quite a number of things. We used the burn building for live fire training. To accomplish this, we also incorporated pump training to supply those inside with water, line advancement and radio communications. We are allowed to use the States Facilities for training twice a year free of charge. All we have to do is apply for a date, give them what we would like to do and they provide the instructors for our training. For future trainings, we hope to team up with our neighboring departments so we all could have more than 2 trainings. For example, if we team up with Bath, both departments could get 4 trainings a year.

We also did our annual hose testing in early November. All went pretty well with only a couple of hoses failing. We were able to cut these down to smaller pieces and still use them.

Again this year we have applied for the AFG grant. We are seeking new air packs and a thermal imaging camera. We should know by mid to late January if we made it to the final stage of the process.

Respectively Submitted,

Greg Hartwell,

Lisbon Fire Chief



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**LISBON POLICE DEPARTMENT
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LISBON, NH 03585**

I would like to start off by thanking the community for their support for 2016.

Email and Internet scams are still very active especially this time of year. Please be aware when shopping whether it is at the Mall or on the Internet. Don't help the criminals make you a victim this Holiday shopping season.

As winter has arrived, The Lisbon Police Department would like to provide some helpful tips to prepare you and your vehicle for the snow and ice that come this time of year. Being prepared can alleviate some of the stress that comes with winter weather commuting. Wherever you're driving, using these tips can help keep you and your family safe during the harsh weather conditions.

Preparing your vehicle for winter driving is not only simple; it's an excellent way to help prevent collisions. It is also an effective way to keep you or your family safe in the event of an emergency situation. If you service your vehicle at a quality service station, they will ease this process by recommending items related to winter preparation.

Proper tire type, size, tread depth, and inflation are crucial to your vehicle's performance. Investing in a good set of winter tires is a really good idea. Lower ambient temperatures naturally lower your vehicle's tire pressure. As mentioned above, a quality service center will set this for you during every service. In addition, most late model vehicles are equipped with a tire pressure monitoring system. The warning lamp is typically an amber light that looks like a deflated tire. Lower tire pressures can drastically affect your vehicle's performance, especially in the event of obstacle avoidance. If you see this lamp, it's either time to set your tire pressures or visit your service center.

Having quality wipers is essential to safe commuting during inclement winter conditions. Even top quality wipers are affordable and are cheap insurance to ensure proper visibility. Having the proper washer fluid can also improve your driving experience. Some forms of summer washer fluid can freeze during very low temperatures. A washer fluid with ice melting additive is a simple and inexpensive way to avoid frozen washer nozzles.



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Emergency preparedness items such as a phone charger, flashlight, first aid kit, sand/salt mix, reflective sign, blankets, and winter clothing (hat/gloves) are excellent ways to be prepared in the event of a break down or situation involving exposure to the elements. Lastly, be sure to clear your windows. Flying snow and ice can be dangerous at higher speeds. It also allows for proper visibility.

And this is the most important tip of them all! Please remember that once the snow flies, you need to adjust your driving behavior. Recognize that your vehicle does not perform the same during icy conditions as it does on those beautiful dry summer days. This may sound like common sense, but there are always a higher number of motor vehicle collisions during snow storms. Plan ahead and leave early to allow you time to get safely to your destination. Hopefully these tips are helpful and serve to keep us safe. And PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY J

The Lisbon Police Department wishes you a safe, happy and peaceful holiday season.

Respectfully,

Chief Scott Pinson



Future Projects

- 1.) Sale of recycled plastics, aluminum cans, and steel cans in October/November
- 2.) Bobcat replacement in 2017.
- 3.) Repair of compactor upper gate by town garage employees

Department Hours:

- Wednesday 1 pm to 5 pm
- Saturday 8 am to 3 pm
- Sunday 8 am to 12 pm

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Transfer Station

Current Projects:

Floor Scale

We are waiting for New Hampshire the Beautiful to have their February meeting as we are hopefully expecting to receive a grant for a new floor scale. New Hampshire the Beautiful will pay up to 50% of the cost of a new floor scale. The floor scale will be used to weigh TV's and Monitors to determine cost of disposal.

Bobcat

Our Bobcat continues to give us problems. On Tuesday December 6 after finishing plowing snow at the Transfer Station I found the left rear tire had split and is not repairable. Hopefully the Town Garage has some old Bobcat Tires stashed away that can be used. If not it will cost approximately \$600 for two new tires. Our new Bobcat which we plan to get in 2017 will have Foam Filled Tires to prevent this from happening in the future.

Transfer Station News

New Baler has arrived

The new baler has arrived and has been installed. It is an extended stroke high pressure baler which reduces wear and tear on the Bobcat. On our old baler we had to take the Bobcat and spend hours driving over all the recyclables to flatten them so we could make a good bale. Flattening these materials put more wear on the Bobcat. Especially the tires as they were being used to do the flattening of not only the plastic bottles but also the aluminum cans and steel cans. Our new baler does not need the materials preflattened. The higher pressure and extended stroke flattens these materials and produces a much cleaner tighter bale.

Income from sale of Recyclables

Every year around November we sell all of our recycled materials so that we can have the income generated from them added to our 2016 financials and to comply with the DES mandate of not keeping any materials at the Transfer Station longer than one year. This year although not exceptional we made \$11,457.48. The reason the income is low is simply an economic situation worldwide. The impact of China and Foreign countries reducing their intake of corrugated cardboard (OCC) puts all that material at a surplus here at home thus reducing the pricing. On the home front when oil prices were high recyclable plastics were high in demand simply because plastics are made from oil. However now that oil prices are low – look at gas prices for your car – the demand for recycled plastics is still there but not as great as it was when oil prices were high. Another plastic recycling impact is the reduction of materials sold in bottles that are now sold in pouches (*Look at detergents in your grocery store especially Walmart*). Mixed paper you know as newspaper, magazines, cereal boxes, gift boxes and everything that is not corrugated cardboard is still sell-able but again at a reduced price because of demand. So we didn't make twenty five or thirty thousand dollars like in the past but **WE ARE STILL MAKING MONEY**. If you and your family did not recycle our



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BULKWASTE

- C&D** 10¢/LB
- TELEVISION/ELECTRONICS**
\$15.00 EACH
- ELECTRONICS WITH SCALE**
25¢/LB
- COMPUTERS AND LAPTOPS**
NO CHARGE
- REFRIGERATORS & FREEZERS**
\$15.00 EACH
- TIRES**
- UP TO 16"** \$ 3.50 EACH
- TRUCK or Tires 17"-22"**
\$5.00 EACH
- BACKHOE OR SIMILAR**
\$ 45.00 EACH
- BIAS PLY LOADER TIRES**
\$100.00 EACH
- RADIAL LOADER TIRES**
\$175.00 EACH
- MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE**
BAGS
- LARGE**
\$30.00 PER PACKAGE OF TEN
- SMALL**
\$20.00 PER PACKAGE OF TEN

Transfer Station

cost and yours would increase considerably. So please keep up the good work and do what you can to recycle as much as you can. It helps pay for the transfer station and it keeps a cleaner earth for all of us now and in the future.

New Pricing for Trash Bags and Disposal of Materials

New pricing for Trash bags and disposal of items at the Transfer Station has taken effect as of November 30, 2016. The towns of Lisbon, Lyman, and Landaff had a meeting to discuss current pricing and pricing increases at the Transfer station. There is a new price sheet posted at the Transfer Station and also to the left of this article on this page. The financial goal for the transfer Station is to match costs with expenses so that at year end the Transfer station pays for itself. I can tell you that with the increased pricing based on this years expenses we still be approximately \$9,000 short of breaking even. If you would like more information about costs and incomes for the Transfer Station please see Fred when you are there.

Wishing all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!

Fred Garofalo,
Transfer Station Supervisor



Life Squad Info:

The Life Squad has a web page:

<http://lisbonlifesquad.weebly.com>

and a Face Book Page:

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Life Squad

The Lisbon Life Squad began many years ago as a First Responder Squad. This means that volunteer members of the community acted as First Responders when there was a medical call for help. If someone needed transporting to the hospital the Town of Lisbon paid an ambulance service such as Ross Ambulance in Littleton to do our transporting. The Lisbon Life Squad responded to scenes either with their own vehicles or using various old bread trucks (Van) that had been acquired by the Town of Lisbon. Around 2008 the Lisbon Life Squad and Town of Lisbon, purchased a used rescue ambulance from Franconia. This truck is a 1997 Ford F350 XLT 4X4, this truck is still in service and is known today as R1. Currently R1, which is a diesel has approx. 49,989 miles. Rescue trucks were built to carry additional equipment for specific types of medical calls and assist in carry outs, water and mountain rescues. They could, and do, transport patients but that was not their primary purpose. Essentially all rescue trucks are used in conjunction with Fire Departments. Most rescue trucks, in our vintage age, are not used to transport patients anymore. They are set up on heavy duty truck frames and sit higher than recommended for loading and unloading patients. The newer truck ambulances can lower the backend of the ambulance to load and unload patients. Woodsville and Franconia have these newer truck frames.

In 2011 the Lisbon Life Squad went from being first responders to being a transporting agency. The Lisbon Life Squad was now able to respond to a scene, assess the patient, initiate care and transport the patient to the most appropriate facility. In 2013 the town purchased another used ambulance. This vehicle is a 2002 Ford E450. This ambulance is set on a van frame with some upgrades and is still used today in transporting patients. This ambulance is known as A1 to the Lisbon Life Squad. Currently A1 has mileage of approx. 104,544 and has a diesel engine.

The Lisbon Life Squad is permitted to transport patients to either Littleton Regional Healthcare or Cottage Hospital. The Lisbon Life Squad, through a billing agency known as ComStar, bills the patient or the patient's insurance if they are transported to a hospital for their emergency care. Littleton Regional Healthcare is the Lisbon Life Squads medical direction. The majority of our transports are to Littleton Regional Healthcare.

The Lisbon Life Squad is retained by Landaff to respond to emergency calls as first responders. Landaff pays the town of Lisbon, \$3,500.00 per year for this service. Landaff contracts with Woodsville Ambulance to transport patients. Lyman retains the Lisbon Life Squad as first responders and the transporting agency. Lyman pays the Town of Lisbon, \$7,862.00 per year for this service. Monies collected from these towns go into the General Fund to help reduce taxes.

Early in 2013 the Life Squad began discussing options for replacing R1. Ambulances these days are considered outdated and unreliable, between 5 to 10 years depending upon their usage. (This information comes from various local personnel and national ambulance forums) A committee was formed at this time. This committee determined that they wanted to purchase a second used ambulance and begin doing transfers. Transfers are different than transports in that



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transfers are done between facilities (hospital to hospital or hospital to rehabilitation). The committee wanted to create more revenue for the town and Lisbon Life Squad. In January 2014, the Lisbon Life Squad director resigned. At that time, it was determined, by remaining members that there would not be enough staff to run two trucks. The Lisbon Life Squad opted to do medical transports only, meaning 911 calls. A1 would be run in the summer months and R1 would be run in the winter months.

Both R1 and A1 have endured multiple mechanical and electrical issues. Both trucks have extensive rust and corrosion. The gas tank had previously fallen out from under R1 and the straps needed to be replaced. The entire rear brake system failed and also needed to be replaced. The outside mirrors on R1 are not adjustable for the various drivers/operators. There have been a number of times R1 for various reasons, will not start. The vehicle needs to be jumped with/by two sources. The most recent incident with R1 happened a few weeks ago when we were unsuccessfully able to start it when attempting to respond to a call. While struggling to "boost" it members noticed that smoke was coming out from the turbo area. Further investigation revealed that the exhaust pipe from the turbo was completely broken off. It appears this part is rather expensive and not an easy find. The DPW department has done a "fix" on this for the time being. Due to this A1 has become the primary responding unit. In the spring of 2014 A1 lost its steering during a transfer run. The front radio and back of A1 have unknown electrical concerns. The frame of A1 had to be repaired this past summer. The sway bar became detached due to a rust hole. A1 was placed back in service this fall. The most recent issue regarding A1 was a blown brake line. This has since been repaired. The times these vehicles have not started or are put "out of service" we are either delayed in response or have had to request that mutual aid come from Woodsville to cover the calls. It is not the mileage that our vehicles are affected by it is the age, corrosion, weather and road conditions.

The Lisbon Life Squad members feel it is time retire R1 and to purchase a new ambulance. One that is reliable and safe for its operators and passengers. We would like to be able to continue providing reliable, timely, safe and excellent patient care to the towns of Lisbon, Landaff and Lyman.



Lisbon Main Street, Inc.

Board of Directors:

Brett Jock – President

Peter Nightingale-Vice President

Bernie Prochnik- Treasurer

Melissa Burgess-Lilac Chair and Promotions Co-chair

Tracy Lockwood-Economic Development Chair and Non-profit partnership Chair

Robert Watson- Committee Member

Mark Winter- Promotions Co-chair

Rena Woods- Committee Member

Office Hours:

Tuesday: 10:00-1:00

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lisbonmainstreetinc>

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Lisbon Main Street, Inc.

The mission of Lisbon Main Street, Inc. is to ensure the vitality of Lisbon's downtown by preserving, enhancing and promoting its unique economic, social, cultural and architectural heritage.

Lisbon Main Street Inc., is a 501c(3) non-profit organization

Meeting schedule: All meetings are held at the Railroad Station

LMSI board meetings: 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:45 am

Lilac Festival meeting: 3rd Wednesday of every month September – June at 6:00 pm

Economic Development meeting: 1st Thursday of every month at 5:30 pm

Promotion Committee meeting: 1st Monday of every month at 4:30 pm

Upcoming Events being planned:

The 2017 Lilac Festival Memorial Day Weekend (May 26-28)

Lisbon Main Street Inc., Farmers' Market (June – early fall)

Lisbon Main Street Inc., Summer Concert Series (June – August)

Ongoing programs or happenings:

Town decorating and banners on Main Street

Façade grants offered to Main Street businesses

Non-profit partnership group to keep all the local non-profits informed of happenings in the area

Online community calendar: <https://lisbonmainstreet.com/community-calendar>

Town sign in Chevron Park

We are always looking for interested volunteers to help us plan and carry out our events and programs. If you are interested, please come to a meeting, connect with us on Facebook, talk to a board member, or call us and leave a message.