

CITY OF LEWISTON  
PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP  
MINUTES for January 25, 2010

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I. **ROLL CALL:** This workshop was held in the Multi Purpose Center and was called to order at 6:10 p.m. This workshop was chaired by Chairperson, Lucy Bisson.

**Members in Attendance:** Lucy Bisson, Paul Robinson, Denis Fortier, Bruce Damon, Trinh Burpee and Eric Potvin

**Members Absent:** None

**Associate Member Present:** Michael Marcotte

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**Staff Present:** David Hediger, City Planner, Gil Arsenault, Director of Code & Planning and Joline Boulay, Senior Principal Clerk of the Code & Planning Department

II. **ADJUSTMENT TO THE AGENDA:** None

III. **CORRESPONDENCE:** CMP had correspondence available upon entry of the meeting.

VI. **PUBLIC MEETING:**

a. **CMP's Proposal for the Maine Power Reliability Program in Lewiston**

Lucy Bisson went over the Planning Board procedures for the meeting. Lucy stated that that the meeting was to gather information and that there would be no action taken by the Planning Board at this time.

Kay Rand, a representative of Bernstein Government Solutions and Bud Newall, a representative of TRC Consultants gave a brief overview of the proposed CMP project. The purpose of the upgrade is to expand the capacity and improve the reliability of the transmission grid in Maine. In Lewiston CMP will invest an estimated \$108 million in the Maine Reliability Program, including constructing a new substation near the end of Larrabee Road, \$11.4 million in other substation improvements, and \$25.9 million in transmission line upgrades. The transmission line upgrades include the installation of 345 KV lines and improvements to the 115 KV lines. The upgrades to the transmission lines are within CMP's existing right of way.

Lincoln Jeffers stated that the proposed TIF District will be the land and equipment within the fenced area at the Larrabee Road Substation. The area is estimated to be 15 acres in size and will cost \$71 million to develop. All the land within the TIF District is suitable for the substation use. The District is estimated to generate approximately \$1.2 million in new taxes annually..

A few neighbors were present for the hearing. Michael Parent of 156 Old Webster Road stated he appreciated the basic information involvement. Gene Elie of 159 Old Webster Road spoke in regards to the vernal pools, questioning how many vernal pools would be impacted. Larry Stewart questioned whether there were any examples of poles with the heights of the proposed in Lewiston. CMP staff stated Yarmouth and Gorham would be good examples.

In concluding the meeting Bud Newall stated he will be working closely with city staff to help CMP get through the process and expects to submit an application within the next 60 days..

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:** The following motion was made to adjourn.

**MOTION:** by **Bruce Damon** that this meeting adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Second by **Paul Robinson.**

**VOTED:** 7-0 (Passed).

Respectfully Submitted:

Denis E. Fortier, Secretary