

# FINANCE COMMITTEE

## LEWISTON, MAINE

August 9, 2004

**PRESENT:**

Councilor Mark Paradis, Councilor Lillian LaFontaine O'Brien, Roger Provencher, Robert Stone and Ronald Paradis

On motion of Ms. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Stone it was

**VOTED:**

**(98-2004)** To dispense with reading of the minutes of the previous meeting dated July 26, 2004 and to accept and place them on file as submitted by the Clerk.

**VOTE: 5-0**

The Committee considered a Waiver of Competition in order to award a contract to repair a bridge on Old Farm Road. The process would involve slip lining the existing culverts through a process which was developed by Broad Cove Associates and the work would be awarded to Culvert Rehabilitation Services of Falmouth which is the only firm in New England that is providing this type of installation and training. Once the project is complete, Public Works crews would be trained in the slip lining installation for culvert repairs.

On recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and on motion of Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Mark Paradis it was

**VOTED:**

**(99-2004)** To authorize a Waiver of Competition pursuant to Section 3.3.1 of the Purchasing Policy and to award the contract for installation and training for repairing the bridge on Old Farm Road to Culvert Rehabilitation Services, Falmouth, Maine, at their total contract price of \$10,822.50.

**VOTE: 5-0**

Camp Dresser & McKee was awarded a multi year Master Service Agreement to provide technical and design assistance with regards to implementation of the City's Combined Sewer Overflow Master Plan. Part of the work included a preliminary analysis for the use of the Canal system to store storm water. It is recommended that Task Order #15 under the Master Service Agreement be awarded in order to allow for the geotechnical services for the final design of the proposed storage facility.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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On recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and on motion of Ms. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Stone it was

**VOTED:**

**(100-2004)** To authorize Task Order #15 with Camp Dresser & McKee on the Combined Sewer Overflow Master Service Agreement to allow for the geotechnical services for the final design of the proposed storage facility at a fee not to exceed \$25,000.

**VOTE: 5-0**

On recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and on motion of Ms. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Ron Paradis it was

**VOTED:**

**(101-2004)** To ratify Change Order #7 on the Main Street Resurfacing Project with Blue Rock Industries to allow for the regrading of slopes for safety reasons at a total cost of \$5,600.

**VOTE: 5-0**

At this time, Robert Stone asked permission to discuss an article which had recently appeared in the Sun/Journal in order to clarify it for members of the Finance Committee. Mr. Stone indicated that he was opposed to the proposed Palesky Tax Cap and that he wanted to share the exact information that he had provided to the Sun/Journal relative to his calculation of the impact of the tax cap to the City of Lewiston. Mr. Stone further indicated that it was his own personal opinion that he felt the Finance Committee had the financial experience necessary to evaluate the impact of Palesky on the City and that the Finance Committee could lend something to discussions on the issue.

Councilor Paradis indicated that there is no question that tax payers need tax relief however, the Palesky proposal was not the answer and that there was educational value to have a group that will help educate the public on the issue prior to the referendum.

No action was taken by the Committee on this issue.

**VOTED:**

To adjourn at 5:45 p.m.

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Richard T. Metivier  
Clerk  
Finance Committee