



TOWN OF LISBON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Residents of Lisbon,

The Board of Selectmen wants to first inform you that we have overcome extreme hurdles in 2016. Stemming from the rotating Town Government, Town staff and the overall Towns People. The Town of Lisbon was once an Industrial machine that flexed its muscles and boasted its power with the full storefronts, booming industries, drug stores, and volunteers from the public who would stand tall at any cost. It now feels, in talking to people, that we have slipped away from such a time in Lisbon's prosperous history. There comes a time when we must hit the reset button or reenergize the peoples spirit. We find some of the energy in our past Presidents, Poets, Poems, and the Great American people. I ask Why?...Why can't Lisbon reenergize itself and pull itself up from the furrow that it has been stuck in? It is possible to put Lisbon back on the map, put it back into the History books, and reenergize its Spirit to what it once was.

The Board of Selectmen are asking for the Public to stand behind their Town, renew the spirit of volunteerism, and participate in one's Civic Duty. Lisbon has historically had a large Tax burden which has been reflected across the board from property valuations, businesses who relocate, and possible economic development that passes us by. If the Town can reenergize itself to a point where we can move past that Tax burden, encourage development, and assist with business growth all while lowering the Tax rate it is a step forward. I state, The Board of Selectmen cannot go at it alone! We need feedback, the spirit of volunteerism, committees who can brainstorm and advise the Board of Selectmen what their vision of the Town is. All the collaboration between the committees, people, staff, and the Board will make Lisbon Great Again!

We live in a modern tech savvy era and we need to utilize it more. We have made significant strides on the Towns website by pumping out information, budgeting of new equipment for staff, putting money away into Capital Reserve Accounts, while developing policies and ideas that will help bring our tax rate to a more fiscally responsible level.

In closing please remember to go to Town Meeting, ask the tough questions, and stand behind what you believe in.

Respectfully Submitted,

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