

like we did last year." "There's nothing like throwing an extra \$20,000 out just to do a secondary audit with the same numbers (as the primary audit), but it's the federal government and we have to follow the guidelines," he added.

Passadumkeag comprehensive plan development underway

By Ben Meiklejohn

PASSADUMKEAG -- The Passadumkeag Planning Board met Feb. 12 to begin development of a comprehensive plan for the town.

A comprehensive plan under The Growth Management Act of Maine statutes, is a 10- to 30-year policy document that is considered the blueprint for a municipality's future.

Towns that have undergone the locally-driven process of establishing a comprehensive plan are allowed greater control over land use zoning and are eligible for additional grant funding from the state.

Planning Board Chair Sergio Batista said a comprehensive plan is "a critical step forward in secur-

ing state funding and shaping the town's future."

The Feb. 12 meeting was the planning board's second meeting. Batista said board members want the plan to "be built with community input at its core."

Batista said a survey will be distributed in coming weeks "to gather input on the issues that matter most to residents, including road conditions, housing, land use and future development."

"The goal is simple: create a plan that truly reflects the priorities and values of Passadumkeag," wrote Batista in a statement sent to Lincoln News.

The next planning board meeting will be held March 12 at 6 p.m. at the Passadumkeag Town Office.

Lowell funds accessible entrance to office

By Ben Meiklejohn

LOWELL -- Business at the meeting of the Lowell Board of Selectmen Feb. 10, included allocating funds for an accessible entrance and perfunctory reports on the town's business.

The board voted unanimously to use funds the town received through the American Rescue Plan Act to install an automatic door for an accessible entrance, which will cost \$3,850.

First Selectman Brian Moura reported that he would be stepping down from the position of director representing Lowell in Central Maine Highlands Fire and EMS District No. 1.

At a previous meeting, the selectmen had appointed Second Selectman Michael Gostin, and Sexton Kerry McIntyre as the director and alternate director respectively.

Moura reported that a proposal to have traveling mechanics service routine maintenance of Central Maine Highlands fire district vehicles in a garage bay owned by the town, was "off the table."

Gostin reported that the second compactor, purchased last year by the Burlington-Lowell Transfer Station, presented some issues with the breaker bar being

too high on the compactor. Gostin said the company that it was bought from would travel to the station and repair it at no cost to the station.

Woodward reported that the town was still waiting on a technician to visit the town office and service the TRIO municipal software that the town purchased more than a year ago but hasn't been able to use a credit card reader with since installing it.

Moura reported that the property at 4 Preble Road had been foreclosed and was now in the town's possession.

Woodward reported that two candidates had qualified to be on the ballot for the town election being held March 14. Two residents -- Scott Hainer, who was in attendance at the meeting, and Calvin Curtis -- are seeking the position of first selectman. Moura is not running for re-election to the seat.

No candidates returned signatures to get on the ballot for one of two seats on the planning board. That election will be determined by write-in vote, noted Woodward.

The next meeting of the Lowell Board of Selectmen is scheduled to occur Feb. 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lowell Town Office.

that reportedly fell from the leaky roof of the old Bangor Auditorium rather a record-setting barrage of 3-pointers off the shooting hands of the defending Class C North champion Mattanawcook Academy boys.

The Lynx made it rain 3's knocking down a baker's dozen from downtown as No. 2 MA fended off an upset bid from No. 7 Orono in the regional quarterfinal prevailing 70-57 and setting a Class C North tournament record for most 3-pointers in a single game with 13.

MA drained six 3-pointers in the opening period en route to building a 21-5 edge before making five more in the fourth, when the Lynx netted 30 points over the final seven-plus minutes to turn back the Red Riots, who had whittled a double-digit deficit down to three early in the final frame.

Senior 1,000-point scorer Andrew Oliver led all scorers with 27 points, 21 of which came from behind the 3-point line, where he shot seven-for-11. Oliver was one of three Lynx in double figures as Avery Jordan netted 18 and Kooper McCarthy had 10.

Jordan and Isaac Ritchie each had two 3-pointers while McCarthy and True Weatherbee drained one apiece. As a team, MA shot 59 percent from 3-point land.

The Lynx improved to 16-3 winning for the third time this season against Orono to advance the regional semifinal against No. 3 Fort Kent (13-6), which easily took care of No. 6 Sumner 75-45 in Tuesday's first quarterfinal. The Lynx and Warriors will meet Thursday at 2 p.m. in the rubber match between the two sides after they split two regular season meetings with the games decided by a total of three points.

The winner of the tournament clash will earn a spot in Saturday's 8:30 p.m. Class C North final.

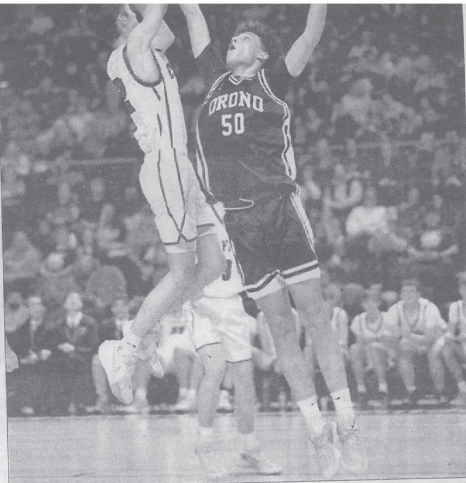
Orono concluded its season at 12-8.

Oliver drained a corner 3-pointer with 7:15 left in the fourth to help MA stem the tide after being outscored by the Red Riots 32-20 to that point from the end of the first quarter.

Orono had pulled within three, 40-37, moments earlier on a basket by Omari Labelle to get within a single possession for the first time since two minutes into the contest, but Oliver's 3 doubled MA's edge to six.

He had another 3-pointer from the top of the key about a half minute later to make it 46-39 before draining another shot from downtown, the time from beyond the college line on a catch-and-shoot, to give the Lynx a 51-43 edge at the 5:56 mark after Orono had pulled back within five.

The Red Riots again trimmed their deficit five, 52-47, with 3:26



MA's Avery Jordan shoots over Orono's Omari Labelle during Monday's regional quarterfinal. (Photo courtesy Stacey Feldmus Photography)

remaining on a basket by Brady Hews when Oliver responded with his fourth 3-pointer of the quarter to get the lead back to eight, 55-47.

Orono responded on its next possession with a 3-pointer from Bergen Soderberg, but MA answered with five-straight points, all by Jordan, to get some separation. After a floater in the lane, Jordan drained a 3-pointer off a kick-out pass from Weatherbee to make it 60-50 with 1:59 left.

The Lynx sealed the victory at the charity stripe, from where they scored their final 10 points. Oliver went four-for-four while Jordan converted both his attempts. Weatherbee made a pair while Ritchie and McCarthy each made one to help MA cap the 13-point win.

Oliver had 16 points in the fourth with Jordan tallying nine in the final period as MA closed the night with a 30-20 stretch.

The Lynx never trailed in the contest unleashing their 3-point barrage from the early moments with their first 15 points coming from downtown. Ritchie drained back-to-back 3's while Jordan, Weatherbee and Oliver each had a one as MA led 15-2 with 3:34 remaining. After a free throw by Ritchie and putback by Tyler Mahaney made it 18-5, Oliver drained a 3-pointer with :42 left to push his team's lead to 21-5 through one.

Orono scored the first six points of the second on 3's by Labelle and Soderberg to make it 21-11 before McCarthy's 3-pointer with 5:47 left snapped the 6-0 run. McCarthy scored on an old-fashioned three-point play a minute and a half later as the Lynx lead was 14, 27-13.

The Red Riots countered with the next five points to make it 27-18 before MA scored consecutive hoops by Oliver and Jordan. MA's lead was 31-20 at intermission.

It was 33-23 about 90 seconds into the third when baskets by Will Mitchell and Hews brought Orono within six. Jordan answered with a layup cutting to the basket to get the lead back to eight, 35-27, with 4:39 remaining, but Hews countered with a 3-pointer.

Oliver answered with a 3-pointer of his own, and Jordan followed with a layup off a steal. The Lynx led 40-30 with 1:19 left in the period only to see the Red Riots net the next seven points.

A basket by Mitchell and a 3-pointer at the buzzer from Soderberg closed the third to make it 40-35, and Labelle opened the fourth with his hoop to make it a three-point game before MA responded to pull away.

Oliver finished the night with nine rebounds, one assist and one steal in addition to his game-best 27 points. He shot eight-for-15 from the field and was perfect from the line. Jordan was seven-for-nine from the floor en route to his 18 points while adding four assists, one steal and one rebound. McCarthy finished with six assists and three rebounds. Ritchie had eight points, three assists and three rebounds, Weatherbee had five points, five rebounds and an assist, Mahaney had two points, two rebounds and one assist, Carter Miller had a rebound and assist, Jacoby Savage notched a steal, and Ryder Osnoe posted one rebound with one assist.

Hews led the Red Riots with 22 points while Soderberg finished with 11.