

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING
January 8, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

PRESENT: Chairperson Gregory Buccina, Vice-Chairperson Jeffrey Sterling, Selectperson Bradford Adley, Selectperson Frank DiConzo, Selectperson Mark Belanger, Town Manager John Madigan, Jr.

ATTENDEES: Kevin Saisi, Candice Casey, Rick Blanchard, Bruce Farrin, Matt Daigle, Mia Purcell, Sherry Milligan, Kevin Knox, Terri Palmer, Bromley Cook

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. All present Pledged Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Public Hearing (as needed)
4. Requests of Citizen's Present

No requests were presented.

5. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

Mr. DiConzo thanked the Implementation Committee for their work and noted that their report was passed in to the Planning Board. He also appreciated the Payroll information that was presented at the workshop for potential cost savings.

Mr. Belanger said that he was asked if the Ad Hoc Committees are public meetings and if the meetings are publicized. Mr. Buccina commented that most meetings are open to the public and that we can check to see about advertising the meetings in another way, perhaps the Town website. Mr. Belanger would also like to have the department budgets presented as a whole to the voters that would include all the department costs, including insurances, etc.

Mr. Sterling did not have a report.

Mr. Adley commented that the sewer lining process is underway. Welcomed Catalyst Holdings who are the new owner of the paper mill. He was disappointed in the comments made at the police department consolidation workshop.

Mr. Buccina mentioned a recent workshop regarding gathering information for payroll outsourcing possibilities. He would like us to improve on our recycling efforts as it saves the Town money. Blue bins are available at the Town Hall.

Mr. DiConzo believes that the size of the rocks in the sand put down on the roads by the Town are too large. Perhaps we should meet with the contractor about this matter. The Town Manager responded that the specs require gravel and rocks to go through a ½ inch screen.

B. Town Manager's Report

Tony Lyons called and had him meet with the new owners of Catalyst earlier today and he was very encouraged about the positive outlook for this mill. It will be a primary mill in their company.

Mr. Buccina noted that Catalyst met with employees of the mill and said they are looking to make good quality paper. They will invest 10 million in the recovery boiler to improve the steam capacity and will keep people working by using stock piled pulp. He feels this is a very positive outcome for our area.

A report from RSU 10 was placed in all the Board members mailboxes regarding upcoming meetings for community discussion. There are three proposals for use of existing buildings in the school district and possible closures of some buildings.

A course announcement from FEMA was provided to Board members. The course will be offered in Mexico by Oxford County EMA. Town Officials are required to take this training so that we are eligible for FEMA grants.

Guidelines for use of the Snow Dump were put together and were read to all in attendance.

The Spillman Software Police Report for December 2014 was given to the Board members for informational purposes on the number and types of calls for service. The Town Manager will provide this report to the Board every month.

C. Department Manager Reports (as needed)

D. Board and Committee Reports (as needed)

6. Old Business

A. Approval of Quit Claim Deed for Clyde and Jane Wardwell for 614 Prospect Avenue

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Quit Claim Deed for Clyde and Jane Wardwell for tax acquired property at 614 Prospect Avenue. Vote: 5-0

*** Mr. Belanger made a motion to move up New Business Item 7D at this time at the request of the presenter who is ill. Vote: 5-0

Jennifer Kreckel from Envision Rumford's Sidewalk Committee announced that their next meeting will be on January 22, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium before the next Select Board Meeting. She stated that the project is taking a bit more time than some had expected, but that they are making plans for the downtown area that will be in place for 30 years or more. They hope that their plans will attract more businesses and business to the downtown area. The planning contractor will be at the next meeting to share the plans up to date. Other sidewalk committee members were also present: Sherry Milligan, John Soucy, Kevin Saisi and Mia Purcell. They are also trying to get historic preservation designation so that someone would be willing to invest in bringing these great older building back.

The Town Manager believes that this project would be eligible for a Community Development Block Grant as we have money set aside, formed a committee and have been planning with engineers. Those are important factors in showing our investment in this project.

B. Discussion on Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee Report

[The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee worked under the authority of the Planning Board and were appointment by the Select Board.]

Mr. DiConzo and Kevin Saisi explained that the Planning Board was given a copy of the Implementation Committee's Report and they did not want to be involved in this any further. The Town Manager reported that Planning Board Chairperson Gary Casey called him to say that the Planning Board wanted the Board of Selectpersons to oversee the Implementation Committee's further efforts.

In discussion Mr. DiConzo expressed that he would notify the other members of the Implementation Committee to see if they would continue to serve. He does not want to have to answer to both the Planning Board and to the Select Board as that involves another step. There was a question of whether they would be in compliance in working directly under the Select Board rather than the Planning Board.

Town Manager Report Addendum:

The Town Manager reported that the MDOT will be doing more road paving in Rumford next summer on the South Rumford Road, Andover Road, Wyman Hill Road and Route 5.

7. New Business

- A. Approval of Minutes from the Joint Select Board Meeting of December 11, 2014, Selectperson's Meeting of December 18, 2014 and Selectperson's Special Meeting of December 22, 2014

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the minutes from Joint Select Board Meeting of December 11, 2014, Selectperson's Meeting of December 18, 2014 and Selectperson's Special Meeting of December 22, 2014. Vote: 5-0

- B. Approval of Liquor License Application and Special Amusement Permit for Lodge of Elks #862

The Town Manager explained that the Elks changed their mind and declined to apply for the Special Amusement Permit.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the Liquor License Application for Lodge of Elks #862. Vote: 5-0

- C. Discussion on Snow Removal Priority List

The Town Manager read the current list.

Andy Russell, Superintendent of Public Works, was not available to attend the meeting.

Mr. Adley made a motion to allow non-resident, Richie Philbrick, to speak. Vote: 5-0

Richie Philbrick explained the snow removal process and believes it is time to make some changes to the priority list.

The Town Manager believes we need to go back to the beginning of the list if a snow storm occurs before all the areas on the list are cleaned.

Mike Gallant of the Public Works Department explained how the snow removal process works currently and gave his opinion that sidewalks should come first and other suggestions.

Candice Casey and Kevin Knox also spoke on this issue.

The Town Manager will work on updating the list.

D. Discussion of Sidewalk Re-Construction Project with Envision Rumford

This Item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

E. Appointment of Voter Registrar

Mr. Sterling made a motion to re-appoint Jennifer Blodgett as Voter Registrar. Vote: 5-0

F. Approval of the Town Warrant dated January 9, 2015

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated January 9, 2015.

Mr. Adley asked for further information on the Southworth-Milton and White & Bradstreet bills.

Vote: 4-0-1, Mr. Adley abstained.

8. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6)(A) for a personnel matter

Mr. Belanger made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6)(A) for a personnel matter with the Town Manager. Vote: 5-0

Executive Session Out at 8:46 p.m.

No action was taken.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Belanger made a motion to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Vote: 5-0

John E. Madigan, Jr.
Town Manager

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