

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

PRESENT: Chairperson Gregory Buccina, Vice-Chairperson Jeffrey Sterling, Selectperson Bradford Adley, Selectperson Jolene Lovejoy, Town Manager Carlo Puiia.

Absent: Selectperson Jeremy Volkernick

ATTENDEES: Frank DiConzo, Kevin Kaulback, Len Greaney

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. All present Pledged Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Requests of Citizen's Present

There were no requests presented.

4. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

Ms. Lovejoy wanted to emphasize the youth of our community and their accomplishments by recognizing those making the honor roll. She also recognized the Mountain Valley High School Ski Teams and their great performances. She sent well wishes to Jim Thibodeau's son, Alex, who was injured in a snowmobile accident. She also mentioned that the local snowmobile club is very appreciative of the cooperation from the Public Works crew and the town forester, Brian Milligan.

Mr. Adley commented that the Mountain Valley basketball team was in tournament play tonight. He also recognized the Mountain Valley Ski Team, their successes, and the good character these young adults display.

Mr. Sterling believes the youth of our community are good ambassadors.

Mr. Buccina reported that the next July 4th meeting will be held on March 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building Conference Room. He also complimented the Mountain Valley Basketball Team for their recent performance at the Portland Expo, and wished them good luck tonight.

B. Town Manager's Report

The Mountain Valley High School Ski Team, Basketball Team and Wrestling Team were commended for their hard work and fine seasons.

We are concerned about those that have lost their positions with NewPage Paper Company recently. It was beyond their control and we wish those individuals well.

C. Department Manager's Report

There were no reports given.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

A. Approval of Minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of February 7, 2013 and Special Selectperson's Meeting of February 11, 2013

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of February 7, 2013. Vote: 4-0

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Selectperson's Meeting of February 11, 2013. Vote: 4-0

B. Approval of Town Warrant dated February 22, 2013

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated February 22, 2013. Vote: 4-0

C. Appointment of RSU 10 School Board Member to fill Vacancy until Election of June 11, 2013

Ms. Lovejoy questioned the number of applicants. The Town Manager informed the Board that there was only one applicant for the vacant position.

The Town Manager explained that a larger advertisement could be placed in the paper, however, the Town needs to appoint on a timely basis as the school board is beginning their budget process.

Mr. Adley made a motion to table this item to the next meeting.

Mr. Sterling does not support tabling this item and mentioned that it has been advertised in both newspapers, the Sun Journal and Rumford Falls Times, along with the Town Manager mentioning it at two meetings. He also talked about other appointments having only one applicant and that the vacancy has existed for a month already.

Ms. Lovejoy would like someone to fill the current vacancy that would also be interested in running for the three year term of office in June. She believes re-advertising would be beneficial.

Len Greaney suggested that Superintendent Dr. Thomas Ward may be able to emphasize the importance.

Mr. Sterling noted that since the RSU 10 has been formed, no candidate seeking a seat has been challenged.

Frank DiConzo recognized himself as the lone candidate, cited his experience, and his concern of the Town's welfare.

Vote on the motion to table this item: 3-1, Mr. Sterling opposed.

D. Approval of Liquor License Application for Hotel Rumford

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the Liquor License Application for the Hotel Rumford. Vote: 4-0

E. Request to place Veteran's Memorial to All Wars in Veteran's Park by Len Greaney

Len Greaney presented his proposal to recognize all Veterans, not just the casualties, with a multiple stone memorial in the Veteran's Park at the end of Congress Street. He would use his extensive database for all the names placed in alphabetical order. He would like the memorial to be able to reference a website from a smart-phone device that would provide a history of all the Veteran's service. He will work with the Park and Recreation Department. He is not asking the Town for money; he is seeking private donations followed by grant monies.

The Town Manager informed the Board that Mr. Greaney was on the Park and Recreation Commission's Agenda, however, the meeting was canceled due to bad weather, but Mr. Greaney has committed to meet with them.

Ms. Lovejoy believes it a worthwhile and beautiful project and would like to see excess money used for upkeep.

Mr. Greaney explained his plan to install the stones with the plan to have a stone for those to be added out of alphabetical order after the other stones are completed.

Mr. Adley was concerned about whether he would start the project without all the funding in place yet still be able to complete the project. He would like the American Legion and the VFW to be involved.

Mr. Greaney will go to those organizations, but did not want them to feel pressured.

Mr. Sterling questioned if this project would complement what is currently in place. Mr. Greaney informed the Board that it would, and all names currently on existing memorials would also be included on the new memorial.

Ms. Lovejoy emphasized the need to be prepared to care for and continue to maintain this effort.

Mr. Adley made a motion to grant permission to Len Greaney to move forward with a Veteran's Memorial, conditional on the Park and Recreation Commission's approval. Vote: 4-0

F. Request to change date of next Board of Selectpersons regularly scheduled meeting

The Town Manager informed the Board of a conflict with scheduling and would like to swap the regular Board meeting of March 7th with the Board's Budget Meeting to approve the Department Head budget requests of March 13th.

Mr. Adley made a motion to move the regular meeting from March 7, 2013 to March 13, 2013. Vote: 3-0-1, Mr. Buccina abstained.

G. Approval of Letter to RSU 10 requesting Schools in Rumford remain open

Ms. Lovejoy mentioned that we should not be directing the school board to do anything in an official capacity. We should communicate this concern to our representatives.

Mr. Adley wanted to know what the Board's boundaries were.

Mr. Sterling did not oppose a letter, but felt the school board should not be negotiating with a committee that cannot go it alone.

The Town Manager read a proposed letter to RSU 10 from the Board.

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Ms. Lovejoy believes we should not be involved in school business.

Frank DiConzo believes the letter is good.

Mr. Sterling believes the letter should go to the Board.

Mr. Buccina thinks we should not act prior to any action being taken.

Mr. Buccina made a motion to not send the letter to the RSU 10 School Board.

Vote: 3-1, Mr. Sterling opposed.

7. Executive Session pursuant to MRS §405 (6)(D) for Labor Negotiations

Mr. Sterling made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. pursuant to MRS §405(6)(D) for Labor Negotiations with the Town Manager. Vote: 4-0

Executive Session in: 8:40 p.m.

Executive Session out: 9:00 p.m.

No action taken.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Sterling made a motion to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Vote: 4-0

Carlo J. Puia
Town Manager

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