

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING**

**March 6, 2014, 7:00 p.m.  
Rumford Falls Auditorium**

**6:00 p.m. Public Hearing on Department Budgets**

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

Absent: Selectperson Jolene Lovejoy

ATTENDEES: Michael Mills, Tom Fallon, Stacy Carter, Mary Gallant, Jaclyn Torres, Brad Gallant, James Bernard, Robert Chase, Andy Russell, Dick Lovejoy, Terri Palmer, Dan Richard, Andrea York, Gary Dolloff, Eric Giroux, Bruce Farrin, Kevin Knox, Debbie Laurinaitis, David and Beth Bellegarde, Jim Rinaldo, Amanda Hanson, Jim Windover, Seth Carey, Matt Peterson, Nate Boucher, Don and Michelle Boucher, Kevin Saisi, Terry Karkos, John Matar

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 p.m.
2. All present Pledged Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Requests of Citizen's Present

Don Boucher was concerned about snow being removed by the owner of Ralph's Store and placed in front of his house across the street and also about snow removal that took place around 3:00 a.m. in the morning that kept him awake. The Chair asked the Town Manager to look into the snow situation. The Town Manager responded that he gave permission for the snow removal to take place at 3:00 a.m. on a couple mornings on a few streets that were considered a safety concern for emergency vehicle passage.

Eric Davis, a member of the Charter Commission, asked for information from the Board and Town Manager regarding any changes they would recommend.

Candice Casey was concerned that the website contact information email for the Charter Commission was not working correctly.

4. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

Mr. DiConzo mentioned receiving some phone calls from citizens that he turned over to the Town Manager to handle.

Mr. Adley reported that the Winter Fest at Black Mountain of Maine was very successful. He also congratulated the MVHS Girls Ski Team for their Class C Championship.

Mr. Buccina did not have a report for this meeting.

B. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager did not have a report for this meeting.

C. Department Manager's Report

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Please note: These minutes are not verbatim. A digital recording of the meeting is available by contacting the Town Manager's Office during regular business hours.

There were no Department Manager reports for this meeting.

## 5. Old Business

### A. Discussion with Park Commission to Replace One-Ton Truck and Purchase Dump Deckover Trailer

The Town Manager reported that he looked for an additional vehicle from the Public Works Department that could possibly be used for the Park Department and was unable to find a vehicle that was not being used or being used for a specific purpose.

Dan Richard, Chair of the Park Commission, reported that Rowe Auburn would not honor their previous bid as they are now selling 2015 models. Bessey Motors, however, would honor their previous bid for the 2014 model with a 4-6 week delivery date. Also, Coastal Metal Fab honored their previous bid for the Dump Deckover Trailer.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the bid from Bessey Motors for \$29,351.00 for the 2014 Dodge ¾ ton truck. Vote: 4-0

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the bid from Coastal Metal Fab for the Dump Deckover Trailer for \$7,031

### B. Request for Financial Support for FM Radio Station

Kevin Saisi requested that this item be tabled.

Mr. Adley made a motion to table this item until Mr. Saisi can contribute further information. Vote: 4-0

## 6. New Business

### A. Request from Town Manager to Approve Minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of February 20, 2014

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of February 20, 2014. Vote: 4-0

### B. Request from Town Manager to Approve the Town Warrant dated March 7, 2014

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated March 7, 2014. Vote: 4-0

### C. Appointment to AVCOG Board

Mr. Sterling made a motion to appoint Code Enforcement Officer Richard Kent to the AVCOG Board. Vote: 4-0

### D. Request for Donation from Cable Franchise Fees for BMOM Professional Logging Event

Andrea York presented a request for funding from the cable franchise fees for a one day Professional International Logging Event to be held at Black Mountain of Maine. She and a "team of volunteers" are planning this event as a benefit for Black Mountain of Maine and the Greater Rumford Community Center. She believes that this event will bring people to town and could help with economic development and could become an annual event if it proves to be successful.

Mr. Buccina asked for the amount they are asking for. Ms. York replied that the prize money for the Professional Logging alone is \$5,000. She is also asking for donations from others and looking for vendors to come to the festival.

The Town Manager read the Town Ordinance concerning Cable Franchise Fees so that all were informed that 2/3 of the Fees are to be distributed to cable programming with the balance to be determined by vote of the Select Board.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve \$5,000 from the cable franchise fees for the Professional Logging Festival.

Candice Casey had concerns with various aspects of this request.

Ms. York explained that the Professional Loggers Festival is part of a national circuit and will carry liability insurance for the performers and competitors. Part of the money that their group is trying to raise through sponsors will cover the insurance for the spectators.

Mr. Adley asked about oversight of the festival and finances. Ms. York answered that both BMOM and the GRCC are 501(c)3 organizations and all sponsors are told that their group would be working through them.

Robert Chase believes that this event will shed a positive light on the town as opposed to some of the negativity that has become prevalent. Any dollars that we donate may come back in big dividends.

Vote on the motion: 4-0

E. Request from WVAC-TV7 for Cable Franchise Fees

Chairperson Buccina read a letter from Pamela McInnis-Kaubris from the WVAC-TV7 Board for 2/3 of the cable franchise fees.

Mr. Adley made a motion to give 2/3 of the cable franchise fees to the WVAC-TV7 cable access station.

Candice Casey asked for an additional \$10,000.00 for equipment for the station.

Vote on the motion: 4-0

F. Request from Le Paresseux for St. Patrick's Day Parade Permit

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the Parade Permit for Le Paresseux for a St. Patrick's Day Parade. Vote: 4-0

G. Request for Funding from Economic Development Funds to the River Valley Growth Council

The Town Manager reported that this request would enable the RV Growth Council to continue to fund efforts to bring natural gas lines into town. Jim Rinaldo, working through the RV Growth Council, has been putting in a great deal of time to bring this economic development possibility forward.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve \$3,000.00 from the Economic Development Fund to the River Valley Growth Council.

Mr. Adley was concerned that funding for the Growth Council was turned down by the voters.

After discussion, the consensus of the Board was that the gas line project was an unknown at the time of the vote, and the benefits of gas lines being installed in the town is too great an economic opportunity for the town.

Jim Rinaldo explained that the funding would not be used to pay for the Growth Council's bills, but would be used to enable him to continue in the gas line project.

Vote on the motion: 4-0

#### 7. Adjournment

Mr. Sterling made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Vote: 4-0

John E. Madigan, Jr.  
Town Manager

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