

**SELECTPERSON'S
INITIATED ARTICLES
PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
March 18, 2013, 6:00 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium**

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

ATTENDEES: Mike Burke, Fred Milligan, Connie Jones, John Kezal, Bob Anderson, Teri Blaschie, Dick Lovejoy, Ron McHugh, Erika Bickford, Barbara Pelletier, Doug Freeman, Phil Zinck, Arthur Chappell, Diane Gallagher, Travis Martin, Roger Simard, Henry Zinck, John Giambattista, Bev Thorne, Keith Freeman, Bruce Farrin, Kevin Saisi, Jeff Gallant, John Aylward, Jim Windover, Sandy Witas, Mitzi Sequoia, Jennifer Kreckel, Frank DiConzo, Barbara Morse, J. MacFarlane, Bernadette Hodgkins, Robert Chase, Kim Sequoia, Tim Cormier, Dan Richard, Mike Philbrick, Craig Zurhorst

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. All Present Pledged Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Requests of Initiated Articles

A. American Legion Napoleon Ouellette Post 24: Boys State – Request: \$ 275.00

Fred Milligan presented a request for \$275.00 from the American Legion for Boys State.

Kevin Saisi and John Kezal made comments regarding this request.

Mr. Adley felt that the Board should make their cuts fairly for all requests if they are considering making cuts.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve \$275.00 for the American Legion for Boys State.
Vote: 3-2, Mr. Volkernick and Mr. Adley opposed.

B. Community Concepts – Request: \$ 3,000.00

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion for non-resident, Michael Burke, to speak. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Burke, Director of Community Concepts, presented a request for \$3,000.00 for Community Concepts.

Mr. Buccina made a motion to approve \$3,000.00. Vote: 0-5, all opposed.

Mr. Burke made a second request for \$1,500.00.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve \$1,500.00 for Community Concepts.
Vote: 4-1, Mr. Volkernick opposed.

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C. Western Maine Veteran's Advisory – Request: \$ 175.00

John Kezal made a request for \$175.00 for Western Maine Veteran's Advisory.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve \$175.00 for Western Maine Veteran's Advisory.
Vote: 2-3, Mr. Adley, Ms. Lovejoy and Mr. Volkernick opposed.

Mr. Kezal made a second request for \$300.00.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the request for \$300.00. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Mr. Kezal did not make a further request.

D. Safe Voices (formerly Abused Women's Advocacy Project) – Request: \$ 4,000.00

Sandy Witas presented a request for \$4,000.00 for Safe Voices.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to allow non-resident, Diane Gallagher, to speak. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$4,000.00 for Safe Voices.
Vote: 0-5, all opposed.

Ms. Gallagher made a second request for \$2,000.00 for Safe Voices.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve \$2,000.00 for Safe Voices.
Vote: 3-2, Mr. Volkernick and Mr. Sterling opposed.

E. River Valley Growth Council – Request: 12,000.00

Dick Lovejoy presented a request for \$12,000.00 for River Valley Growth Council.
Vote: 0-5, all opposed.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$12,000.00 for River Valley Growth Council. Vote: 0-5, all opposed.

Mr. Lovejoy presented a second request for \$6,000.00 for River Valley Growth Council.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve \$6,000.00 for River Valley Growth Council. Vote: 4-1, Mr. Sterling opposed.

F. Greater Rumford Community Center – Request: \$ 138,100.00

Steve Casey presented a request for \$138,100.00 for the Greater Rumford Community Center.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to allow non-resident Bob Anderson to speak. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve \$138,100.00 for Greater Rumford Community Center. Vote: 3-2, Mr. Buccina and Mr. Volkernick opposed.

G. Greater Rumford Community Center: Summer Programs – Request: \$ 22,720.00

Steve Casey presented a request for \$22,720.00 for Greater Rumford Community Center Summer Programs.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$22,700.00 for Greater Rumford Community Center Summer Programs. Vote: 3-2, Mr. Buccina and Mr. Volkernick opposed.

H. Holy Savior School: Text Books – Request: \$ 2,500.00

Barbara Pelletier made a request for \$2,500.00 for Textbooks for Holy Savior School.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$2,500.00 for Textbooks for Holy Savior School. Vote: 2-3, Mr. Buccina, Mr. Volkernick and Ms. Lovejoy opposed.

Ms. Pelletier made a second request for \$1,250.00 for Textbooks for Holy Savior School.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$1,250.00 for Textbooks for Holy Savior School. Vote: 4-1, Mr. Volkernick opposed.

I. Holy Savior School: Testing – Request \$ 1,500.00

Barbara Pelletier made a request for \$1,500.00 for Holy Savior School Testing.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$1,500.00 for Holy Savior School Testing. Vote: 2-3, Mr. Buccina, Mr. Volkernick, and Ms. Lovejoy opposed.

Ms. Pelletier made a second request for \$750.00 for Holy Savior School Testing.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$750.00 for Holy Savior Testing. 4-1, Mr. Volkernick opposed.

Vote: 5-0

J. Holy Savior School: Heath Services – Request \$ 550.00

Barbara Pelletier made a request for \$550.00 for Holy Savior Health Services.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$550.00 for Holy Savior Health Services. Vote: 5-0

K. Rumford Senior Citizens – Request: \$6,400.00

Jane MacFarlane presented a request for \$6,400.00 for Rumford Senior Citizens.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion for non-resident, Barbara Morse, to speak. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$6,400.00 for Rumford Senior Citizens. Vote: 0-5, all opposed.

Barbara Morse will return on March 25, 2013 to re-submit her request.

L. Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice – Request: \$ 3,200.00

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to allow non-resident, Teri Blaschke to speak. Vote: 5-0

Ms. Blaschke presented a request for \$3,200.00 for Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice.

Chris Bourgeois spoke in favor of supporting this organization.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$3,200.00 for Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice.

Vote: 3-2, Ms. Lovejoy and Mr. Volkernick opposed.

M. Oxford County Mental Health – Request: \$ 3,500.00

Ron McHugh presented a request for \$3,500.00 for Oxford County Mental Health.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$3,500.00 for Oxford County Mental Health.

Vote: 1-4, Mr. Adley, Mr. Buccina, Ms. Lovejoy and Mr. Volkernick opposed.

Mr. McHugh presented a second request for \$2,500.00 for Oxford County Mental Health.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$2,500.00 for Oxford County Mental Health.

Jim Barnett commented that we have a high percentage of residents that need the services of this organization.

Vote: 5-0

N. Seniors Plus – Request: \$ 5,000.00

Mitzi Sequoia presented a request for \$5,000.00 for Seniors Plus.

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

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$5,000.00 for Seniors Plus.

Vote: 0-5, all opposed.

Ms. Jones made a second request for \$2,500.00 for Seniors Plus.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve \$2,500.00 for Seniors Plus.

Vote: 5-0

O. River Valley Healthy Communities – Request: \$2,500.00

Jennifer Kreckel made a request for \$2,500.00 for River Valley Healthy Communities.

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

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve \$2,500.00 for River Valley Healthy Communities.

Vote: 0-5, all opposed.

Ms. Duguay made a second request for \$1,250.00 for River Valley Healthy Communities.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve \$1,250.00 for River Valley Healthy Communities.

Vote: 5-0

P. Rumford Group Home – Request: \$ 1,000.00

Tim Cormier presented a request for \$1,000.00 for Rumford Group Home.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$1,000.00 for Rumford Group Home.
Vote: 2-3, Mr. Buccina, Mr. Adley and Mr. Volkernick opposed.

Mr. Cormier made a second request for \$500.00 for Rumford Group Home.

Mr. Volkernick made a motion to approve \$500.00 for Rumford Group Homes.
Vote: 5-0

Q. Western Maine Transportation – Request: \$ 3,000.00

Craig Zurhorst presented a request for \$2,000.00 which he amended from \$3,000.00 for Western Maine Transportation.

Mr. Volkernick made a motion to approve \$2,000.00 for Western Maine Transportation.
Vote: 4-1, Ms. Lovejoy opposed.

R. Other Requests – Requests Received After Deadline For Information

Erika Bickford presented a request for \$275.00 for American Legion Girls State.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve \$275.00 for American Legion Girls State.
Vote: 2-3, Mr. Adley, Ms. Lovejoy and Mr. Volkernick opposed.

Ms. Bickford made a second request for \$100.00 for American Legion Girls State.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve \$100.00 for American Legion Girls State.
Vote: 2-3, Mr. Adley, Ms. Lovejoy and Mr. Volkernick opposed.

4. Adjournment

Mr. Sterling made a motion to adjourn at 9:31p.m. Vote: 5-0

Carlo J. Puiia
Town Manager

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