

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**  
**March 19, 2015 6:00 p.m.**  
**Jury Room**

1. Economic Development Matter pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6)(C)

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6)(C) with the Town Manager, Jim Rinaldo and interested parties. Vote: 5-0

No action was taken.

2. Adjournment

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. Vote: 5-0

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 19, 2015 6:30 p.m.**  
**Rumford Falls Auditorium**

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

ATTENDEES: Brian Gagnon, John Soucy, Stacy Carter, Tony DeSalle, Dick Lovejoy, Bob Chase, Kevin Knox, Andy Russell, Jennifer Kreckel, Robert Berry, Richard Dunton

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:40 p.m. by Chairperson Buccina
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Public Hearing (if needed)

None was needed.

4. Requests of Citizen's Present

No requests were given.

5. Reports

- A. Selectperson's Report

Mr. DiConzo received a phone call from a concerned citizen about troubled people who jump off of Memorial Bridge and he asked if a barrier could be erected to stop this from happening. The Town Manager will contact MDOT regarding this issue.

Mr. Sterling did not have a report.

Mr. Belanger asked about further meetings regarding the Police consolidation issue. The Town Manager responded that we have not had time to schedule a meeting with all the budget meetings taking place. Mr. Buccina would like to know if the Town of Mexico is interested in working with the Town of Rumford. The Town Manager will look into scheduling a meeting.

Mr. Adley attended the RSU 10 Roundtable Meeting last week. Option 3 seemed to make the most sense to those that were in attendance. He commended the Superintendent and School Board for their efforts.

Mr. Buccina noted that a representative from Seniors Plus called him the day after the Initiated Article Requests meeting and informed him that there are not any Rumford residents on the waiting list for Meals on Wheels. He has recently received calls about streetlights that were not on. The Town Manager reported that those lights had burned out bulbs; the light fixtures had not been removed. Mr. Buccina would like to look at the streetlight issue again.

#### B. Town Manager's Report

AVCOG's Annual General Assembly meeting will be held on April 8, 2015 and will include Transportation Day.

A lawsuit has been filed against the Town by Phil Blampied, on behalf of the 5 petitioners on the Charter Amendment Spending Cap. Our Town Attorney is working on our response.

Senator John Patrick will hold a public forum in the Rumford Falls Auditorium on March 27, 2015 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for citizens, Town Managers and leaders of area towns to give him feedback to take to Augusta when discussing and voting on the State budget.

The University of Maine Rumford-Mexico branch has named a new director and have invited the Board to a welcoming reception on April 1, 2015.

The Town Manager read a letter from the Rumford United Methodist Church, Virgin Memorial Chapel, thanking the Town crews for the jobs they did in keeping the roads safe this winter.

DARE graduation is scheduled for April 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in Muskie Auditorium.

#### C. Department Manager Reports (as needed)

Police Chief Stacy Carter informed the Board that a parade permit for a 5K run was cancelled last Sunday due to a storm and they would like to change the date to March 27 instead.

Extra patrols will start with warmer weather approaching and are funded by a grant of \$9,540.00 from the Bureau of Highway Safety to look at impaired driving. They will also participate in the national campaign of "Click it or Ticket" to bring awareness on seatbelt safety. They will also try to discourage young people from participating in unsafe choices of drinking alcohol and using illicit drugs. Underage Drinking Enforcement Grant funding from the State Office of Substance Abuse and a mini-grant from River Valley Healthy Communities will be used in these efforts.

The Police Department will begin Project Safe Neighborhood, Operation Hot Spot, started in Lewiston in 2012, to work on reducing major crimes. The program has been expanded to Augusta, Bangor and Rumford and is a collaboration between local, state and federal law enforcement to give an increased presence in high call volume areas. It has worked so well for Lewiston that it has pushed people out of the community. The city has also been aggressive in removal of multi-family housing and residential properties causing their housing prices to go up and consequently people are moving to Rumford for more affordable housing.

A community meeting will be held this spring to give citizens an opportunity to learn about these plans, to provide support and to be part of the solution.

Every 15 Minutes will be held on May 6 and 7, 2015 with the Mountain Valley High School students and staff, public safety staff, and the community.

#### D. Board and Committee Reports (as needed)

There were none given.

#### 6. Old Business

#### 7. New Business

##### A. Approval of Minutes from Selectperson's Meeting of March 5, 2015

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of March 5, 2015 as amended by the Town Manager. Vote: 5-0

##### B. Approval of 2015 Parking Pass for Peak A Week Hiking Group

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the 2015 Parking Pass for the Peak A Week Hiking Group. Vote: 5-0

##### C. Approval of Overhead Door Bid for Public Works

The Town Manager reported receiving one bid from P.D.Q. for \$9,725.00.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the bid from P.D.Q. for \$9,725.00.

Andy Russell informed the Board that the Capital Fund will be used to replace a door in the repair shop area. The new door will be a metal insulated roll up door that replaces the original uninsulated door that is in bad shape. Installation should be in approximately one month.

Vote: 5-0

##### D. Discussion on Sidewalk Project

Jennifer Kreckel presented further information on the sidewalk project which would now include replacements of utility lines that have not been upgraded for over 100 years and corrections of roof drains that empty into the sewer lines from many buildings on the Island. The Town has a mandated consent agreement with Maine Department of Environmental Protection to rectify this situation. She believes we need to take care of the infrastructure before we spend money on

improving sidewalks and that it may be a better idea to do some temporary repairs to the sidewalks this summer until the infrastructure can be upgraded. She also noted that in the summer of 2016 MDOT will be doing construction work on both bridges adjacent to the Island and we will most likely need to plan for beginning this project in the summer of 2017.

Mr. Adley made a motion to allow non-resident Richard Dunton to speak. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Dunton, of Main-Land Development, provided a letter with recommendations to the Board:

1. Delay action at the current project scope for sidewalks only
2. Aggressively seek further data to prepare for design of combined sewer, water, storm, road reconstruction/resurfacing and sidewalk project including smoke test on the sanitary sewer to locate connections, in-building inspections, use of ground penetrating radar to locate and map underground elements, use of CCTV technology to inspect sanitary and storm sewers
3. Resume comprehensive project design
4. Initiate mean income study for funding assistance
5. Approach Maine DECD and USDA for loan and grant assistance
6. Prepare budget for grants based on design and grant availability
7. Establish low/no interested loan program for private owners needing roof drain re-plumbing
8. Cut/spot grind tree stumps along Congress Street
9. Apply temporary patching methods to hazardous sections of the sidewalks
10. Produce construction contract documents and conduct competitive bid process
11. Construct project over two-three year period

Part of the discussion is dealing with services to privately owned buildings and offering a low to no interest incentive loan program to correct the roof drains. Attorney Kreckel will look into the legalities of making these corrections. The timeframe for going out to bid would be in 2017 that would allow enough time for all the planning and allow the re-reroute of traffic in 2016 for the MDOT bridge projects.

The Town Manager read the June 2014 letter of warning from the MDEP reminding us of the Inflow and Infiltration overflows at the Rumford-Mexico Sewerage Treatment Plant. We are currently in the 7<sup>th</sup> year of a 10 year mandate to correct the problem. Rumford had a study done by Wright-Pierce in 2010 that looked at potential contributors of I / I and performed some smoke tests. We have also made some improvements in replacing sewer pipes and a significant improvement in the Sunnyside Terrace area with the "cast in place" sewer lining project. We have not contacted individual property owners about the roof drain problems thus far. The change in the scope of the sidewalk project began when the Rumford Water District contacted us regarding their desire to upgrade their water lines at the same time. This in turn brought into question the age of the sewer lines in the same area.

Mr. Buccina reiterated that we want to take care of our aging infrastructure first before we rebuild new sidewalks to alleviate any need to be dug up in the future. We also want this project to be done at one time and for it to last many years.

Brian Gagnon, of the Rumford Water District, informed the Board that there were three systems in town that were inherited by the District when it began in 1911. There is a photo that shows construction on Congress Street in 1892 that shows a 12 inch main being installed. That pipe

could be 123 years old if it is the original pipe. Engineers today say a pipe will last for 75 years. When any work has been done on our roads the District tries to upgrade their water lines. Recently, new valves were installed in the Island area to turn off the water in several locations so that a smaller percentage of people have to go without water during repairs.

Jennifer Kreckel believes the overall cost would be much less if we take on all the construction at one time rather than work on this in crisis mode and making emergency repairs in the future.

E. Discussion/Approval of Temporary Repairs of Sidewalks, (if needed)

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to make temporary repairs to the sidewalks in May 2015, or as soon as is possible, to take care of the safety hazards on the Island. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Adley asked if a company mapped the sewer lines recently. Mr. Russell explained that the manholes and catch basins were mapped, however, they were not able to get far enough into mapping the pipes and individual lines.

Ms. Kreckel suggested getting a clearer direction of the scope of the additional work to be done by Main-Land Development and their role on the larger project on the Island.

Mr. Adley made a motion to allow non-resident Robert Berry to speak. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Berry, of Main-Land Development, informed the Board that Main-Land wants what is in the best interest of Rumford and the nature of the project has changed quite a bit. The Town has already approved preliminary design work on the Congress Street re-construction project which has now changed completely to data gathering for smoke testing and working with the CCTV people to get a picture of the existing infrastructure system and what needs to happen. They believe that they can continue with this process with the funds that have already been approved for the design work if that is acceptable to the Board.

The Town Manager noted that the initial contract was for repair of sidewalks on Congress Street only and the project was changed to repair all the sidewalks on the Island. At this point the Town has paid approximately \$29,800.00. Main-Land is now authorized to spend up to \$64,700.00 at this point for their engineering and data gathering.

F. Re-Scheduling of April 2, 2015 Board of Selectperson's Meeting

Mr. Buccina noted that April 2, 2015 is Holy Thursday and some members of the Board will be singing in the choir.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to re-schedule the April 2, 2015 meeting to April 6, 2015. Vote: 5-0

G. Approval of the Town Warrant dated March 20, 2015

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated March 20, 2015.

Mr. Adley noted that this warrant contained a check for over \$1,200.00 for legal services by Bernstein Shur regarding the Spending Cap Petition to amend the Charter.

Vote: 5-0

8. Adjournment

Mr. Adley made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

John E. Madigan, Jr.  
Town Manager

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