

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S
INITIATED ARTICLE REQUESTS and DEPARTMENT BUDGET REQUESTS
March 23, 2015 6:00 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: Timothy Buzzard, Rebecca McDonald, Kirk Thurston, Jim Windover, Jane Morrison, Susan Milligan, Cheryl Dickson, Jolene Lovejoy, Sandra Witas, Ryan Palmer, Eric McLean, Pamela Miller, Stephanie LeBlanc, Gary Dolloff, Scott Parker, Marci Bernard, Jennifer Kreckel, Marie Boudreau, Margaret St. Cyr, Linnell Geronda, Tom Bourret, Bev Thorne, Deborah Laurinaitis, Terri Palmer, Beth Bellegarde

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chairperson Buccina at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Initiated Article Requests

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

Ms. Leblanc presented a request for Oxford County Mental Health for \$3,500.00.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$3,500.00 for Oxford County Mental Health. Vote: 4-1, Mr. Belanger opposed.

Kirk Thurston presented a request for \$275.00 for Napoleon Ouellette Boy's State.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$275.00 for Napoleon Ouellette Boy's State. Vote: 5-0

Cheryl Dickson presented a request for the River Valley Chamber of Commerce for \$3,500.00.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve \$3,500.00 for River Valley Chamber of Commerce. Vote: 5-0

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

Ms. Morrison presented a request for Safe Voices for \$4,000.00.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve \$4,000.00 for Safe Voices. Vote: 4-1, Mr. Belanger opposed.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to allow non-resident Jack Parker to speak. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Parker presented a request for the American Red Cross for \$3,000.00.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$3,000.00 for the American Red Cross. Vote: 4-1, Mr. Belanger opposed.

Mr. Adley made a motion to allow non-resident Margaret St. Cyr to speak. Vote: 5-0

Ms. St. Cyr presented a request for Rumford Senior Citizens for \$6,400.00.

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

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

Ms. MacDonald presented a request for River Valley Animal Advocates for \$1,000.00.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$1,000.00 for River Valley Animal Advocates. Vote: 5-0

Gary Dolloff presented a request for \$113,750.00 for the Greater Rumford Community Center.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve \$113,750.00 for the Greater Rumford Community Center. Vote: 2-3, Mr. DiConzo, Mr. Belanger and Mr. Buccina opposed.

Mr. Dolloff presented a new written request for \$100,000.00.

Mr. Buccina made a motion to approve \$100,000.00 for the Greater Rumford Community Center. Vote: 5-0

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

Ms. Bernard presented a verbal request for Tri-County Mental Health for \$5,000.00 and explained that the original written request of \$700.00 was in error by her predecessor at the organization.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve \$700.00 for Tri-County Mental Health. Vote: 0-5, all opposed.

Ms. Bernard presented a new written request for \$3,500.00.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve \$3,500.00 for Tri-County Mental Health. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Timothy Buzzard presented a request for \$25,000.00 for Black Mountain of Maine.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$25,000.00 for Black Mountain of Maine. Vote: 3-2, Mr. DiConzo and Mr. Belanger opposed.

The following organizations did not send a person to make a request:

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve \$0 for Kennebec Behavioral Health. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve \$0 for The Life Flight Foundation. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve \$0 for The Progress Center. Vote: 5-0

The Initiated Article Requests were completed at 7:55 p.m. and a 10 minutes recess was taken.

4. Department Budgets

Public Library

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$226,091.00 for the Public Library budget. Vote: 5-0

General Assistance

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$78,097.00 for General Assistance. Vote: 3-2, Mr. DiConzo and Mr. Belanger opposed.

Assessor

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$111,656.00 for the Assessor's Office. Vote: 3-2, Mr. DiConzo and Mr. Belanger opposed.

Town Clerk

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$90,980.00 for the Town Clerk's Office. Vote: 3-2, Mr. DiConzo and Mr. Belanger opposed.

Elections

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve \$30,199.00 for Elections. Vote: 5-0

Tax Collector

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve \$83,127.00 for the Tax Collector's Office. Vote: 3-2, Mr. DiConzo and Mr. Belanger opposed.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Adley made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Vote: 5-0

John E. Madigan, Jr.
Town Manager

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