

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
March 26, 2015 5:00 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

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

ATTENDEES: Bob Chase, Beth Bellegarde, Jennifer Blodgett, Terri Palmer, Brad & Mary Gallant, Bruce Farrin, Jaclyn Torres, Stacy Carter, Ryan Palmer, Michael Mills, Deborah Laurinaitis, Dave Errington, Andy Russell

1. Meeting Call to Order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Buccina
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discussion regarding Changing the Listing of Payroll Fringe Benefit Costs on Ballot

Mr. Belanger stated that other towns, including Windham, Jay and Livermore show the entire department's budget, including fringe benefit costs, in the warrant article for voting and would like Rumford to do the same.

After discussion, the consensus of the Board was to include this information in the warrant article for each department referring voters to the Unclassified Budget article where the costs would be accounted for.

4. Discussion regarding Operating Hours for Town Hall

Mr. DiConzo believes that the Town would save money if operating the Town Offices on only four days per week rather than five days.

The Town Manager read the Ordinance for Business Provisions, Chapter 12, Section 2, which states the Town Offices "shall" be open Monday through Friday for 8 consecutive hours.

Mr. DiConzo believes that the second part of the Ordinance gives the Board the option of changing the hours.

Mr. Buccina would like Jennifer Kreckel to be contacted for her interpretation.

The Board discussed placing a non-binding question on the Warrant to ask voters if they would be interested in the Town Offices being open four days per week rather than five.

5. Department Budget Approvals at 6:20 p.m.

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

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

Code Enforcement

Dave Errington presented his budget for Code Enforcement.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$25,651.00 for Code Enforcement. Vote: 5-0

Fire

Fire Chief Robert Chase presented his budget for the Fire Department.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve \$697,776.00 for the Fire Department. Vote: 2-3, Mr. Buccina, Mr. Belanger and Mr. DiConzo opposed.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$652,776.00 for the Fire Department. Motion and second rescinded.

In discussion Chief Chase was asked about keeping 3 personnel at the station whenever possible. He suggested adding \$20,000.00 to the budget that would help in this regard.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$672,776.00 for the Fire Department. Vote: 3-2, Mr. Belanger and Mr. DiConzo opposed.

Emergency Management

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$6,947.00 for Emergency Management. Vote: 3-2, Mr. Belanger and Mr. DiConzo opposed.

Park and Recreation

Michael Mills presented the budget for the Park and Recreation Department.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$187,753.00 for Park and Recreation. Vote: 4-1, Mr. Belanger opposed.

Cemeteries

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$12,780.00 for cemeteries. Vote: 5-0

Police Department

Police Chief Stacy Carter presented the budget for the Police Department.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$778,776.00 for the Police Department. Vote: 3-2, Mr. DiConzo and Mr. Belanger opposed.

Animal Control

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$23,182.00 for Animal Control. Vote: 5-0

Public Works

Andy Russell presented the budget for the Public Works Department.

The Town Manager and Finance Director explained the adjustments that have been made in the Public Works accounts.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$381,343.00 for Summer Roads. Vote: 4-1, Mr. Belanger opposed.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$701,271.00 for Winter Roads. Vote: 4-1, Mr. Belanger opposed.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve \$60,500.00 for Bituminous. Vote: 5-0.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve \$25,000.00 for State Aid Roads. Vote: 5-0.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve \$15,000.00 for Sidewalks. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$20,000.00 for Bridges. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve \$25,000.00 for Building Demolition. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve \$31,500.00 for Puiia Business Park. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$55,951.00 for Town Garage. Vote: 5-0

Selectpersons

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$5,350.00 for Selectpersons. Vote: 5-0

Town Manager

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$173,224.00 for Town Manager's Office. Vote: 3-2, Mr. DiConzo and Mr. Belanger opposed.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$24,000.00 for Town Attorney. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$14,000.00 for Town Audit. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve \$50,000.00 for Economic Development. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$95,150.00 for Municipal Building. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$20,150.00 for Computer. Vote: 2-3, Mr. Buccina, Mr. Belanger and Mr. DiConzo opposed.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve \$17,650.00 for Computer. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$8,900.00 for Information Center. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$112,256.00 for Maine PERS. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve \$478,000.00 for Utilities. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve \$174,334.00 for Maine PERS Police and Fire. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve \$139,568.00 for Health Department. Vote: 3-2, Mr. DiConzo and Mr. Belanger opposed.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$521,974.00 for Solid Waste. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve \$23,750.00 for Municipal Planning. Vote: 3-2, Mr. Belanger and Mr. Buccina opposed.

Debt Service

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$127,058.00 in debt service. Vote: 5-0

Capital Budgets

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$515,251.00 for Capital Budgets. Vote: 3-2, Mr. Buccina and Mr. Belanger opposed.

The Board would like the Town Manager to contact Linnell Geronda, Assessor's Agent, regarding an estimate for a revaluation cost. The Board discussed using funds from the Undesignated Fund and the reval budget to have this reval done sooner.

Unclassified Budget

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve \$1,169,688.00 for the Unclassified Budget. Vote: 5-0

Contingency

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$20,000.00 for the Contingency Budget. Vote: 2-3, Mr. Buccina, Mr. DiConzo and Mr. Belanger opposed.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve \$15,000.00 for the Contingency Budget. Vote: 5-0

6. Adjournment

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Vote: 5-0

John E. Madigan, Jr.
Town Manager

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