

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING MINUTES
April 4, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

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

ATTENDEES: Elizabeth Doherty, Chris Bryant, Frank DiConzo, Frank Anastasio, Arthur Chappell, Phillip Zinck, M. Davis, Lynden Clarke Jr., Mark Belanger, Jean Jeselskis, Diana Casey, Daniel Grenier, Alan Gerace, Eric Davis, Gerald Arsenault, Darcy Cameron, Ralph Cameron, Peter DeSalle, Chris DeSalle, Bob Chase, Candice Casey, Douglas Freeman, Kevin, Jim Rinaldo, Roger Arsenault, Keith Freeman, Warren Packard, Susan Mills, John Goff, Henry Zinck, Tom Bourret, Sarah Greaney, Bruce Farrin, Dieter Kreckel, James Windover, William Heller

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. All present Pledged Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Requests of Citizen's Present

Mark Belanger read a statement from a petition submitted to the Board requesting a Special Town Meeting to consider an ordinance requesting a tax cap.

Jim Rinaldo requested the Town allow the zip line committee to do some ground work and brush cutting along the Chisholm Park Trail. Chairperson Buccina stated that the request would need to go on the next Agenda.

Candice Casey requested that the Board declare a state of emergency to act upon the petition that was presented.

Eric Davis requested a follow-up on the clean up report that resulted from the sewer discharge in the Prospect Avenue area. He requested other land owners be notified if their property is now clean.

Phillip Zinck reiterated the importance of acting upon the petition request put before the Board.

4. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Volkernick commended Dunkin Donuts for their recent renovations. He also complimented the group that organized a petition for tax relief.

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

Mr. Buccina reported that the next July 4th Committee Meeting will be held on April 2, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. He reported attending the DARE Program Graduation's 25th Anniversary and complimented those involved.

Mr. Adley also commended the Dare Program Graduation.

Ms. Lovejoy reported attending a concerned citizen group meeting at Sam's and commended Phil Zinck for organizing and running a good meeting. She reported the DARE Program Graduation was a great ceremony and commended students, instructors and parents. She asked about the tax acquired properties list and would like it placed on the next Agenda for a report on our plan for these properties.

B. Town Manager's Report

The Auditorium's Public Address system should be operational shortly and training will take place for use of the newly installed system.

The Finance Committee will meet to hear Department Head budget requests on April 9 and April 10, 2013. The Finance Committee will hear Initiated Article Requests on April 11, 2013. All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. and are held in the Municipal Building's Rumford Falls Auditorium.

Snow removal took place on Falls Hill this week as there were concerns about the amount of sand that could flow into the storm drains if allowed to melt causing clogs or hampering the drainage system.

Recycling was promoted and residents were urged to participate.

Dog owners were encouraged to pick up after their pets.

C. Department Manager's Report

Tax Collector Thomas Bourret reported on the possibility of establishing a tax club which would allow citizens to make installment payments. The voters would have to approve this, but the Board would need to consider putting this before them first. Individuals would have to agree to the plan and would be charged no interest, unless they miss a payment. He also spoke in regards to acquiring software allowing citizens to pay property tax or utilities online.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- A. Request to Approve the Minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of March 21, 2013, Selectperson's Initiated Article Meetings of **March 18, 2013 and March 25, 2013 and Special Selectperson's Meeting of March 27, 2013

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of March 21, 2013, Selectperson's Initiated Article Meetings of March 18, 2013 and March 25, 2013 and Special Selectperson's Meeting of March 27, 2013. Vote: 5-0

- B. Request to Approve the Town Warrant dated April 5, 2013

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated April 5, 2013. Vote: 5-0

- C. Request to Approve Agreement with MDOT to Transport Construction Equipment

The Town Manager explained that this request involves the transport of heavy equipment over the road and the town can require the contractor to provide a bond in the event that there is any damage. This is in regards to the Martin Memorial Bridge that is scheduled for replacement.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the agreement with MDOT to Transport Construction Equipment. Vote: 4-0-1, Ms. Lovejoy abstained due to information not being provided early enough to review.

D. Request to Approve Sewer Main CIPP (Cured in Place) Rehabilitation Bid

The Town Manager reported on the following bid opening:

1.	Layne Inliner, LLC	\$182,276.00
2.	Insituform Technologies, LLC	\$169,076.00

The Town Manager recommended that we do not award this bid as the cost was much higher than anticipated and the sewer lines have not had a problem in the 40 years they have been there except for one time. This repair alone would only apply to a small section of piping and the town has 40 miles of pipes in place to also consider.

Jim Barnett spoke about putting in a new pump station in the Sunnyside Terrace area and believes the road should also be re-built. He would like a common sense approach taken.

Eric Davis requested that sewer lines in the area be replaced as there is a huge aquifer there.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Adley made a motion not to accept either bid. Vote: 4-0-1, Ms. Lovejoy abstained.

E. Request to Approve Scheduling of Board of Selectperson's Special Meeting with the Town of Mexico Board of Selectpersons

Ms. Lovejoy believes our Select Board's in the past did not support many joint efforts with other towns. She believes our current Board is more apt to work together with the Board from the Town of Mexico. She would like to explore what they may or may not be interested in. A meeting has been scheduled for April 17, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the downstairs section of the Mexico Town Hall.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to meet with the Board of Selectpersons of the Town of Mexico on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town of Mexico Town Hall, for a discussion on regionalization of shared services.

Mr. Sterling alluded to a request by the Board of Assessors to meet with the Board on the same date after 4:00 p.m. He asked if we could move the meeting with Mexico to 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Lovejoy amended her motion for the meeting to take place at 7:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Adley recommended having a citizen's committee regarding this issue.

Kevin Saisi stated he was pleased to see this happen and believes it is essential that the Board goes into the meeting with the intent to collaborate together not necessarily to merge the towns.

Len Greaney asked if others could be involved in the meeting.

Kevin Saisi asked for further clarification as to who could attend the meeting.

Chairperson Buccina said this would be an open public meeting between the Board's of the Towns of Rumford and Mexico.

Frank DiConzo said he hopes this will go better than the last time we tried and our Board should go with a positive attitude.

Vote on the motion to meet with the Town of Mexico Board of Selectpersons on April 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mexico Town Hall: 5-0

7. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6)(D) for Labor Negotiations with Fire Chief

Mr. Sterling made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. pursuant to 1 MRS 405(6)(D) for labor negotiations with Fire Chief Robert Chase. Vote: 5-0

Executive Session Declared In: 8:00 p.m.
Executive Session Out: 8:26 p.m.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the 3 year agreement from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015 with Local #1601, International Association of Firefighters. Vote: 5-0

8. Adjournment

Mr. Sterling made a motion to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Vote: 5-0

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Town Manager

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