

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING

April 17, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

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

ATTENDEES: Kevin Saisi, Candice Casey, Roger Arsenault, Dick Lovejoy, Bromley Cook, Kevin Knox, Andy Russell, Bruce Farrin, Terry Karkos, Jim Rinaldo, Tony DeSalle

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Buccina
2. All present Pledged Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Requests of Citizen's Present

No requests were presented.

4. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

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

Mr. Sterling reported that the high school musical that was held in the Rumford Falls Auditorium went very well and the cast was very talented. He recently attended the DARE Graduation at the Mountain Valley Middle School and was impressed by the students artwork and the essays that were read to the audience. He mentioned that students recently held a "Young Writers Anthology" at the Mountain Valley Middle School that was very well done by the students from RES, MVMS and MVHS. He also read a prepared statement about postings on Facebook last week regarding the turning in of nomination papers. He asked that people come to ask questions.

Mr. Adley reported that a majority of the Board met for Ordinance changes this week and also attended the DARE Graduation. He believes in Flood Plan Maps and Shoreland Zoning because of the potential of flooding that we just weathered.

Ms. Lovejoy reported attending the DARE program with other Board members and the Town Manager and enjoyed hearing the winning essays read to the audience. She saluted Doug Maifeld and the Town for running the DARE program. She read a prepared statement regarding the turning in of nomination papers.

Mr. Buccina also attended the DARE celebration and the speaker, Julie Parisienne, was very inspiring. He also spoke of the good in our community and the challenges that are facing us now economically. We need to work together for the betterment of all in our community.

B. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager believed we were spared from a possible flood by the cold weather last night. There was some minor flooding in some low lying areas, but we were very fortunate over all.

Mr. Adley asked about the sign on I95. The Town Manager reported that we did not need to write a letter to the Governor as the Maine Turnpike Authority changed their mind and are keeping the signs regarding Rumford and Black Mountain.

C. Department Manager Reports (as needed)

1. Public Works Road Projects Update – Andy Russell

Superintendent Andy Russell gave a status update of projects for the town and answered questions as needed.

D. Board and Committee Reports (as needed)

1. Economic Development Project Update – Jim Rinaldo

Jim Rinaldo gave an update on the projects he is working on at the River Valley Growth Council.

5. Old Business

A. Further Discussion on Tax Acquired Property List of April 1, 2014

The Town Manager reported that the list includes information about the current conditions of the properties after evaluation by the Code Enforcement Officer and the Fire Chief. The Town Manager explained that he has recently learned that the process is much more comprehensive than was anticipated as notification is required for DEP and professional abatement inspectors must be involved in the demolition of multi-unit buildings. He will be in contact with them to be sure we are following the process correctly. The units at 426 and 428 Waldo Street have already been inspected and we can go out to bid on the demolition. He has asked the CEO to check with other communities and how they proceeded with the demolition process as far as writing up specifications. Single family homes are exempt from notification to the DEP. The Town Manager is going to put proper bid notices together. The property at 429 Waldo will have to be inspected before that can go out to bid.

Ms. Lovejoy wants to keep track of the cost involved in taking down buildings and would like to ask a minimum price on each building that can be used to help in the demolition costs.

The Town Manager mentioned that Mr. Hamanne has expressed interest in working out an agreement to tear down the building at 411 Cumberland Street as he owns the adjacent property. If he is deeded the property, he would be responsible to remove the building following the same process with the DEP, etc.

The Town Manager asked if the Board would like him to contact abutters to see if there is interest.

Kevin Knox mentioned that we tore a lot of buildings down in the past and there are a lot of rules to abide by. He believes the Town has employees that can run equipment to tear them down to save money and bring the debris up behind the Town Garage rather than hiring a dumpster to haul it off. The Fire Department burned a house recently and did a beautiful job. He was hired to clean it up and there was very little debris left to take care of.

Mr. Adley made a motion to allow non-resident Don Hamann to speak. Vote: 4-0

Mr. Hamann would like proceed in acquiring the property at 411 Waldo.

The Board would like to work out an agreement with him at the next meeting and he was asked to put a proposal in writing.

6. New Business

A. Request from Town Manager to Approve Minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting April 3, 2014

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of April 3, 2014.
Vote: 5-0

B. Request from Town Manager to Approve the Town Warrant dated April 18, 2014

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated, April 18, 2014.

C. Request from Mountain Valley Lyme Disease Awareness Coalition

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to have the Town Manager work with Diane Farnum to possibly install a green light in the clock tower. Vote: 5-0

D. Request for Funding for Fireworks

Kevin Saisi informed the Board that there has not been a great deal of planning for the Fireworks this year and they will not have vendors. He suggested that the Town sign the paperwork and requested \$10,141.00 from the cable franchise fees to fund the purchase of fireworks only.

Mr. Sterling received a contract on March 6, 2014 from Atlas Pyrotechnics. There was a \$900.00 reduction in cost compared to what was spent last year. The Town would be the Agent for the contract as the event is held on Town property at Hosmer Field and in the past it was signed by the Town Manager. He recommended that the total cost be paid up front, rather than putting down a deposit and paying the balance at the actual performance.

Mr. Saisi indicated that he and Eric Giroux and a few others have been involved thus far for this year.

Mr. Adley asked if any fundraising had taken place. Mr. Saisi indicated that it is too late at this point and he and Mr. Giroux do not have time to do any fundraising. They are requesting the full amount from the Board.

Mr. Buccina reported that the remaining balance from last year is \$ 1,918.00. He also mentioned that fund raising was done last year to cover all the other costs of the celebration regarding police protection, vendors, park department personnel, Med-Care presence, portable toilets, etc. He feels the \$10,000 for the fireworks will not be enough to cover everything else.

Ms. Lovejoy suggested charging admittance to the field to recover some expenses.

The Town Manager believes we have \$7,000 left from this year and there is also significant carryover funds from previous years.

Mr. Sterling asked the Board to lead with this effort as this was an event that has been enjoyed by many over the years.

Mr. Saisi suggested having the Board okay the funding, giving the Town Manager authority to work with him to work out a plan for the celebration.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the request for \$10,141.00 for the fireworks celebration from the cable franchise fees. Vote: 2-3, Ms. Lovejoy, Mr. Buccina and Mr. DiConzo opposed.

E. Public Hearing and Approval of Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for Sons of Italy

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve a Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for the Sons of Italy. Vote: 5-0

F. Request from Town Clerk to Approve Ballot Clerks for 2014-2016

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the list of Ballot Clerks for 2014-2016 submitted by the Town Clerk. Vote: 5-0

G. Approval of Parade Permit for Rite Aid Employees to hold 5K Race to benefit Barbara Bush Children's Hospital

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the Parade Permit for Rite Aid Employees to hold a 5K Race to benefit Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. Vote: 5-0

H. Request from Fraternal Order of Eagles to Close Oxford Avenue for Bike Rodeo

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the Request from the Fraternal Order of Eagles to Close Oxford Avenue for Bike Rodeo. Vote: 5-0

I. Approval of Hawker's and Peddler's License for Michael Philbrick dba Danmark Food Concessions

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the Hawker's and Peddler's License for Michael Philbrick dga Danmark Food Concessions. Vote: 5-0

J. Approval of Peak a Week to Park in Information Center Parking Lot after Hours

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to allow the Peak a Week hiking group to park in the Information Center Parking Lot after hours on the days that the group hikes. Vote: 5-0

K. Discussion to Change the Date of the Second Ordinance Hearing

There was no action taken on this item.

L. *Discussion on Approval of FEMA / MEMA Resolution on Ice Storm Events

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the FEMA / MEMA Resolution on Ice Storm Events. Vote: 5-0

7. Adjournment

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Vote: 5-0

John E. Madigan, Jr.
Town Manager

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