

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 18, 2013, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Rumford Falls Auditorium**

PRESENT: Vice-Chairperson Jeffrey Sterling, Selectperson Bradford Adley, Selectperson Jolene Lovejoy, Town Manager Carlo Puiia.

Absent: Chairperson Gregory Buccina, Jeremy Volkernick (resigned April 10, 2013)

ATTENDEES: Lynden Clarke Jr., Stacy Carter, Mike Mills, Terry Karkos, Patty Ladd, Arthur Child, Tom Bourret, James Gallant, Bob Chase, Jim Rinaldo, Glen Holmes, Dick Lovejoy, Andy Russell, Bruce Farrin, Sarah Greaney, Len Greaney, Mia Purcell, George Kimball, John Mator, Kevin, Charlotte Davis, Jack Davis, Jennifer Kreckel

1. Meeting Called to Order

2. All present Pledged Allegiance to the American Flag which was followed by a moment of silence in honor of the Boston Marathon bombing victims.

3. Requests of Citizen's Present

There were no requests presented.

4. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Adley attended one of the Finance Committee meetings and he commended the Committee for their work. He met with our Board members and the Town of Mexico Board to discuss the possibility of shared or joint services. He also spoke about the request to the MDOT about the no passing zone on Route 2 after last fall's traffic accident and would like an update and also, for Public Works update on summer projects that are scheduled.

Ms. Lovejoy apologized for missing the Public Hearing for Ordinances on April 16, 2013. She believes the joint Board meeting with the Town of Mexico went very well and is looking forward to hearing a presentation from Municipal Services, Inc., on May 8, 2013.

She also spoke of area citizens putting on benefits for people in need and how well people support them, including the organizations who allow their buildings to be used and the individuals and businesses that give donations. She believes this speaks to the character of our community. She also referred to articles in the Maine Townsman regarding tax liens and foreclosures that she recommended to Board members.

Mr. Sterling wanted to report a "caught doing something great," as he recently attended a poetry reading and wanted to recognize the great job by the students from grade three to twelve. He attended the high school musical and spoke highly of the performances. He suggested that people take a look to see the good things going on in our town.

B. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager reported attending a performance at the high school by local students who performed impromptu comedy routines.

We have re-scheduled the April 16, 2013 Ordinance Hearing to April 30, 2013. There will be another Ordinance Hearing on April 23, 2013. Requests for new ordinances or for amendments or elimination of ordinances can be made. Hearings begin at 6:00 p.m. and are held in the Rumford Falls Auditorium.

The Comprehensive Planning Committee will hold a Public Hearing on April 25, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Rumford Falls Auditorium to take comments on the proposed Comprehensive Plan that will be on the ballot at the June 11, 2013 elections. The Plan is available in the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town's website.

The Board will meet with the Board of Assessors and their industrial appraiser on May 2, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. prior to the regular Board of Selectperson's meeting to listen to and discuss the roles and responsibilities of the Assessor's Office and how it relates to the State's taxation laws in regards to the paper mill's valuation.

We have received a copy of the recent agreement between RSU 10 and the Town of Dixfield who is considering withdrawing from the RSU. The document is available for viewing in the Town Manager's Office. It contains details of how all towns in the RSU would be affected.

The Town Manager read a letter prepared by Public Works Superintendent Andy Russell to residents in the Prospect Avenue area regarding the recent sewer line break in that area. The letter explained that soil samples were taken and tests were conducted that proved the area that had been contaminated was now safe. The letter also informed residents of the Town's efforts in the clean up of the area.

The Board was informed of the Spring Clean Up and Household Hazardous Waste Collection schedule.

Residents were encouraged to recycle and also to remember to clean up after their pets.

The Town Manager reported that Jim Rinaldo was recognized as the River Valley Chamber's Volunteer of the Year.

\* Ms. Lovejoy asked to have Items G and N moved to the front of the Agenda. There was no objection by the Board.

### C. Department Manager's Report

Andy Russell, Superintendent of Public Works, gave an update to the Board of the following work scheduled for his department:

Dragoon Road is to be re-built with sanitary sewer and culvert replacements  
Pennacook Road will be re-built with State Aid funds  
Overlay will be done on the bottom half of Burgess Hill as the top half has already been done  
Overlay will be done on the further end of Royal Avenue by grinding up the tar and reusing  
Other overlays will be done as scheduled in the Annual Town Report  
Sidewalk reconstruction will begin on Congress Street

Tom Bourret, Tax Collector, reported on the 12 percent increase in excise tax collections that he feels are due to a number of reasons including more new vehicles being purchased, and the MSRP price tags are growing. People also seem to be experiencing the end of life for their older vehicles and are replacing them with newer vehicles.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- A. Request from Town Manager to Approve Minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of April 4, 2013 and Selectperson's Special Meeting of April 9, 2013

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of April 4, 2013. Vote: 3-0

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectperson's Special Meeting of April 9, 2013. Vote: 3-0

- B. Request from Town Manager to Approve Town Warrant dated April 19, 2013

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated April 19, 2013. Vote: 3-0

- C. Request from Town Manager to Accept Selectperson Jeremy Volkernick's Resignation

Mr. Adley made a motion to accept the resignation of Selectperson Jeremy Volkernick. Vote: 3-0

Mr. Sterling stated that we should acknowledge his service.

- D. Request from Park Commission to Approve Bid for Flag Poles

The Town Manager reported on the opening of the bids as follows:

1.	The Sign Store and Flag Center	\$4,253.88
2.	Gorham Flag Center	\$6,340.00
3.	Bailey Flag Center	\$5,460.00

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the bid from The Sign Store and Flag Center for \$4,253.88.

Michael Mills, Park and Recreation Foreman, informed the Board that their future plans at Veteran's Park also include the removal of the "In Memoriam" sign (while leaving the electrical service that is there), planting of a live Christmas Tree and putting up a new flag pole. They will also be removing the maple tree at the entrance.

Ms. Lovejoy requested information on what will happen with the old poles. Mr. Mills informed her that two will be disposed of and one will be offered to the Historical Society.

Vote on the motion: 3-0

- E. Request from Brian's Bistro to Approve a Liquor License Application

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the Liquor License Application for Brian's Bistro. Vote: 3-0

- F. Request from Public Works to Approve the Traffic Line Painting Bid

The Town Manager reported on the bid opening as follows:

1.	Lucas Striping	\$9,421.20
2.	Hi-Way Safety Systems, Inc.	\$8,759.34

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Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the bid from Hi-Way Safety Systems for \$8,759.34. Vote: 3-0

- G. Request from Envision Rumford to Approve a Parade Permit for the Paul Bunyan Lumber Jack Festival (taken out of order)

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the request from Envision Rumford for a parade permit for the Paul Bunyan Lumber Jack Festival. Vote: 3-0

- H. Request from Hotel Rumford to Extend Liquor License to outside area for Paul Bunyan Lumber Jack Festival

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the request from Hotel Rumford to extend their liquor license to an area outside the business for the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Festival.

Police Chief Stacy Carter requested the time frame of the extension.

Police Chief Stacy Carter informed the Board that the land is not owned by the license holder so he will need confirmation for use from the land owner. The Chief has received several emails with concerns of the amount of staffing by the applicant, public view of consumption of alcohol and control of patrons.

Mr. Adley and Ms. Lovejoy withdrew their motion and second respectively.

Mr. Adley made a motion to table this Item.

Kevin Saisi believes conditional approval would help depending on the timeline.

Vote on the motion to table: 3-0

- I. Request from Rite Aid to Approve the Children's Miracle Network 5K Race

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the Children's Miracle Network 5K Race.

Police Chief Stacy Carter provided further information on the event.

Vote on the motion: 3-0

- J. Request from Rite Aid to place 2 Storage Containers and a Trash Receptacle in upper Congress Street parking spaces to facilitate store remodeling

The Town Manager explained the request from Rite Aid to the Board.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the request from Rite Aid to place 2 storage containers and a trash receptacle in upper Congress Street parking spaces to facilitate store remodeling. Vote: 3-0

- K. Request from James Ramey, dba the Gold Digger, to Approve a Hawker's and Peddler's License

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the Hawker's and Peddler's License for James Ramey, dba the Gold Digger. Vote: 3-0

L. Request from Annette Marin to display temporary signage on the day of the Farmer's Market

Mr. Adley made a motion to table this Item as Ms. Marin was unable to attend. Vote: 3-0

M. Request from Annette Marin to Amend the beginning date of the Farmer's Market to May 10, 2013

Mr. Adley made a motion to table this item as Ms. Marin was unable to attend. Vote: 3-0

N. Request from the Envision Rumford's Zip Line Committee for Permission to do brush and trail work on Town Owned Property (taken out of order)

Jim Rinaldo explained the need to clean up and repair the old Chisholm Park Trail in order for it to be used for the Paul Bunyan Lumber Jack Festival's zip line riders to exit via an ATV trail.

Ms. Lovejoy was concerned about removing trees or doing work too close to the river.

Mr. Rinaldo explained that the dead trees and the brush that they want to remove will be reviewed by Code Enforcement Officer Rick Kent.

The Town Manager explained the Town's requirement for the group to provide insurance coverage with the Town being named as an additionally insured.

Ms. Lovejoy questioned how close the zip line landing is to the water.

Thomas Carey informed the Board that it depends on the weather as the water level changes this time of year.

Mr. Adley made a motion to grant permission to Envision Rumford to do brush and trail work on Town owned property contingent on: 1. CEO Approval, and 2. Insurance coverage. Vote: 3-0

O. Request from the Peak-a-Week Hiking Group to park after hours at the Info Center Parking Lot

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the request from the Peak-A-Week Hiking Group to park after hours at the Information Center Parking Lot.

Ms. Lovejoy questioned the Town's ability to distinguish vehicles that are allowed to park after hours.

The Town Manager volunteered to make "Parking Passes" for the Peak-A-Week hiking group.

Vote on the motion: 3-0

P. Request from Tax Collector to Place Property Tax Club Article on June 2013 Warrant

Tax Collector Thomas Bourret explained his request to the Board. This would apply to only residential properties and there would be no cost to the Town other than making the payment coupons.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the request to place a property tax club article on the June 2013 Warrant. Vote: 3-0

Q. Request from Tax Collector to Approve Online Property Tax Payments through InforME

Tax Collector, Thomas Bourret, presented his request. There would be no cost to the municipality to participate.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the online property tax payments through InforME. Vote: 3-0

R. Request from Linda Courtney to Approve Outside Musical Entertainment for her business New Beginnings at 43 Exchange Street

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the request for outside musical entertainment for New Beginnings at 43 Exchange Street. Vote: 3-0

S. Request from Rumford ATV Riders Club to use trail over Town property

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the request from the Rumford ATV Riders Club to use a trail over Town property.

Ms. Lovejoy questioned if they are the same trails that snowmobiles use.

Bill Theriault, of the Rumford ATV Riders Club, explained that some of them are but some are not. They are taking over responsibility from the River Valley Riders Club. They want to do maintenance and improvements and need land owners permission to do so.

Ms. Lovejoy suggested permission for a one year term so that the Club can prove their responsibility in maintaining the trail. This was agreeable to Mr. Theriault and the Board members.

Vote on the motion: 3-0

\*\* Kevin Kaulback, of Hotel Rumford, arrived at approximately 8:24 p.m. and the Board agreed to re-visit Item H.

H. Continued:

Mr. Kaulback indicated that the hours of the extension would be from Noon until Midnight.

The Town Manager informed Mr. Kaulback that the Police Chief had some concerns about the extension of his liquor license. The Chief wanted to be sure that Mr. Kaulback had confirmation/approval from the owner of the property to be used adjacent to his business and also about the amount of staffing that is planned to monitor the patrons in the area.

Ms. Lovejoy asked about how patrons would access the outside area. Mr. Kaulback said that they would need to go inside his business to gain access. There will be a barricade of a temporary fence that will be installed around the extended area.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the request from Kevin Kaulback of the Hotel Rumford to extend his liquor license onto adjacent outside property on May 4, 2013 for the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Festival, on condition that that Mr. Kaulback contact the Police Chief to respond to his concerns. Vote: 3-0

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#### T. Update of Tax Acquired Properties List

The Town Manager reported that a Notice of Tax Sale advertisement will be placed in the Rumford Falls Times, the Sun Journal and on the Town website. The bids are due on May 10, 2013 with the bid opening on May 13, 2013. The Board will act on these bids at their meeting of May 16, 2013.

Ms. Lovejoy asked why there were stipulations on some of the properties and not others. The Town Manager answered that some of the properties were single family homes and the one with the covenant is a multi-family property that is to be removed.

Kevin Saisi asked about a holding company being formed to hold these properties and to keep the revenues from the sale of the properties to take care of other properties so that they can be developed by others who may be interested. He said that other communities have been doing this and he would like us to consider this as well.

The Town Manager said that he only knew of a group of private business people in Wilton that managed the sale of properties and the revenues received; this was not done by the municipality.

#### 7. Adjournment

Mr. Adley made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Vote: 3-0

Carlo J. Puia  
Town Manager

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