

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS ORDINANCE HEARING**  
**April 23, 2013, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Rumford Falls Auditorium**

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

ATTENDEES: Lynden Clarke, Maurice Belanger, Wilfred Belanger, Arthur Chappell, Robert Chase, Stacy Carter, Phillip Zinck, Len Greaney, Eric Davis, Terry Karkos, Darcy and Ralph Cameron, Keith Freeman, Frank DiConzo, Henry Zinck, Jim Windover

1. The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m.
2. The following Ordinance requests was received:

Tax Cap/Tax Relief Ordinance

Mark Belanger presented a spending cap ordinance.

Mr. Sterling questioned Mr. Belanger's statement regarding the Town spending 2 to 3 times more than other towns in the State.

Mr. Belanger could not provide information at that time, but could bring in some other information.

Police Chief Stacy Carter spoke in opposition to placing this on the next Annual Town Warrant. He noted that voter approval for the budgets last year were at 70 percent.

Fire Chief Robert Chase questioned if we could research 2 percent versus the Consumer Price Index.

Len Greaney spoke in regards to regionalization and referred to the 80/20 split and he felt reducing the budgets would put this at a better level.

Mr. Buccina spoke about the level of service.

Chief Chase clarified the funding formula was based on population and valuation.

Arthur Chappell commented on the use of the fire trucks for emergencies.

Mr. Belanger believes we should try this ordinance, because if something happens with the Mill at least we can say we tried.

Mr. Sterling had a concern about Initiated Articles.

Mr. Belanger spoke about the difference of municipal spending versus education costs. He also criticized the amount of over time that town employees earn.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to accept the proposed [Spending Cap] Ordinance, with the amendment to include the Initiated Articles in the total budget. Vote: 3-0

### Property Maintenance Code

Code Enforcement Officer Richard Kent presented a proposed Property Maintenance Code Ordinance.

Mr. Sterling spoke about properties that are in disrepair. He is concerned about how strict the ordinance may be with mention of fines and imprisonment.

Mr. Kent referred him to the current Building Code which already has the same language in place.

Ms. Lovejoy referred to a house in her neighborhood that was seriously deteriorated and was a health hazard. Mr. Kent responded that he is not able to act if the building is secured.

Fire Chief Robert Chase talked about buildings that are damaged and secured with plywood but still have holes in the roof.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to put a Property Maintenance Code on the Annual Town Warrant with notes to sections that would be deleted and those that would be added.

Mr. Sterling is concerned that the town could end up acquiring many deteriorated buildings.

Chief Chase addressed issues that the Town hears repeatedly regarding the maintenance of properties in the community. He spoke of giving an owner the opportunity to provide a plan of correction and a timeframe to do it in.

Ms. Lovejoy rescinded her earlier motion and requested to have the proposed Property Maintenance Code reconsidered at the next hearing.

Mr. Buccina would like to review the ordinances that currently exist.

### Fireworks Ordinance

The Town Manager presented a Fireworks Ordinance, and amendments to Chapter 3, Finance Committee; Chapter 4, Section 8, Police and Fire Department; and Chapter 15, Hawking and Peddling

Mr. Sterling motioned to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Vote: 3-0

Carlo J. Puiia  
Town Manager

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