

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S EXECUTIVE SESSION
June 18, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
Jury Room

Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405(6)(C) for an Economic Development Matter

PRESENT: Chairperson Bradford Adley, Vice-Chairperson Jeff Sterling, Selectperson Frank DiConzo, Selectperson Mark Belanger, Selectperson Michael Peter Chase, Town Manager John Madigan, Jr.

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING
June 18, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

ATTENDEES: Ken Kelley, Bob Chase, Paul Kaulback, Tom Bourret, Debbie Laurinaitis, Jim Rinaldo, Linnell Geronda, Terri Palmer, Beth Bellegarde

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chairperson Adley
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Public Hearing: Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for 49 Franklin

There were no comments made.

4. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

Mr. DiConzo welcomed Mr. Chase to the Board. He would like to move forward on the consolidation efforts with the Town of Mexico. He would also like to move forward with the recommendations of the Town Auditor. He would like to look at going with bi-weekly payroll and direct deposit to save money and is looking into this. He was impressed with the recent meeting with the new management from Catalyst but is still feeling a little uncertain about the future of the mill.

Mr. Sterling congratulated Mr. Chase for winning the election and coming on board. He was asked after the vote why the option of merging with Mexico for Police Services was not on the ballot and believes that this matter could be brought back before the voters to possibly consolidate and work out the details if passed. The 31st Annual Trek Across Maine will be leaving Bethel tomorrow and riding along Route 2 in Rumford and drivers were asked to be aware of the bicyclists. The Rumford Point Bridge is nearing completion and could be open in a couple weeks. We had a very good turnout of 1300 people who voted at the polls and this helps to establish where we are headed.

Mr. Belanger welcomed Peter Chase to the Board. He also asked about the new ordinance for abandoned buildings and that people should report buildings in question to the Code Enforcement Officer to start the process. There are some bad intersections on Maine Avenue and he would like to have a paver come in to cut those bad areas out as the patching does not hold up.

Mr. Chase thanked the voters who supported him. As a member of the Charter Commission, he was pleased on the votes for the Charter Commission's recommendations.

Mr. Adley welcomed Peter Chase to the Board. He was optimistic to see the budgets, ordinance and charter changes passed wholeheartedly by the voters and feels the legislative body has a trust level in town government again. He believes there will be a ceremony in July for the new bridge in Rumford Point. The July 4th Celebration looks to have a pretty ambitious schedule. He noted that an Elected Officials Workshop will be held in Bethel and encouraged Board members to attend. He also asked Board members to review their Selectpersons Orientation Manual before the next meeting and would like to set some goals. He asked the Board members to bring two goals for this coming year to the next meeting. He believes regionalization is on everybody's minds and feels we are close on the Police Services.

B. Town Manager's Report

An invitation to Napa Auto Parts was provided to Board members who should RSVP if they plan to attend.

The candidate nominations for the MMA Executive Board were also provided to Board members to be voted upon at a later time.

C. Department Manager Reports (as needed)

None.

D. Board and Committee Reports (as needed)

None.

5. Requests of Citizen's Present

None.

6. Old Business

A. Discussion on Repairs to Fire Engine 4 (Chief Chase)

Fire Chief Robert Chase explained the mechanical problem with Engine 4 and has received an estimate for a complete pump rebuild for \$12,764.00. He is reluctant to make any large scale investments in trucks due to regionalization efforts and not being in a good place with the capital plan. He recommends doing the repair at this time. This is the engine that is usually stationed in Rumford Point. We also have Tanker 5 that is about the same age and needs to be considered. The repairs will get us three more years he believes, rather than purchasing a new engine for \$425,000.00. We may not need to make any additional investment in the future if we hold off for now. The Chief suggested the repairs be made from revenue provided by the Towns of Hanover (\$5,000.00) and Milton (\$3,000.00).

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the repairs and to allocate the amount needed from the budget and from Hanover and Milton contract fees. Vote: 5-0

7. New Business

A. Approval of Minutes from June 4, 2015 and Organization Meeting of June 9, 2015

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2015 Selectperson Meeting and June 9, 2015 Organization Meeting. Vote: 5-0

B. Approval of the Town Warrant dated June 19, 2015

This Item was moved to the end of the Agenda.

C. Approval of Liquor License Application and Special Amusement Permit for 49 Franklin Reception Hall

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Liquor License Application and Special Amusement Permit for 49 Franklin Reception Hall. Vote: 5-0

D. Approval of Town Owned Property Bids

The Town Manager reported on the receipt of two bids: one for 566 Prospect Avenue from Paul Kaulback and one salvage bid for 317 Pine Street from Kenneth Kelley.

Richard Scagliola asked about code violations at 41 Lochness Road (Town owned).

Fire Chief Chase noted that the structure at 41 Lochness Road is not a multi-family home; therefore, it has not had an inspection for specific violations. He added that the Town does not intend to do inspections on one or two family homes, nor do we plan to do pre-purchase inspections due to liability issues. We will however, provide opportunities for a potential bidder/buyer to conduct an inspection or bring in a professional inspector of their own.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to accept the bid from Paul Kaulback for 566 Prospect Avenue in the amount of \$1,002.00 and to have the structure removed in one year as listed in the specs of the bid and also to write off the uncollectable taxes that are not covered in the bid amount. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Belanger made a motion to accept the salvage bid from Kenneth Kelley for 317 Pine Street in the amount of \$250.00, with the salvage completed by July 15, 2015 and the money to go into the Demolition Fund. Vote: 5-0

E. Approval of Fiscal Year Ending Meeting for June 30, 2015 and Noon Closing of Town Offices

The Town Manager noted that it has been customary for the Town to hold this short meeting to approve the Accounts Payable Warrant for the end of the fiscal year. We also have an Elected Officials Workshop to attend in Bethel at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to hold the FYE meeting at 9:00 p.m. on June 30, 2015, after the workshop in Bethel, and to approve the closing of the Municipal Building Offices at Noon on the same day. Vote: 5-0

F. Discussion regarding Park Department Exemption on Festival Event License Fee

The Town Manager explained that we recently adopted a change to our Hawker's and Peddler's License Ordinance. The Town Park Department will be hosting the July 4th Festival and he believes the Town should be exempt from paying itself for the Festival Event License Fee.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to exempt the Park and Recreation Department from the Festival Event License Fee. Vote: 5-0

G. Request from RV Healthy Community's ACE Team to Install Bicycle Passing Signs

The Town Manager explained that the RV Healthy Community's Ace Team is interested in having signs placed in the town to spread awareness of the 3 foot minimum passing space for drivers to give to bicyclists. The MDOT is providing the free 36 inch square Federal Highway Administration approved signs to municipalities; the Town would be responsible for the installation costs. He also noted the "Trek Across Maine" that comes through Rumford every year with 2,000 bikers and discussed the potential placement of the signs. A recommendation from Todd Papianou was given to the Board for placement.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve up to the number of signs necessary to be placed in the Town of Rumford along Route 120, Route 232, South Rumford Road and Route 2. Vote: 5-0

H. Appointment of AVCOG General Assembly Representative

Mr. Belanger made a motion to appoint Frank DiConzo as the Executive Committee Representative. Vote: 5-0

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to appoint Jeffrey Sterling as the General Assembly Representative. Vote: 5-0

I. Approval of Fund Balance Policy

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the proposed Fund Balance Policy. Vote: 5-0

J. Discussion to Explore Relocating Offices in the Town Hall

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to explore the relocation of the Town Offices in the Municipal Building. Vote: 5-0

K. * Request from Port to Port for 30 Minute Parking Spaces

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve two 30-minute parking signs and to remove the taxi stand sign on Waldo Street in front of the Port to Port business area. Vote: 5-0

7B. Approval of the Town Warrant

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated June 19, 2015. Vote: 5-0

8. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405(6)C) for an economic development matter

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:49 p.m. pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6)(C) for an economic development matter with the Wowza Zipline developers. Vote: 5-0

Executive Session Out at 8:42.

No action taken.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Sterling made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Vote: 5-0

John E. Madigan, Jr.
Town Manager

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