

**PUBLIC HEARING for Special Secret Poll Meeting regarding General Assistance Budget
PUBLIC HEARING to Amend Appendix A of the General Assistance Ordinance
July 9, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium**

Chairperson Buccina opened the Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m. and read the Warrant for the Secret Poll Meeting of July 22, 2014.

There were no comments from the Public.

The Public Hearing closed at 5:52 p.m.

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING
July 9, 2014, 6:30 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium**

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

ATTENDEES: Kevin Saisi, Matt Daigle, Robert Chase, Roger Arsenault, Kevin Knox, Bruce Farrin, Richard Suydam, Beth Bellegarde, Thelma Giberson, Terri Palmer

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:10 p.m. by Chairperson Buccina
2. All present Pledged Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Requests of Citizen's Present

Kevin Saisi requested that the Public Works Department work on maintaining our roads and to consider other options such as bidding out for major projects.

4. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

Mr. DiConzo asked to have the Holyoke Avenue culvert put back on the list.

Mr. Sterling did not have a report.

Mr. Belanger asked who was responsible for taking care of the house in Smithcrossing on Route 108 that burned a few years ago as it is an eyesore coming into town. Mr. Adley noted that this building was discussed a couple years ago and all that is required is that the building is secured from entry. The Town Manager will contact Fire Chief Robert Chase and CEO David Errington to see if the building can be removed.

Mr. Adley gave "attaboys" to all the Town and State employees who responded to all the water damage done from the storm on July 2, 2014. He would like to discuss prioritizing our summer projects as we will be taking care of all the damage for some time. Mr. Buccina would like Andy Russell to attend the next Board meeting to discuss this situation.

Mr. Buccina would like a process to promote ideas placed on our Town website. He also commended our town and state employees and electric company for their quick responses to the storm damages.

B. Town Manager's Report

Tomorrow night will be the Kick-Off meeting for all the Consolidation Study Sub-Committees with Municipal Resources to be held in the Rumford Falls Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.

The Town Manager asked if Greg Buccina or Frank DiConzo (already appointed as AVCOG General Assembly Representatives) wanted to serve on the Executive Committee of AVCOG. Mr. Buccina was willing to serve.

The abatement study report on 428 Waldo Street noted that a 9x12 section of linoleum contained asbestos and needed to be removed at a price of \$1500.00-\$2000.00. Maine DEP was contacted for names of other abatement professionals and Environmental Remediation quoted \$900 for the same job. Andy Russell will contact them to contract for the job. There are also buildings at 429 Waldo Street and 222 Pine Street that need to be inspected before we can consider demolition. Mr. Buccina suggested having this vendor look at these buildings when they come up to remove the linoleum.

The Public Works crews have been working hard to make the roads passable and enable citizens to get out of their homes.

C. Department Manager Reports (as needed)

There were no reports given.

D. Board and Committee Reports (as needed)

Kevin Saisi reported that the Charter Commission did not meet on their last scheduled date as there was a lack of a quorum. They will put a plan in place for people to rsvp so that there will be a quorum present for future meetings.

Mr. DiConzo reported that the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee will meet on July 14, 2014 in the Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- A. Approval of Minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of June 19, 2014 and Selectperson's End of Year Meeting of June 30, 2014

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of June 19, 2014 and Selectperson's End of Year Meeting of June 30, 2014. Vote: 5-0

- B. Request from Town Manager to Approve the Town Warrant dated July 10, 2014

Mr. Adley made a motion to table this Item until the end of the meeting. Vote: 5-0

- C. Approval of 5K Run for Black Mountain of Maine

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the 5K Run for Black Mountain of Maine. Vote: 5-0

D. Update on Black Mountain of Maine - Roger Arsenault

Roger Arsenault gave an update on the plans for the summer at Black Mountain of Maine and the status of the last winter season.

E. Request from Holy Savior School to Close section of Maine Avenue for Holy Savior Fall Festival

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the request from Holy Savior School to close a section of Maine Avenue from Franklin Street to Washington Street for the Holy Savior Fall Festival.

Vote: 5-0

F. Request from Steven Shearer regarding Tax Acquired Property at 16 Free Street

Chairperson Buccina read the request from Mr. Shearer, who was not present at the meeting.

Mr. Buccina would like an agreement prepared for the next meeting listing the amount to be paid for taxes due, taxes for this year and the demolition of the porches along with the date to be paid before issuance of a Quit Claim Deed.

Mr. DiConzo recalled that there have been attempts to have Mr. Shearer take care of problems in the past and the issues were not resolved.

Fire Chief Robert Chase would like an opportunity to inspect the interior of the property, take photos, and bring back an assessment to the next meeting.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to table this item until the next meeting on July 24, 2014. Vote: 5-0

G. Approval of Election Ballot Clerks for Special Secret Poll Meeting

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the following ballot clerks recommended by the Town Clerk for the Special Secret Poll Meeting: Barbara Burns, Elliot Burns, Carolyn Kennard, Gerry Boivin, Charlene Dickson and Cecilia Arsenault.

Town Clerk Beth Bellegarde explained that she does not have confirmation for Ms. Arsenault; although if she cannot serve, the Moderator can appoint a ballot clerk at the Secret Poll Meeting.

Vote: 5-0

H. ** Signing of Quit Claim Deed for 387 High Street

The Town Manager explained that the Town Attorney drew up the Quit Claim Deed with the covenants that were voted upon by the Board at their previous meeting. The Town Clerk confirmed that Mr. Crews has made the \$1500.00 payment for the property.

Mr. Adley made a motion to sign a Quit Claim Deed for Clarence Michael Crews for the tax acquired property at 387 High Street. Vote: 5-0

I. ** Appointments of Board and Committee Members

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to make the following appointments:

Animal Control Officer
Animal Control Officer, Alternate
Board of Appeals
Finance Committee
Library Board of Trustees
Northern Oxford Reg. Solid Waste Bd.
Rumford-Mexico Sewerage District
Rumford Water District

Susan Milligan
Ashley Hall
Stephanie Wilson
Jonathan Starr, Richard Lovejoy, Christopher Brennick
Marie Boudreau
Gregory Buccina
Mary LaPointe
Harrison Burns

It was noted that Ashely Hall has already been certified as an ACO and was so selected to serve as the Alternate.

Vote on the appointments: 5-0

The Board requested that the vacant positions be re-advertised for the next meeting.

J. Approval of General Assistance Ordinance Appendix A

Chairperson Buccina informed those present that a Public Hearing was held prior to the Board Meeting on this issue.

The Ordinance is based on the MMA model ordinance and is in effect from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 and will be filed with the Department of Health and Human Services per State Statute.

General Assistance Clerk Thelma Giberson provided further information in response to questions from the Board. The Board would also like to know the number of clients and length of time that they are being assisted.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the amendment of Appendix A of the General Assistance Ordinance. Vote: 5-0

K. Approval of Pole Permit from CMP for Bridge on Isthmus Road

The Town Manager explained that these poles, west of the bridge near the Beliveau Road, are being moved out of the Right-of-Way and a couple half poles will also be installed.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the Pole Permit for CMP on the Isthmus Road. Vote: 5-0

L. Election of MMA Legislative Policy Committee Members

Mr. Adley made a motion to elect John Madigan and Gregory Buccina to the MMA Legislative Policy Committee. Vote: 5-

M. Discussion on Second Offer from Wells Fargo to Donate Property and Funds to Town

The Town Manager explained that Wells Fargo, an asset management company, has offered another property at 239 Penobscot Street along with \$27,500.00 to the Town in lieu of demolition.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to place on a Special Town Meeting Warrant, the second offer from Wells Fargo for acceptance of property to the Town, to transfer the funds to the Building Demolition Fund and to seek approval for the Board to dispose of the property. Vote: 5-0

N. ** Re-Signing of Warrant for Special Secret Poll Meeting of July 22, 2014

The previous Warrant that was signed included both the Special Town Meeting and Secret Poll Meeting and these meetings have since been placed on separate Warrants as they deal with different issues.

Mr. Adley made a motion to re-sign the Warrant for the Special Secret Poll Meeting of July 22, 2014. Vote: 5-0

- O. ** Scheduling of Special Town Meeting to Accept Donated Properties and Funds from Wells Fargo and to Issue a Quit Claim Deed for Map 112, Lot 21

The Town Manager explained that the Town Attorney advised that the Special Secret Poll Meeting can only pertain to budgetary items; land issues must go to a Special Town Meeting.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the Special Town Meeting to be held on July 24, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. to accept donated properties (2) and funds from Wells Fargo and to Issue a Quit Claim Deed for Map 112, Lot 21. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the Warrant for a Special Town Meeting on July 24, 2014. Vote: 5-0

Chief Robert Chase and the tax acquired ad hoc committee would like to reschedule their workshop to 5:00 p.m. as the Special Town Meeting will be held at 6:00 the same day.

** Item 7B. Request from Town Manager to Approve the Town Warrant dated July 10, 2014

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated July 10, 2014. Vote: 5-0

8. Adjournment

Mr. Adley made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Vote: 5-0

John E. Madigan, Jr.
Town Manager

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