

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING**  
**August 1, 2013, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Rumford Falls Auditorium**

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

ATTENDEES: Eric Giroux, Tom Fallon, Terry Karkos, Kevin Saisi

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. All present Pledged Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Requests of Citizen's Present

Eric Giroux would like to address a situation on Lincoln Avenue between Hancock Street and Waldo Street because cars are passing on the right in the intersection.

Kevin Saisi noted that the Community Development Director position is held by someone who already holds another position. He believes the Town should consider assigning that position to another person who would have more time to devote to the position's mission.

4. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Adley reported attending the Maine Street Downtown Kickoff Meeting and found the meeting to be a positive step for the Town.

Ms. Lovejoy thanked the voters that showed up at the Election and the workers there as well.

Mr. DiConzo reported attending the Maine Street Downtown Meeting that was well attended. He heard a lot of good ideas that will help the Town. He also attended a workshop in Farmington on the new voting machines and he believes it was a good choice to get these machines from the State. He also attended the Korean War Veteran's Ceremony at the American Legion that was well presented and heart warming.

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

B. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager read a thank you card from the Western Valley Access Channel for the Town's continued support and generosity.

A representative from Senator Angus King's office will be here on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Town Manager read a Congressional Record from Congressman Michael Michaud to congratulate the Town of Rumford and the Envision Rumford Group for becoming a Maine Downtown Network Community.

The Town will be hosting two concerts for the Crossroads International Celtic Festival on September 14, 2013 at 49 Franklin and Rumford Falls Auditorium. Envision Rumford is also planning a street festival with additional activities. He thanked the Envision Rumford group of volunteers for all their hard work.

During the week of August 5, 2013 we will begin every other week curbside recycling collection to save on costs for the Town of approximately \$10,000 per year. Trash will continue to be picked up on a weekly basis.

Last Saturday the Town Manager attended the River Valley Korean War Veteran Recognition Ceremony. He credited Len Greaney for getting this passed in the State Legislature and the Veteran's present were gratified and humbled to be honored.

The Town Manager referenced his comment about "a flaw in they system" in the voting per the Charter. He related that at the last election 60 percent of the people voted for one of the budget amounts, yet the 40 percent of the people who did not support funding a budget won the vote. He tried to present a change to the voting system, so that if a majority of the voters voted for a budget that the lowest figure would be accepted so we would have a budget rather than going without a budget amount from the minority vote.

The Town Manager informed those present that a sound bite from a comment that he made was sensationalized [misinterpreted] by a local citizen regarding the black ice possibility and the town's response time. To clarify, he stated that if there is the potential of black ice, we will get out there to take care of it as soon as we are able to.

There have been some criticisms about the times of the election for the RSU 10 budget vote as the Town had advertised the election to be held from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The school prepared the Warrant which listed the time Rumford polls would be open until 8:00 p.m. and is the legal document to determine that decision. The Town Clerk called to keep the polls open until 8:00 p.m. that evening.

There was a recent news article that stated the Town Manager told a reporter on the telephone that the Warrant had to be approved by the Town. The Town Manager had actually told the reporter that the Warrant had to be approved by the Town Attorney; the journalist failed to include the full remarks. The "local distorter" or the "local citizen who has been distorting information," accused the Town Manager of reporting false information to the press. He reminded citizens to not believe everything that is written in the newspaper or online comments section of news articles, because much of it is only opinion and not factual. The news reporters are human as well as they have a deadline to report news and the rest of the article was fine.

In answer to some questions, the Town Manager informed citizens that there has not been any money put into the new budget proposals for the Greater Rumford Community Center. The GRCC does need financial help. Black Mountain has a large volume of support from all over. The GRCC does not have that luxury. They are appealing for donations and need your support. We would like to see them stay open.

Mr. Sterling mentioned that we are in a charged political atmosphere at present and there are people who are looking to parse one little word to make their point. If we recognize these are the times we are in and are working our way through it we will come out on the other end and be better for it. One

thing that should be mentioned is that the Charter sets the hours for the Secret Poll Elections, it is not set by the Board of Selectpersons, unless there is a special meeting.

C. Department Manager's Report

There were no reports presented at the meeting.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- A. Request from Town Manager to Approve Minutes from the Special Selectperson's Meeting of July 16, 2013 and Selectperson's Meeting of July 18, 2013

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Selectperson's Meeting of July 16, 2013 and Selectperson's Meeting of July 18, 2013. Vote: 4-0

- B. Request from Town Manager to Approve Town Warrant dated August 2, 2013

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated August 2, 2013. Vote: 4-0

- C. Appointment of Health Officer and other Boards/Committees

The Town Manager read an excerpt from the Charter to explain that the position of Health Officer does not require residency based upon Article II, Section 3 and Article XIII, Section 4.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to appoint David Saphier as Health Officer. Vote: 4-0

The Town Manager presented two names to the Board as potential candidates for the remaining position on the Finance Committee that have been qualified by Moderator, Robert Cameron.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to appoint Bromley Cook to the Finance Committee. Vote: 3-0-1, Mr, DiConzo abstained.

The Town Manager related that Josanne Dolloff was the other candidate and will be placed on the list of qualified applicants that the Moderator keeps in case of a position opening.

- D. Approval of Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for 49 Franklin

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for 49 Franklin. Vote: 4-0

- E. Request for Discharge of Mortgage for 94 River Street

The Town Manager explained who the building with the mortgage is owned by and where the building is located and that the UDAG loan mortgage was paid back to the Town by Steward and Georgie Young.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the discharge of mortgage for 94 River Street. Vote: 4-0

- F. Approval of Date for Budget Public Hearing

The Town Manager requested that the date of the Public Hearing be set for August 15, 2013.

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Please note: These minutes are not verbatim. A digital recording of the meeting is available by contacting the Town Manager's Office during regular business hours.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to set the Public Hearing date for August 15, 2013. Vote: 4-0

G. Approval of Date for Secret Poll Election Meeting

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to set the Secret Poll Election Meeting date for August 27, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the American Legion, upon conditional review of the time frame by the Town Attorney. Vote: 4-0

H. Approval of Warden and Deputy Warden's for Secret Poll Election Meeting

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to appoint Gregory Buccina as Warden. Vote: 4-0

Mr. Sterling made a motion to appoint Frank DiConzo as Deputy Warden. Vote: 3-0-1, Mr. DiConzo abstained.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to appoint Bradford Adley as Deputy Warden. Vote: 3-0-1, Mr. Adley abstained.

7. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6)(C) for an economic development matter with Jim Rinaldo

Note: Mr. Rinaldo was not able to attend.

Mr. Adley made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6)(C) for an economic development matter. Vote: 4-0

Executive Session declared in at 7:51 p.m.  
Executive Session declared out at 8:01 p.m.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to continue to explore the natural gas project and pursue a TIF Agreement. Vote: 4-0

8. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6)(A) for a personnel matter with the Town Manager

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6)(A) with the Town Manager. Vote: 4-0

Executive Session declared in at 8:02 p.m.  
Executive Session declared out at 8:06 p.m.

No action was taken.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Vote: 4-0

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Town Manager

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