

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S EXECUTIVE SESSION
September 3, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
Conference Room

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

Executive Session Pursuant to 1 MRS §405(6)(A) for a personnel matter

Mr. Diconzo made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:55 p.m. pursuant to 1 MRS §405 (6)(A) for a personnel matter with Tax Collector Thomas Bourret. Vote: 5-0

Executive Session Out at 6:35 p.m.

No action taken.

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING
September 3, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

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

ATTENDEES: Michael Mills, Dale Roberts, Bob Chase, Terri Palmer, Bruce Farrin, Emile Barre, Carolyn Kennard, Luke Sorensen

1. Meeting Call to Order at 6:40 p.m. by Chairperson Adley
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Public Hearing: Liquor License Application for Gatch's LLC

There were no comments.

4. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Chase asked about the status of the letters sent out to property owners with run-down buildings. The Town Manager noted that property owners were sent letters but not all have responded to the Code Enforcement Officer at this time. Many will need to go to the Town Attorney.

Mr. Belanger was concerned about the deterioration of the cement on Memorial Bridge and the status of the lights being out along the bridge. The Town Manager noted it was the responsibility of the Maine Department of Transportation to repair the bridge and he will reach out to them about the cement issue. The Town Manager also noted that Andy Russell was going to look into getting the lights repaired on the bridge.

Mr. DiConzo was concerned about supervision of summer workers who he feels are not doing the painting properly. He also noted that there is some broken hot top on Spruce Street and asked if we were going to do something about it. The Town Manager responded that he had asked Andy Russell to have Bruce Manzer take care of these areas when he is here to do some paving.

Mr. Sterling did not have a report.

Mr. Adley recently heard some concerns from security representatives from Catalyst Paper about the Haverhill Bridge and the lack of lighting and asked the Town Manager to look into this. He also noted that the Philip Blampied v. Town of Rumford Board of Selectperson court case will be held on September 8, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Oxford County Superior Court House regarding the spending cap and that the public may attend to hear the oral argument.

B. Town Manager's Report

At their Night of Appreciation during the first week of October, the Town of Mexico will be recognizing the local boys who were part of the team that went to the Babe Ruth World Series. The Mexico Board has invited the Rumford Board to attend and participate in the recognition and also to give the Rumford Board an opportunity to observe the Town of Mexico's Appreciation Night. The consensus of the Rumford Board was to also participate in honoring these boys at that time.

The Maine Municipal Association will hold the Annual Convention on October 7 and October 8. Board members should contact the Town Manager's Office to register if they plan to attend. We also received the MMA voting delegates credential form to choose a delegate and alternate to vote at the MMA business meeting.

A letter was received from Shannon Scott, 227 Knox Street, who requested no parking across the street from her house. The Board members will take a look and place the request on the next Agenda. Dale Roberts said there is only parking on one side of the street in that area.

Western Maine Transportation Services recently sent a letter requesting letters of support for them to go to Oxford County for their budgetary needs rather than going to the towns. The Board can make a decision at the next meeting if they wish.

The Public Works Department finished the sewer line on Linnell Street and next week will work on the storm line. Shortly thereafter they will start the Jed Martin Road.

Mr. DiConzo added that the Select Board of Mexico would like all other Med-Care towns to write a letter of support requesting the salaries. The Town Manager noted that there is a letter from the Town of Mexico forthcoming, asking member towns if they would be share in the cost of an attorney to get this information through the Freedom of Information law.

C. Department Manager Reports (as needed)

Park and Recreation Superintendent, Michael Mills informed the Board that he is waiting to hear from the carnival people of the amount of the proceeds taken in that will be shared with the Park and Rec Department. It was reported they did not do well on Saturday and Sunday. The timing of the event and lack of advertising may have had an impact.

The flagpole at the Memorial Green will be replaced soon to make it possible for one person to raise and lower the flags. It currently takes two people, by law, to raise and lower the flags because of the height. The old pole was ready for scraping and repainting and it was decided to replace the pole at this time rather than incur that expense. The new poles should last 25-30 years before needing painting. Once this is done all the Town's flagpoles will be maintenance free. The two crow's nests at the football field were taken down and the floor boards were found to have rotted out. A new one was placed on top of the broadcast booth and there was a concern from an opposing team that we could hear them making their calls. As a result of this, RSU 10 decided to put up a staging on the opposing side and our insurance company approved this as long as it was posted and the ladder removed every night.

Library Director, Luke Sorensen, informed the Board that the Friends of the Rumford Public Library were awarded a \$45,000 grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation to restore the Library's original vaulted Reading Room ceiling. He also passed out information to Board members. The Board was happy to receive this news. The Library Board is presently talking with an architect about the job.

D. Board and Committee Reports (as needed)

None.

5. Requests of Citizen's Present

None.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

A. Approval of Minutes from the Select Board Meeting of August 20, 2015 and Executive Session of August 19, 2015

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the minutes from the Select Board Meeting of August 20, 2015 and Executive Session of August 19, 2015. Vote: 5-0

B. Approval of the Town Warrant dated September 4, 2015

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated September 4, 2015. Vote: 5-0

C. Approval of Hosmer Field Bathroom Repair Bid

Park Superintendent Michael Mills reported that one bid was received from Complete and Affordable Construction/Excavation, LLC, for \$9,875.00. The bathrooms also need to be updated to ADA standards as well as completion of the needed repairs. He received one estimate for plumbing. The Town Manager noted that the insurance company has indicated that

they will pay \$6,800.00 although all the estimates have not yet been submitted to the insurance company. The work proposal is to do more than what was damaged by the fire.

For the purpose of transparency, several members of the Board noted that Complete and Affordable Owner Jim Barnett, has done work for them.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the bid from Complete and Affordable Construction/Excavation, LLC for the amount of \$9,875.00. Vote: 5-0

D. Approval of Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for Gatch's LLC

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for Gatch's LLC. Vote: 5-0

E. Request from Gatch's LLC to Approve Catering Permit Application

Mr. Belanger made a motion to table this item until the next meeting per request of Bonnie Gatchell. Vote: 5-0

F. Approval of Parade Permit for Pumpkinfest Downtown Dash 5K Race

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the Parade Permit for the Pumpkinfest Downtown Dash 5K Race. Vote: 5-0

G. Signing of Quit Claim Deed for 429 Waldo Street for Richard Breau

The Board members signed the Quit Claim Deed for 429 Waldo Street for Richard Breau.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Real Estate Transfer Tax Declaration. Vote: 5-0

H. Signing of Quit Claim Deed for 226 Knox Street for Roland and Tami Martel

The Board signed the Quit Claim Deed for 226 Knox Street for Tami Martel.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Real Estate Transfer Tax Declaration. Vote: 5-0

I. Discussion to Authorize the Town Manager to Sign the Waiver Valuation Offer and Settlement Agreement Letters for Temporary Road Rights Between Route 108 and Hartford Street (MDOT)

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Waiver. Vote: 5-0

J. *Approval of Application for Catered Function by Qualified Catering Organization (Mainely Bartenders) to Take Place at the Perennial Inn

The Town Manager explained that Police Chief Stacy Carter contacted Larry Sanborn at the State Liquor Enforcement Agency who was familiar with the catering company, Mainely Bartenders. He and Chief Carter had no objections.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the application. Vote: 5-0

8. Adjournment

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Vote: 5-0

John E. Madigan, Jr.
Town Manager

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