

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING**  
**September 4, 2014, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Rumford Falls Auditorium**

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

ATTENDEES: Brad Gallant, Eric Giroux, Kevin Saisi, Robert Chase, Phil Blampied, Julie Allison, Terry Karkos, Deborah Laurinaitis, Stacy Carter, Jim Rinaldo, Terri Palmer, Don Boucher, Michelle Boucher, Dan Gauvin, Emile Barre

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Buccina
2. All present Pledged Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Public Hearing (as needed)

None needed.

4. Requests of Citizen's Present

None presented.

5. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

Mr. DiConzo expressed disappointment with Municipal Resources regarding moving forward and wants to know what is happening.

Mr. Adley noted the road paving work being done by Pike and the MDOT on Route 2. Work has been done on Dragoon Road and it looks 100 percent better, it has also been ditched. He also mentioned that the Rumford Police have been extremely busy with many incidents as of late.

Mr. Sterling, Mr. Belanger and Mr. Buccina did not have reports for this meeting.

B. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager noted that the MRI Consultant sent an email and wants to schedule a meeting with focus groups and municipal employees along with a Joint Board of Selectperson Meeting with the Town of Mexico on September 23, 2014 in Mexico prior to the Mexico Board Meeting.

There is a potential issue with the due dates for tax collection on October 1, 2014. The Board of Assessor's will be meeting with Brookfield Power on Sept 11 and on Sept 17 about the NewPage assessment. He has spoken to MMA and Town Attorney Kreckel.

The Town Manager informed the Board that he recently denied a grievance and the next step is the Board of Selectpersons.

There is a Meet and Greet with Gubernatorial Candidate Eliot Cutler scheduled on September 18, 2014 at the Muskie Memorial and the Board has been invited to meet with Mr. Cutler afterward at approximately 5-6 pm regarding municipal concerns.

The Town Manager reported attending a ribbon cutting for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, which was able to stay in this area due to efforts on the part of our local legislators and local officials.

C. Department Manager Reports (as needed)

None were given.

D. Board and Committee Reports (as needed)

Kevin Saisi reported that the Charter Commission was not able to prepare their Preliminary Report within the 9 month time frame and asked for an extension up to 24 months for the Commission to complete their work on the Preliminary Report and Final Report. He also requested that the appointed members have their terms extended to complete their work. These items will be placed on the next Agenda.

Frank DiConzo reported that the Implementation Committee will be meeting on September 8, 2014.

6. Old Business

A. Recommendation from Town Property Ad Hoc Committee for 21 Falmouth Street

Fire Chief Robert Chase, explained the process that the Town Property Ad Hoc Committee went through to give their current recommendation for 21 Falmouth Street. Their recommendation is to put the property out to bid and to ask for a minimum bid of \$7,243.00.

The Town Manager explained the current situation with the tax acquired properties and our desire to move forward in this process with all the properties.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee to put the tax acquired property at 21 Falmouth Street out to competitive bid. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Adley made a motion not to accept the offer from Don and Michelle Boucher for 21 Falmouth Street at the present time. Vote: 5-0

B. Discussion to Carry Forward the Designated Fund Balance Accounts

The Town Manager explained the accounts that will be carried forward.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to allow non-resident Deborah Laurinaitis, Finance Director, to speak. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Carry Forward of the Designated Fund Balance Accounts. Vote: 5-0

7. New Business

A. Approval of Minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of August 21, 2014

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of August 21, 2014. Vote: 5-0

B. Approval of the Town Warrant dated September 5, 2014

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

C. Request from Envision Rumford for use of Benches, Tables & Trash Cans for Pumpkin Fest

Jim Rinaldo explained that this request would help with the Pumpkin Fest event scheduled for the Congress Street area.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the request for use of benches, tables and trash cans for the Pumpkin Fest event. Vote: 5-0

The consensus of the Board was to allow the portable toilets to be placed out a few days in advance.

D. Request from Envision Rumford for \$500 for Radio Broadcast of Pumpkin Fest

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$500 from the Economic Development Account for radio broadcast of Pumpkin Fest. Vote: 5-0

E. Release Deed for Mark Davis (Map 112, Lot 21) approved by the Citizens on July 24, 2014

Mr. Belanger made a motion to sign the Release Deed for Mark Davis for Map 112, Lot 21. Vote: 5-0

F. Request from RV Healthy Communities for Parade Permit for Downtown Dash 5K Race

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the parade permit for Downtown Dash 5K Race. Vote: 5-0

G. Request for Signage on Knox Street to Allow for Funeral Parking near Holy Savior Church

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to place signs to allow for parking on Knox Street near the church during funerals.

Police Chief Stacy Carter explained the concerns of the Police Department with the parking on this narrow street as they had received calls about driveways had been blocked. There is also a concern with safety (fire) vehicles gaining access through the street during an emergency.

Fire Chief Chase will investigate the area for passage of fire vehicles and report back to the Board.

Mr. DiConzo rescinded his motion. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Sterling made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Vote: 5-0

H. Request for Signage at Intersection of Rumford Avenue (Route 2) and Franklin Street

The Town Manager suggested a Route 2 sign be placed at the crest of the hill heading west before the intersection to help guide travelers through the area. The rotary area was also recently painted with a directional arrow for Route 2 on the new pavement. The Town Manager will contact Andy Russell to ask the MDOT to replace the US Route 2 West sign below Meader's Funeral Home.

I. Discussion regarding Proposal from Sheriff's Office for Police Coverage

Mr. Belanger made a motion to have the Town Manager draft a letter to the Sheriff's Office to request a proposal for Police coverage of our community.

Police Chief Stacy Carter stated that this request did not come from the Police Sub-Committee.

Mr. Belanger stated that he contacted a Municipal Resources representative about this possibility and it was suggested that he look into this.

Vote on the motion: 4-1, Mr. Adley opposed.

J. Approval of MDOT Agreement to Replace Culverts on Andover Road

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the Agreements with the MDOT for the Andover Road projects for Meadow Brook and Split Brook. Vote: 5-0

\*\*\*Critical Circumstance Declared by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. DiConzo. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve a Special Town Meeting on September 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to extend the due date for the first payment of the property taxes to November 3, 2014 and for the regular Board of Selectperson's Meeting to begin immediately after the Special Town Meeting is concluded. Vote: 5-0

K. Approval to Change Board Meeting Dates of September 18, October 2, and October 16

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to change the Board of Selectperson's Meeting of September 18, 2014 to September 22, 2014 to begin immediately after the Special Town Meeting on the same date. Vote: 5-0

The Town Manager explained that the meeting dates of October could stay the same as the MMA Convention will conclude at 4 p.m. which should give enough time to return from Augusta for the meeting on October 1, 2014.

8. Adjournment

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Vote: 5-0

John E. Madigan, Jr.  
Town Manager

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