

SPECIAL SELECTPERSON'S MEETING
Department Budgets
September 5, 2013, 6:00 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

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

ATTENDEES: Phil Blampied, Arthur Chappell, Candice Casey, Craig Chamberlin, Mike Mills, Eric Davis, Roger Viger Sr., Roger Viger Jr., Debbie Laurinaitis, Stacy Carter, Brittany Wakefield, Andy Russell, Kim Russell, Mariah Witas, Bruce Farrin, Tony DeSalle, Matthew Daigle, RL Pratt, Cindrie Cormier, Dieter Kreckel, Cindy Kelley, Luke Sorensen, Tom Bourret, Bromley Cook, Brad and Mary Gallant, Bev Thorne, Linnell Geronda, Douglas Freeman, Kevin Saisi, Len Greaney, Gary Dolloff, Roger Arsenault, Robert Chase, Rachel Meisner, Jim Ca-Ho

1. Meeting Call to Order
2. All present Pledged Allegiance to the American Flag
3. 2013/2014 Ballot Recommendations:

A. Approval of Fire Department Budget Proposal

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$625,000 for the Fire Department budget. Vote: 4-1, Mr. DiConzo opposed.

B. Approval of Police Department Budget Proposal

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$716,000 for the Police Department budget. Vote: 4-1, Mr. DiConzo opposed.

C. Approval of Public Works Budget Proposal

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve \$624,160 for the Public Works Department budget. Vote: 1-4, Mr. Adley, Mr. Buccina, Mr. Sterling and Ms. Lovejoy opposed.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$874,000 for the Public Works Department budget. Vote: 4-1, Mr. DiConzo opposed.

D. Approval of Public Safety Budget Proposal

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve \$650,000 for the Public Safety budget. Vote: 4-1, Mr. DiConzo opposed.

E. Approval of General Assistance Budget Proposal

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve \$60,000 for the General Assistance budget. Vote: 3-2, Ms. Lovejoy and Mr. Sterling opposed.

F. Approval of General Government Budget Proposal

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Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve \$700,424 for the General Government budget.

Craig Chamberlin of the Board of Assessor's believes the Assessor Office needs more hours not less as the work load demands it.

Mr. Adley made a motion to allow non-resident Rachel Meisner, to speak. Vote: 5-0

Rachel Meisner explained that her job brings in 10 million dollars in personal property taxes to the town and the Assessor would not have time to do that as she works on the real estate side of assessing.

Vote on the motion for \$700,424: 1-4, Mr. Adley, Ms. Lovejoy, Mr. Buccina and Mr. Sterling opposed.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$749,000 for the General Government budget. Vote: 4-1, Mr. DiConzo opposed.

G. Approval of Capital Accounts Budget Proposal

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve \$358,000 for the Capital Accounts budget. Vote: 3-2, Mr. DiConzo and Ms. Lovejoy opposed.

H. Approval of Unclassified Accounts Budget Proposal

Lucille Belanger apologized for her earlier "bluntness." She related that the effects of Obamacare have doubled and tripled their own personal budgets, and believes that employees should pay a 10-20 percent share of the health insurance premiums rather than the taxpayers paying the total amount.

Chief Carter stated that the reason we pay the health insurance benefits is to help to retain our employees and compete with other comparable communities of our size and demographics for our employees. Our Town is at the "average" compensation across the state.

Arthur Chappell asked about employees paying a share of their insurance. He also asked about shopping around for a good price for insurance.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$1,276,000 for the Unclassified Accounts budget. Vote: 5-0

4. Adjournment

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Vote: 5-0

Carlo J. Puiia
Town Manager

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