

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING
September 19, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

6:00 p.m. Public Hearing for Municipal Budget Election of October 8, 2013

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

Absent: Selectperson Bradford Adley

ATTENDEES: Candice Casey, Craig Shaw, Arthur Chappell, Marie Boudreau, Chris Shaw, Bob Chase, Deb Laurinaitis, Eric Davis, Stacy Carter, Kevin Saisi, Roger Simard, Matt Daigle, Cindy Kelley, Stacy Thompson, Terri Palmer, Andy Russell, Tom Bourret, Maureen Cook, Bromley Cook, Ryan Palmer, Wayne Gallant, Rick Greene, Linnell Geronda, Brad and Mary Gallant, Len Greaney, Thomas Fallon, Michael Mills, Roger Arsenault, Philip Blampied, Bruce Farrin, Craig Chamberlain

Vin Caruso made a public statement of his opinion of why he believes certain budgets should be changed. Mr. Buccina addressed his comments.

Rick Greene explained his opinion of how he voted while serving on the Finance Committee.

Kevin Saisi spoke in support of the current proposed budget amounts.

[Candice Casey submitted a letter to each Board member and the Town Manager in public session. The content of the letter, which was not made public at the meeting, was cautioning that any type of defamation of character towards her will be met with legal action.]

Richard Scagliola would like to see more volunteerism used.

Fire Chief Robert Chase spoke in regards to citizens obtaining information and voting on the budget items they support. He provided information regarding the operations that would be affected if the proposed amount is approved.

Police Chief Stacy Carter explained how his department has adjusted based on knowing his budget was reduced and what some of the impacts may be with fewer resources.

Tim Giasson asked about the Public Safety budget and hoped that some common ground could be found.

Wayne Gallant spoke about the services the Town provides and specifically about the large number of calls that the Rumford Police force receives. He encouraged citizen to pass the budget so that we do not lose any more services.

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:20 p.m.
2. All Pledged Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Requests of Citizen's Present

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Kevin Saisi requested a discussion to evaluate the speed limit on the Island.

4. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

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

Ms. Lovejoy noted Envision Rumford's participation with the Celtic Festival by holding a Heritage Festival.

Mr. Buccina encouraged all citizens to get out and vote and support the budget.

B. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager informed the Board about the two demolition impact studies concluded on Waldo Street tax acquired properties. He also noted that there was no asbestos found in the buildings.

He also attended Dixfield's Board of Selectperson Meeting to hear a presentation on the LEAN Program through AVCOG to find and create efficiencies.

The Western Maine Economic Development Council will provide an update on their study in October.

Envision Rumford was commended for their collaboration with the Celtic Festival by hosting a Heritage Festival. Pumpkinfest will be held downtown on October 12, 2013.

Brookfield Power will be installing an iron pipe railing near part of the Information Center because of dangerous drops near the ledges by the falls.

An update on the streetlight removal process was given.

C. Department Manager's Report

Police Chief Carter announced that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and purple will be used to decorate many locations. On October 7th there will be a Domestic Violence Vigil behind Swift River Health Care and the wearing of purple will be encouraged on October 16th.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- A. Request from Town Manager to Approve Minutes from the Selectperson's Budget Meeting of September 5, 2013 and regular Selectperson's Meeting of September 5, 2013

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the Minutes from the Selectperson's Budget Meeting of September 5, 2013 and regular Selectperson's Meeting of September 5, 2013. Vote: 4-0

- B. Approval of Town Warrant dated September 20, 2013

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated September 20, 2013. Vote: 4-0

- C. Approval of Town Warrant for Election of October 8, 2013

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Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Town Warrant for the Election of October 8, 2013. Vote: 3-1, Mr. DiConzo opposed.

D. Appointment of Warden and Deputy Wardens for Election of October 8, 2013

Mr. Buccina made a motion to appoint Bradford Adley as Warden. Vote: 4-0

Mr. Sterling made a motion to appoint Jolene Lovejoy as Deputy Warden. Vote: 4-0

E. Request from Voter Registrar to Eliminate Night Time Hours

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the request from the Voter Registrar to eliminate night time hours. Vote: 4-0

F. Approval of Town Fuel Bid (2013)

The Town Manager reported on receipt of the following bids:

All prices are Rack +

		No. 2 Fuel Oil	Unleaded Regular	Diesel
1.	C.N. Brown	.1447	.09798	.08377
2.	Fabian Oil	.25	.075	.075
3.	Community Energy	.1525	.1075	.1075
4.	Hometown Energy	.20	NA	NA

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the Town Fuel Bid for 2013 from CN Brown. Vote: 4-0

G. Request to Add the Town of Roxbury to the Ladder Truck Joint Purchase Agreement

Fire Chief Robert Chase explained the existing agreement and the funding formula used to allocate costs and the advantage of adding another town to the agreement.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the request to add the Town of Roxbury to the Ladder Truck Joint Purchase Agreement. Vote: 4-0

H. Approval of Hawker's and Peddler's License for Carl Touchette, dba Silver Platter

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Hawker's and Peddler's License for Carl Touchette, dba Silver Platter. Vote: 4-0

I. Approval of Maine Municipal Association Voting Delegate

Mr. Sterling made a motion to nominate Frank DiConzo as the MMA Voting Delegate. Vote: 4-0

Mr. Sterling made a motion to nominate Gregory Buccina as the MMA Voting Delegate, Alternate. Vote: 4-0

J. Request from Envision Rumford for 5K Race on October 12, 2013

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the request from Envision Rumford for a 5K Race on October 12, 2013. Vote: 4-0

K. Request from Mountain Valley High School to approve a Homecoming Parade on October 4, 2013

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the request from Mountain Valley High School to approve a parade permit for the Homecoming Parade on October 4, 2013. Vote: 4-0

L. Request from Kevin Kaulback to Extend Liquor License at Hotel Rumford during Pumpkin Fest on October 12, 2013 from 11 a.m. to midnight

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the request from Keviin Kaulback to extend his liquor license to an outside area adjacent to the Hotel Rumford during Pumpkin Fest on October 12, 2013 from 11 a.m. to midnight. Vote: 4-0

M. Request by Peter Jannace to Take Action on Removal of Structure at 7 Ernest Street

The Town Manager read a letter from Code Enforcement Officer Richard Kent into the record to address the request.

Ms. Lovejoy explained her review of the material and why we have to be consistent.

Mr. DiConzo disagreed with the CEO and believes it is a health issue and that something needs to be done.

Rick Kent stated that he would need legal advice if we were to take any action.

Fire Chief Robert Chase does not believe current law enables us to raze the building.

Mr. Sterling noted a couple of unsecured garages which we tore down, because they were unsecured and the owner took no action.

Mr. DiConzo and Mr. Sterling would like the Town Attorney to render an opinion.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to not take action. Vote: 2-2, Mr. DiConzo, **Mr. Sterling?** opposed.

Mr. Sterling would like clarification of our ordinance.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to table the request until our next meeting pending legal opinion. Vote: 3-1, Ms. Lovejoy opposed.

N. Request by Tammy Witas for Non-Action to Move Structure out of Right of Way at 343 Swain Road

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to table this item pending legal opinion. Vote: 4-0

O. Discussion of a Bond Application for Revaluation

Craig Chamberlain, Chairperson of the Board of Assessors, explained the need to have a revaluation to have fair values placed on all properties. The cost will be between \$300,000 and \$350,000. The Board of Assessor's recommends putting this out to the citizen's to vote for a bond to accomplish this.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to put this on the November 2013 ballot. Vote: 4-0

P. Approval of Special Town Meeting to Change Tax Collection Due Dates

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Mr. DiConzo made a motion to schedule a Special Town Meeting on October 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Rumford Falls Auditorium in order to change the collection of taxes due date. Vote: 4-0

Q. Approval to go out to bid for a Tax Anticipation Note

The Town Manager explained the need and recognized NewPage Paper Mill for agreeing to make a pre-payment of 1 million dollars on their property taxes.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve going out to bid for a Tax Anticipation Note. Vote: 4-0

7. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6)(A) for a personnel matter

Mr. Sterling made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6)(A) for a personnel matter. Vote: 4-0

Executive Session In at 9:05 p.m.
Executive Session Out at 9:49 p.m.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to accept the resignation of Town Manager Carlo Puiia with extreme regret. Vote: 4-0

8. Adjournment

Mr. Sterling made a motion to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Vote: 4-0

Carlo J. Puiia
Town Manager

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