

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING**  
**September 22, 2014, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Rumford Falls Auditorium**

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

ATTENDEES: Phillip Azcona, Jim Rinaldo, Stefanie Wilson, Stacy Carter, Beth Bellegarde, Arthur Chappell, Fred Stone, Eric Davis, Richard Suydam, Philip Blampied, Jim Rinaldo, Richard Scagliola, Knox Street residents

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:40 p.m. by Chairperson Buccina
2. All present Pledged Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Public Hearing (as needed)
4. Requests of Citizen's Present

Candice Casey asked about the condition of the Congress Street sidewalks.

5. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

Mr. DiConzo asked about the status of the compliance letters sent by the former CEO and if the recipients have responded. The Town Manager will have the Code Enforcement Officer prepare a report.

Mr. Belanger was concerned about the deterioration of the cement on Memorial Bridge, specifically near the lamp posts where rebar is showing. The Town Manager responded that the MDOT is responsible for the maintenance of most bridges including this one. He also asked about the double power poles and when the old poles will be removed. The Town Manager will contact Fairpoint and Central Maine Power on this issue. Police Chief Carter reported that the MDOT was working on Memorial Bridge last week with a truck parked under the bridge preparing cement.

Mr. Buccina reported that the Sidewalk Committee is close to finalizing the plans for the replacement of the sidewalks on the Congress Street area of the Island. Also, there will be a Pumpkin Fest event on October 11<sup>th</sup> in the downtown area. There will be a joint meeting with the Town of Mexico and Don Jutton from Municipal Resources tomorrow night in the Mexico Town Hall at 5:00 p.m.

B. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager was away at a convention last week and did not have a report for the meeting.

C. Department Manager Reports (as needed)

Police Chief Stacy Carter noted that the month of October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. There will be a few events planned throughout the month and displays of the color purple to help bring awareness. The Domestic Violence Vigil will be held on October 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Dixfield Village Green at 65 Main Street. The Task Force will have a table at Pumpkin Fest on

October 11. October 15 is designated as wear purple day and there will also be a domestic violence walk scheduled at 5:30 p.m. from Hosmer Field to The Island and back to Hosmer Field. The Board and community were invited to participate.

D. Board and Committee Reports (as needed)

There were no reports given at the meeting.

6. Old Business

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

The Town Manager reported that this item was tabled from the last meeting to allow the Fire Chief time to provide a report on whether a fire truck could make it through that area if there was parking allowed along this street. Chief Chase reported that the corner can be maneuvered, but there would not be enough room for another vehicle to pass on Knox Street. The Police Chief noted that Knox Street is a very narrow street to begin with and that was probably the reason that the area was posted as a No Parking Zone. He believes the problem with parking has been regarding people parking and blocking resident driveways.

Citizens who live on that section of Knox Street shared their experiences and frustrations with this situation.

Mr. Buccina said we will enforce the No Parking signs on the alternate side of the road from the Holy Savior Church. The Town will also keep a close eye on the snow being placed on the side of the street near the church. The residents should be respectful of the funeral directors when they place No Parking signs along the side of the church when there is a funeral. This issue will be revisited after the winter months.

A No Parking sign needs to be replaced at 219 Knox Street. The Town Manager will contact Public Works to report this.

B. Approval of Town Post Issuance Compliance Procedures (Tax-Exempt Bonds and Obligations)

The Town Manager reported that recently we renewed the tax exempt bonds for the paper mill (Boise Cascade at the time). Attorney James Pitney was going to make sure that a procedure was in place, as there is an IRS stipulation in the bonds that certain requirements are to be reported to the Town from the company, and the bonds are in the name of the Town. Mr. Pitney has drafted up a procedure for the Town to adopt and copies were provided to all Board members.

Mr. Adley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Belanger, to approve the Town's Post Issuance Compliance Procedures drafted by Attorney Pitney and presented to the Board at this meeting. Vote: 4-0

7. New Business

A. Approval of Minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of September 4, 2014 and Special Selectperson's Meeting of September 11, 2014

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectperson's Meetings of September 4, 2014 and September 11, 2014. Voter: 4-0

B. Approval of the Town Warrant dated September 23, 2014

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated September 23, 2014. Vote: 4-0

C. Request from Police Department for Approval of Transfer of Criminal Forfeiture CR-14-133

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the transfer of \$1,842.00 from Criminal Forfeiture CR-14-133 to the Seizure Disbursement Account. Vote: 4-0

D. Request from Envision Rumford to Close Streets for Pumpkin Fest on October 11, 2014

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the street closures proposed for Pumpkin Fest. Vote: 4-0

E. Request for Extension of Liquor License from Hotel Rumford during Pumpkin Fest

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the extension of the liquor license for the Hotel Rumford on October 11, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. for Pumpkin Fest. Vote: 4-0

F. Request to Extend Terms of Charter Commission Members

The Town Manager explained that the terms of the appointed members can be extended up to 24 months for the total term to complete their work. The time would begin from the time the elected members were voted upon by the voters in November 2013.

Kevin Saisi, Co-Chair of the Charter Commission answered questions on the status of the Committee at this time.

Jim Windover, an elected member of the Commission, asked how the re-appointment can take place without having these positions being advertised to allow others to apply.

The Town Manager explained that these terms would be extended to those in the positions currently to give all the members time to complete their work.

Mr. DiConzo was concerned about minutes being posted for the meetings and he believes they have not been available for citizens to view. He believes that the Commission has had too many problems with the leadership of the group. He is not in favor of extending the Commission's time frame.

Phil Blampied read some rules that he said were from State of Maine law.

Fire Chief Robert Chase would like to allow the Charter Commission to have time to complete their work that they have put forth up to this time.

Mr. Buccina would like a status report from the Charter Commission in one month.

Mr. Belanger was concerned that regionalization efforts could be thwarted if we do not take out specific language from the Charter. He does not support extending without seeing minutes of the meetings.

The Board Chair would like an update in one month and the Preliminary Report in two months.

G. Request to Extend Completion Time Frame for Charter Commission

There was no action taken on this item.

H. Approval of Quit Claim Deed for 215 Penobscot Street

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the Quit Claim Deed for 215 Penobscot Street.

The Town Manager reported that the former owner, Tom Bordeau, got behind on his taxes and has recently paid the full balance due of taxes, interest, and lien costs.

Vote on the motion: 4-0

I. Approval of Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate for MMA Convention

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve Greg Buccina as Voting Delegate at the Maine Municipal Association Convention and Frank DiConzo as Alternate. Vote: 4-0

J. Approval of Recommendation from Town Owned Property Ad Hoc Committee to Place Town Properties Out to Bid

Fire Chief Robert Chase presented the recommendation from the Town Owned Property Ad Hoc Committee and gave information packets to Board members.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve placing 41 Lochness Street out to bid and to require owner occupied covenants to be placed in the bid. Vote: 4-0

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve placing 614 Prospect Avenue out to bid and to require owner occupied covenants to be placed in the bid. Vote: 4-0

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve placing 226 Knox Street out to bid with a covenant to tear down the large building near the street. [In discussion it was noted that the small building have an owner occupied covenant in place.] Vote: 4-0

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve placing 12 Oxford Avenue out to bid. Vote: 4-0

Chief Chase noted that the Board voted at their September 4, 2014 meeting to place 21 Falmouth Street out to bid.

Chief Chase reported that 566 Prospect Avenue is an occupied 2 family unit. The Town Manager recommended that we place this out to bid and the bidder can decide what to do with the present occupants. Beth Bellegarde, who is an abutter expressed concern that there are young children living on the second floor and there is only one egress from the building. The Chief reported that he had not inspected this Town owned property as has been occupied; however, if there are safety concerns as just noted, an inspection should take place to protect the occupants as soon as possible.

The Board would like Chief Chase to inspect the building at 566 Prospect Avenue and report back at the next meeting with an assessment and recommendation.

Chief Chase reported that 16 Free Street is occupied by the former owner who had taken an application to re-purchase the property but has not returned the application. The Town Owned Property Committee has not looked into this building as they believed it would be redeemed by the former owner. This will also be inspected and reported back at the next meeting.

Chief Chase suggested that the abutters of the Town owned land lots be approached to determine if they are interested in bidding for the land on Kennebec Street and Hillside Avenue.

Mr. Belanger made a motion for approval to approach the abutters to the land only properties at Kennebec Street and Hillside Avenue to see if they are interested in placing bids for the land.  
Vote: 4-0

Chief Chase believes that the multi-family at 251 Pine Street is not a priority for demo at this time.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to place 251 Pine Street on the demolition list. Vote: 4-0

The Town Manager reported that the single family at 447 Swain Road is owner occupied and the owner cannot afford to make payments to pay the balance owed in a timely manner. However, a friend has offered to pay \$5,000 towards the balance with the former owner to pay \$200 per month until the balance is paid through the Tax Club program with the Tax Collector's office.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the payment plan for Mark St. Cyr for 447 Swain Road with an initial payment of \$5,000 and \$200 monthly payments through the Rumford Tax Club in the Tax Collector's Office.

Chief Chase asked about the former owner continuing to insure this property as payments are being made and to provide proof of insurance.

Vote: 4-0

8. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6) (C) for an economic development matter

Mr. Belanger made a motion to go into Executive Sessions at 9:12 p.m. pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6)(C) for an economic development matter and 1 MRS 405 (6)(A) for a personnel matter.  
Vote: 4-0

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

See Item 8.

Executive Sessions In at 9:12 p.m.  
Executive Sessions Out at 10:04 p.m.

No action taken at either Executive Session.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Belanger made a motion to adjourn at 10:05 p.m. Vote: 4-0

John E. Madigan, Jr.  
Town Manager

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