

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING**

**October 1, 2013, 7:00 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 Puiia.

ATTENDEES: Eric Giroux, Bruce Farrin, Matt Daigle, Bob Stickney, Kevin Saisi, Louise Horne

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. All present Pledged Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Requests of Citizen's Present

Eric Giroux asked to have a toll road fundraiser possibly a "toll parking lot" placed on a future agenda to help raise money for the Fire Fighters Relief Fund.

4. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

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

Mr. Sterling reported on the start of construction of the new bridge to replace the Martin Memorial Bridge. He also mentioned that he read a letter to the editor that suggested turning off the power at the pole rather than removing the streetlight fixture, as the Town has been working to lower the budget. However, as the Town Manager stated at the last meeting, the Town would still need to pay rent on the light fixture so that suggestion would not save any money. He clarified that there is no money for the Greater Rumford Community Center or Black Mountain of Maine in the Unclassified Accounts. He suggested that anyone who is interested in the contents of that account to ask. The Town Manager added that the new ballot for the budget clarifies what is included in that account.

Mr. Adley reminded everyone that next Tuesday is the vote for the municipal budgets at the American Legion from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ms. Lovejoy referred to a letter the Board received at the last meeting from a citizen who expressed a concern regarding defamation of character. Ms. Lovejoy noted that the individual and the Board members as well deserve mutual respect. She believes the Downtown is looking great and commended the many volunteers. She also commended the individual who added Jack-O-Lanterns to each of the lampposts. She encouraged citizens to call the Town Offices if they need information.

Mr. Buccina encouraged everyone to get out to the polls and vote.

B. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager reported on the meeting with Municipal Resources members Don Jutton and Carol Granfield along with John Madigan, Town Manager of Mexico, as they continue to look into ways to share services. Each Town employee will receive a survey for their input.

C. Department Manager's Report

5. Old Business

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

Louise Horne, a real estate agent representing Tammy Witas, explained that the front porch at 343 Swain Road is seven feet into the Town's right-of-way and a prospective buyer needs a letter of non-performance from the Town to keep it there.

The Town Manager informed the Board that Town Attorney Jennifer Kreckel sent a letter informing the Board that the Board does not have the authority to grant her request. Per our Charter it must go before the voters at a Special Town Meeting.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to hold a Special Town Meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. to act on a request for the Witas property at 343 Swain Road. Vote: 5-0

6. New Business

A. Request from Town Manager to Approve Minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of September 19, 2013

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of September 19, 2013. Vote: 4-0-1, Mr. Adley abstained as he was not present at the meeting of September 19, 2013.

B. Request from Town Manager to Approve Town Warrant dated October 1, 2013

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated October 2, 2013. Vote: 5-0

C. Approval of Town Warrant for November 5, 2013 Election

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

D. Approval of Warden and Deputy Warden for November 5, 2013 Election

Mr. Adley made a motion to appoint Frank DiConzo as Warden. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Adley made a motion to appoint Jeffrey Sterling as Deputy Warden. Vote: 4-0-1, Mr. Sterling abstained.

E. Request from Voter Registrar to Eliminate Night Time Hours for November 5, 2013 Election

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the request from the Voter Registrar to eliminate night time hours for the November 5, 2013 Election. Vote: 5-0

F. Approval of Town Warrant for Special Town Meeting of October 17, 2013 to Re-Set the Due Dates for Collection of Property Taxes

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the Town Warrant for the Special Town Meeting of October 17, 2013 to Re-Set the Due Dates for Collection of Property Taxes. Vote: 5-0

G. Request from Envision Rumford for Pumpkinfest Parade Permit on October 12, 2013

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the Envision Rumford Pumpkinfest Parade Permit for October 12, 2013. Vote: 5-0

H. Request from Envision Rumford to close streets for Pumpkinfest on October 12, 2013

In discussion it was noted that Congress Street will be closed from the banks down toward the Falls, Exchange Street closed all day, River Street closed until 11 a.m. and Canal Street to close at 11 a.m.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the request from Envision Rumford to close the streets so requested for Pumpkinfest on October 12, 2013. Vote: 5-0

I. Request for Approval of Snow Mobile Grant Application – Robert Stickney

Robert Stickney described the Snowmobile Club's plans and noted there is no monetary contribution needed from the Town. There are plans to provide parking for snowmobiles on the Island in the Town's parking lot near the old Agway.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the Snowmobile Grant Application. Vote: 5-0

J. Appointment of Charter Commission Members (3)

Mr. Adley made a motion to appoint Michael Peter Chase. Vote: 4-0-1, Mr. DiConzo abstained.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to appoint Amy Bernard. Vote: 4-0-1, Mr. DiConzo abstained.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to appoint Kevin Saisi. Vote: 4-0-1, Mr. DiConzo abstained.

K. Request from Central Maine Power to Replace Pole 9S on Eaton Hill Road in Sunnyside Terrace

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the request from Central Maine Power to replace pole 9S on Eaton Hill Road in Sunnyside Terrace. Vote: 5-0

L. Request from Central Maine Power for Approval of Pole Permit Application for New Pole on Route 232

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the request from Central Maine Power for new pole on Route 232. Vote: 5-0

M. Discussion regarding the inclusion of recreation as part of the Municipal Budget

The Board was in agreement that this item should be considered by the Municipal Resources group. Mr. DiConzo was concerned that a facility for recreation should be accessible to all. A workshop meeting with all interested parties was suggested by Ms. Lovejoy.

N. Discussion regarding Town Manager Search Process

The Town Manager informed the Board that they can use Maine Municipal Association, Eaton Peabody and Municipal Resources for the search.

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

Mr. Adley made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6) (A) with the Town Manager.

Executive Session Out: 8:58 p.m.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to put out an advertisement for an Interim Town Manager. Vote: 5-0

8. Adjournment

Mr. Sterling made a motion to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. Vote: 5-0

Carlo J. Puiia  
Town Manager

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