

## **6:00 Special Town Meeting to Re-Set the Due Dates for Collection of Property Taxes**

### **BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING October 17, 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, Matt Daigle, Robert Chase, Richard Kent, Peter Chase, Candice Casey, Peggy Hanley

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

There were no requests presented.

#### 4. Reports

##### A. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Adley, Mr. DiConzo and Mr. Sterling did not have a report.

Ms. Lovejoy commented on the great time that many had at the Pumpkin Fest on Congress Street. The downtown looked great.

Mr. Buccina reported that the July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee will be organizing soon and encouraged someone to step forward to lead the committee next year. He thanked Mr. Sterling for procuring the fireworks and for the help from the volunteers on the committee.

##### B. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager reported enjoying Pumpkin Fest and credited Envision Rumford and their many volunteers for the successful event held on the Island. There were many activities for people to participate in.

The Police Chief is planning to submit a bid for the replacement of a SUV patrol vehicle. A smaller version that is more economical on gasoline will be sought.

We received a concern recently from a citizen that did not have their recycling picked up. Apparently they had placed it out after 6:00 a.m. after the recycling truck went by. A reminder to citizens was given that all trash and recycling must be placed out before 6:00 a.m. or it may be missed by the trucks. Recycling pickup will be every other week with trash pickup every week. An ad will be placed in the local paper as a reminder as well.

##### C. Department Manager's Report

#### 5. Old Business

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Please note: These minutes are not verbatim. A digital recording of the meeting is available by contacting the Town Manager's Office during regular business hours.

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

The Town Manager explained that Mr. Jannace requested that the Town take action on 7 Ernest Street and the request was referred to the Town Attorney for an opinion. The interpretation of our ordinance is needed as to whether the Town can take action on single family residences as well as multi-family residences if they are unoccupied, abandoned or dangerous. The Town Manager read the Town Attorney's letter into the record explaining what the Board's authority is. The Town Attorney's opinion expressed that the Board can give authority to the Code Enforcement Officer on any building that is unoccupied, abandoned or dangerous.

Code Enforcement Officer Richard Kent explained that the Town would need to take the step to take the owner to court if they do not comply. He feels that if we approach this building, we must do so for any building in question.

Mr. Sterling believes we need to contact the owner to find out what their plan is for the property.

Fire Chief Robert Chase explained the ordinance's requirement for the owner to provide a plan of ongoing maintenance, not only to address the current situation. He believes the Town must hold itself to the same standard as private property owners. He also feels the Town can and should be more diligent to stay on top of these buildings before they get so bad that the owners walk away.

Ms. Lovejoy believes we should lead by example and take down the town owned buildings that should come down as well as expect that of property owners. She also had a concern of who would follow up on the letters from the CEO as this would take a great deal of time to manage.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to give the CEO authority to draft a letter and begin the process.

Chief Chase suggested language for the contents of the letter.

Ms. Lovejoy suggested that the CEO, Fire Chief and Town Manager draft a letter and bring it back to the Board for review at their next meeting and then it would be sent out to property owners.

Mr. DiConzo agreed to amend his motion to include the above language as part of the motion.

Vote: 5-0

6. New Business

A. Request from Town Manager to Approve Minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of October 1, 2013 and the Special Selectperson's Meeting of October 7, 2013

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of October 1, 2013 and the Special Selectperson's Meeting of October 7, 2013. Vote: 5-0

B. Request from Town Manager to Approve the Town Warrant dated October 18, 2013

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated October 18, 2013. Vote: 5-0

C. Request from Fire Chief for Approval of Thermal Imaging Camera Bid

The Town Manager reported on the bid opening as follows:

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| 1. Fire Tech and Safety           | \$ 7,467.00 |
| 2. C & S Specialty                | \$ 3,745.00 |
| 3. Industrial Protection Services | \$ 8,332.00 |
| 4. Harrison Schrader Enterprises  | \$10,850.00 |

Fire Chief Robert Chase explained the need to replace the current camera instead of repairing, as the cost of a new camera was more cost effective and it would have a warranty.

Mr. Adley made a motion to accept the bid from C & S Specialty for \$3,745.00. Vote: 5-0

D. Request from Voter Registrar for Approval to Eliminate Night Time Hours

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

E. Request from Fraternal Order of Eagles for Approval of Liquor License Application and Special Amusement Permit

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Vote: 5-0

F. Request from Mountain Valley Athletic Boosters for Approval of Denise Garcia 5K Benefit Run on October 26, 2013

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the request from the Mountain Valley Athletic Boosters for approval of the Denise Garcia 5K Benefit Run on October 26, 2013. Vote: 5-0

G. Request from Fireman's Relief for Toll Road Fund Raiser

The Town Manager explained the State law that requires both the Board of Selectpersons and the local law enforcement official to approve the request. Currently, the Police Chief does not support toll roads as it backs up traffic and creates an interruption in the roadway.

Mr. Buccina suggested that the Fireman's Relief raise funds in another way such as tag day, car washes, etc.

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

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. pursuant to 1 MRS 405(6)(A) for a personnel matter with the Town Manager. Vote: 5-0

Executive Session declared out at 8:13 p.m.

No action was taken.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Sterling made a motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Vote: 5-0

Carlo J. Puiia  
Town Manager

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