

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING
November 21, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

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

Absent: Selectperson Bradford Adley

ATTENDEES: Richard Blanchard, Troy Duguay, Candice Casey, Michael Mills, Bonnie Gould, Sean Gould, Jason White, Stacy Carter, Chris Shaw, James Windover, Matt Daigle, Jim Carter, Bruce Farrin, Gary Dolloff

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

Candice Casey requested that the Board declare a critical circumstance because of: "1. The NewPage paper mill situation of reduced assessed value; 2. The announced shutdown of Number 12 paper machine, which is likely to be permanent; 3. The likelihood that Number 12 paper machine being made non-operational or removed entirely before the annual mill revaluation of the 2014-2015 fiscal year; 4. The likelihood that Rumford will experience the third "sudden and severe" qualifying event in four years with the 2014-2015 annual mill revaluation; 5. The RSU 10 withdrawal negotiations of two major RSU 10 member towns, Byron and Buckfield, with more possible, necessitating the shifting of school cost burden to the remaining member towns including the largest contributor, Rumford; 6. The likelihood of additional state revenue cuts..."

Mr. Buccina asked what the specific request(s) are.

Candice Casey requested the following three items be added to the beginning of the Agenda to address a critical circumstance: 1. Immediate suspension/freeze of all overtime in all departments; 2. An immediate hiring freeze with the exception of the hiring of an Interim Town Manager; 3. An immediate freeze on non-essential purchases and spending in all departments.

These actions would allow the incoming Interim Town Manager, Board Members and Department Heads to enter into a review of policies in all departments.

Mr. Buccina does not believe it is a critical circumstance tonight.

Ms. Casey believes that we must take immediate action.

Mr. Buccina believes that we should have discussion of this nature through the budget process in workshops during the planning stages in order to further educate the citizens.

Mr. Buccina suggested that these types of items be placed on future agendas to be discussed at meetings going forward.

4. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

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

Ms. Lovejoy thanked the Town Manager and Sheriff Gallant who participated in the Voice of Democracy Essay Contest as judges. She was unfortunately unable to attend. She also recognized the Veteran's Day ceremony at the Mountain Valley High School and believed it was a very nice event. She recognized RAAPA and the high school band for their contributions to the event, and hoped for more attendance next year. She also spoke in regards to people depositing and blowing leaves and debris in the streets so that it ends up in other people's property. It is also not the Town's responsibility to pick up this debris and asked that citizen's take care of their own properties.

Mr. Buccina recognized former Rumford resident Greg Poirier for being inducted into the Maine Ski Hall of Fame. He also, spoke about recently deceased Representative Phylliss Erwin and how well she represented Rumford in the State Legislature over the years.

B. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager did not have a report for this meeting.

C. Department Manager's Report

There were no department manager reports given at this meeting.

5. Old Business

A. Discussion to include Recreation as part of the Municipal Budget

Mr. Buccina explained the current process of appropriating money for recreation through Initiated Articles; however, many in town believe it should be a core part of the municipal services.

Ms. Lovejoy would like to hold a workshop to discuss this matter.

Mr. DiConzo would like to have a study done.

Gary Dolloff was in favor of the study and the consideration of adding recreation to the town budget. The GRCC is working hard to lower their budget and has recently set up a new work out area on the first floor of the building.

It was determined that the Workshop be held on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Rumford Falls Auditorium prior to the next Board meeting and to have this be advertised.

6. New Business

A. Request from Town Manager to Approve Minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of November 7, 2013

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of November 7, 2013. Vote: 4-0

B. Request from Town Manager to Approve the Town Warrant dated November 22, 2013

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated November 22, 2013. Vote: 4-0

C. Request from GRCC to Change Senior Citizen Bus Parking Space to Public Parking

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the request from the Greater Rumford Community Center to change the Senior Citizen Bus Parking into Public Parking.

In discussion the Board learned that the Senior Citizen's no longer meet in the GRCC building; they are now meeting in Peru. The Town Manager stated that the signs can be removed, but the painted lines cannot be removed until spring.

Vote on the motion: 4-0

D. Request from Park Commission to Approve ¾ Ton Pickup Bid

The following bids were received:

Net Price including trade-in

- 1. Rowe Auburn \$25,388.00
- 2. Bessey Motors \$29,351.00 (5.7 liter) or \$30,577.00 (6.4 liter)

Park and Recreation Superintendent Michael Mills provided information regarding the replacement of a 1 ton pick up truck by a ¾ ton pick up truck and a dump trailer.

Mr. Buccina asked if we could repair and extend the life of the current vehicle.

Mr. Mills explained that \$5,000 - \$6,500 may be needed to repair the current truck in order to get an inspection sticker that is now due.

Mr. Sterling believes this is not the right time, considering the current economic conditions.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion not to approve the request from the Park and Recreation Commission to purchase the ¾ Ton Pick Up Truck. Vote: 4-0

E. Request from Park Commission to Approve Bid for Sale of Dump Deckover

The following bids were received:

	<u>Scissor Lift</u>	<u>Dual Ram</u>
1. Scott's Recreation	\$6,349.00+33.00 (Title)	\$6,199.00+33.00 (Title)
2. Coastal Metal Fab, Inc.	\$7,031.90	

Due to the prior Agenda item not being approved, Mr. Mills informed the Board that this item is no longer necessary.

F. Request from Police Department to Approve Police Vehicle Bid

The Town Manager reported on receipt of the following bids:

	<u>Cost includes Trade In</u>
1. Farmington Ford	\$26,550.41
2. Rowe Auburn	\$21,876.00
3. Quirk Auto	\$27,440.00

		\$25,130.50
4.	Bailey Brothers	\$24,238.00
		\$28,238.00 w/o trade)
5.	Ripley & Fletcher	\$24,939.41

Police Chief Stacy Carter addressed the Board on the need and the specifics of this vehicle bid; it is an emergency vehicle, and he does not support putting good money into an old vehicle.

Mr. Buccina believes we need to look at alternatives to the way we do business.

Chief Carter replied that these vehicles need to be able to respond.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the bid from Rowe Auburn for \$21,876.00. Vote: 3-1, Mr. DiConzo, Mr. Sterling and Mr. Buccina opposed.

The Board determined that this item could be placed on the next Agenda to be reconsidered and have an estimate for the repair of the current Ford Expedition Police vehicle researched before that time.

G. Approval of Criminal Forfeiture CR13-377

Chief Carter explained the process and need for municipal approval.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the criminal forfeiture CR13-377. Vote: 4-0

H. Approval of Criminal Forfeiture CR13-336

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the criminal forfeiture CR13-336. Vote: 4-0

I. Approval to Appoint Police Officer

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to table this item until the next meeting of December 5, 2013. Vote: 4-0

J. Announcement of the Citizen of the Year Award

The Town Manager announced that the Citizen of the Year Award will be presented to Bob and Louise Stickney at a future meeting.

K. Approval of Annual Town Report Bid

The Town Manager reported on receipt of the following bids:

1.	Bangor Letter Shop	\$1,543.39
2.	Pettingill Printing	No Bid
3.	Skowhegan Press	\$825.00
4.	Smith & Town Printers, Inc.	\$575.00
5.	The Snowman Group	\$658.94
6.	Park Street Press	Bid received after deadline

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the bid from Smith & Town Printers for \$575.00. Vote: 4-0

L. Appointments to Boards and Committees

There were no appointments to be made at this meeting.

M. Approval of Liquor License Application and Special Amusement Permit for Black Mountain of Maine

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the Liquor License Application and Special Amusement Permit for Black Mountain of Maine. Vote: 4-0

N. Approval of Liquor License Application for VFW

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Liquor License Application for the VFW. Vote: 4-0

O. Approval of Taxi Cab License for Mountain Valley Taxi

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Taxi Cab License for Mountain Valley Taxi. Vote: 4-0

7. Executive Session pursuant to MRS 405 (6)(A) for a personnel matter #2013-02

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:32 p.m. pursuant to MRS 405 (6)(A) for a personnel matter #2013-02 with Jim Mackie, Richard Philbrick, Chris Shaw, Dale Roberts and the Town Manager. Vote: 4-0

Executive Session out at 8:55 p.m.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to deny the appeal of #2013-02. Vote: 3-1, Mr. DiConzo opposed

8. Executive Session pursuant to MRS 405 (6)(A) for a personnel matter #2013-03

This item was not addressed because the issue had been resolved.

9. Executive Session pursuant to MRS 405 (6)(A) for a personnel matter with the Town Attorney

Mr. Sterling made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:56 p.m. pursuant to MRS 405 (6)(A) with the Town Attorney. Vote: 4-0

Mr. DiConzo excused himself at 9:05 p.m.

Town Attorney Kreckel entered at 9:07 p.m.

Executive Session out at 9:31 p.m.

No action was taken.

10. Adjournment

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to adjourn at 9:32 p.m. Vote: 3-0

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Town Manager

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