

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING
December 19, 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: Mark Davis, Elliot Burns, Barbara Burns, Rick Blanchard, Dale Roberts, Patty Ladd, Eric Giroux, Bob Chase, Dick Lovejoy, Matt Daigle, Mia Purcell, Amanda Houston, Bob Stickney, Louise Stickney, Peter Chase, Charlotte Davis, Justin Donnaruma, Bruce Farrin, Terri Palmer, Kevin Knox, Kevin Saisi, Jennifer Kreckel, Jim Windover, Candice Casey

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. All present Pledged Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Presentation of Citizen of the Year Award

Chairperson Buccina read the nomination letter submitted by Ronald M. and Ronald E. Russell for Robert and Louise Stickney and presented a ceremonial clock to the couple as the Town of Rumford's Citizen's of the Year.

4. Requests of Citizen's Present

A citizen mentioned that the Hancock Street cross walk near Strathglass Park could use some tree trimming to shed more of the street light for pedestrians.

Jennifer Kreckel thanked and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to outgoing Town Manager Carlo J. Puiia for his efforts in leading the Town of Rumford.

Candice Casey commented on the clearing of sidewalks and bus stop areas.

5. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Adley recognized Bob and Louise Stickney and thanked Jeff Sterling for the poinsettias.

Ms. Lovejoy read a letter named "Santa's Motto" and wished everyone a nice holiday.

Mr. DiConzo thanked Carlo Puiia for his work as Town Manager and thanked people for coming to the meeting tonight.

Mr. Sterling thanked Carlo Puiia for his service as Town Manager.

Mr. Buccina reflected on the Town Manager leaving and wished him well

B. Town Manager's Report

Envision Rumford was thanked for being present tonight for an item on the Agenda regarding their work in advancing economic development in the town of Rumford.

The Festival of Trees was again put on by the Rumford Performing Arts Committee and the members of the group were thanked for all their efforts. A good time was had by all.

The Fireman's Relief and the River Valley Chamber of Commerce jointly organized the Annual Christmas in the Valley Parade and many turned out for this fun event held on Congress Street.

C. Department Manager's Report

Robert Chase reported an issue with the fire department heating system. Bids will be put out and he would like the Board to consider options such as pellet stove heating for cost savings.

Kevin Saisi requested permission to report on the Charter Commission's public hearing. Unfortunately, it was not heavily attended due to the inclement weather and he requested citizens submit any suggestions or recommendations to the Town Manager's Office.

Mr. Buccina would like a monthly update from the Charter Commission to be placed on the Agenda.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

A. Request from Town Manager to Approve Minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of December 5, 2013 and Special Selectperson's Meeting of December 12, 2013

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of December 5, 2013 and Special Selectperson's Meeting of December 12, 2013.

Mr. Adley noted a correction was needed on the Minutes of December 5th that listed him as absent. He had attended the meeting.

Vote on the motion with correction: 5-0

B. Request from Town Manager to Approve the Warrant dated December 20, 2013

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated December 20, 2013. Vote: 5-0

C. Request for Approval of Town of Mexico and Rumford Joint Interim Town Manager Contract

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the Employment Agreement with John E. Madigan, Jr. as a shared Town Manager between the Town of Rumford and the Town of Mexico. Vote: 5-0

D. Request by Mark Davis for Approval to include an Article on the Annual Town Warrant for a Quit-Claim Deed for Map 12 Lot 21

The Town Manager explained that this lot has an unclear title and abuts land owned by Mr. Mark Davis.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the placing of a Quit-Claim Deed to Mark Davis for Map 12, Lot 21 on the next Annual Town Warrant. Vote: 5-0

E. Request for Approval of Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for Rumford Lodge of Elks

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for Rumford Lodge of Elks. Vote: 5-0

F. Request for Approval of Taxi Cab License for Gilbert Gary Scott, dba EZ Taxi

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the Taxi Cab License for Glibert Gary Scott, dba EZ Taxi. Vote: 5-0

G. Request for Approval of Taxi Cab License for Ruth White, dba Road Hog Express

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the Taxi Cab License for Ruth White, dba Road Hog Express. Vote: 5-0

H. Request from Jim Rinaldo to Approve a Plan for Marketing the Business Park

Mr. Adley made a motion to allow non-resident Glen Holmes, to speak. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Holmes and Mr. Rinaldo presented the proposal to market the Puiia Business Park.

The Board had discussed committing economic development funds and funds from the Business Park Account to the marketing plan.

Mr. Sterling asked if there was any advantage to selling the Business Park as a whole and let the developer work on developing it.

Mr. Holmes explained that as a whole, you will net less money, but it is an option.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the three proposals in the entire plan for the Puiia Business Park. Vote: 5-0

I. Request from Sunday River Farms to Approve Waiver to Transport over Posted Road

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the request from Sunday River Farms for a Waiver to Transport seed potatoes over the Whippoorwill Road when it is posted. Vote: 4-0-1, Ms. Lovejoy was absent for the vote.

J. Request for Approval to Extend the Town's Wood Harvesting Contract

The Town Manager explained that the Town Forester, Brian Milligan, recommended extending the contract with David Dupuis to continue the harvesting of the town property that had to discontinued due to warm weather.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the extension of the Town's Wood Harvesting Contract with DGD Trucking. Vote: 5-0

K. Request for Approval of Town Manager's Office Copier Bid

Mr. Adley made a motion to table this item until the next meeting of January 2, 2014. Vote: 5-0

L. Request for Approval to Direct the Planning Board to Oversee the Implementation of the Comprehensive Plan

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to direct the Planning Board to Oversee the Implementation of the Comprehensive Plan with a quarterly report to the Board beginning in April 2014. Vote: 5-0

M. Request for Approval of Public Works Support of Emergency Responses

Fire Chief Chase explained the nature of the request that entails a limited amount of support and to enable Chief's, or their delegate, the ability to authorize sanding roads by Public Works to move emergency vehicles.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the request. Vote: 5-0

N. Request for Approval of a Quit-Claim Deed for 134 Penobscot Street

The Town Manager explained that the purchaser would agree to tear the building down on that property in six months after the winter months are over. He is a responsible person and this will end up saving the Town money.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve a Quit-Claim Deed to Norman Gagnon and Rebecca Gagnon for property at 134 Penobscot Street. Vote: 5-0

O. Request for Approval to Amend the Agreement with MainePERS Service Retirement Plan

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve amending the agreement with Maine PERS Service Retirement Plan. Vote: 5-0

8. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS § 405(6)(A) to discuss a Personnel Matter

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS §405 (6)(A).

Executive Session in at 8:55 p.m.

Executive Session out at 9:11 p.m.

No action was taken.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Sterling made a motion to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. Vote: 5-0

Carlo J. Puiia
Town Manager

CJP/tp

Approved by the Board of Selectpersons on January 2, 2014.

John E. Madigan, Jr.
Town Manager (DOH 12/22/2013)