

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING
January 7, 2016 6:30 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

PRESENT: Chairperson Bradford Adley, Selectperson Frank DiConzo, Selectperson Mark Belanger, Selectperson Michael Peter Chase, Town Manager John Madigan, Jr. Absent: Vice-Chairperson Jeffrey Sterling

ATTENDEES: Adelaide Solomon-Jordan, Dorothy McKellick, Joseph McKellick, Jim Windover, Kevin Kaulback, Roger Arsenault, Bob Stickney, Bob Chase, Jim Rinaldo, Deborah Laurinaitis, Barb Arsenault, Terri Palmer, Richard and Jolene Lovejoy, Emile Barre, Joe Sirois, Anne Sirois, Chris Decker, Lynn Frost

1. Meeting Call to Order at 6:35 p.m. by Chairperson Adley
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Chairperson Adley led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence in Memory of Sheridan Thornton, a 20 plus year Call Force Fire Fighter veteran in Rumford Point.

3. CITIZEN OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION: RICHARD LOVEJOY

Chairperson Adley called Citizen of the Year Richard Lovejoy to the front and read the nomination from Bob and Louise Stickney listing Mr. Lovejoy's many accomplishments and service to the community. He noted that there were several worthy nominees to choose from and was very glad to be honoring Dick Lovejoy.

Mr. Lovejoy gave a short speech to thank the Citizens of the Year who came before him, specifically Chummy Broomhall, and also to be honored himself.

The Board of Selectpersons awarded an engraved clock to Mr. Lovejoy. His name was placed on the plaque listing all the names of the previous honorees and also a large photo taken of him will hang on the wall with the Citizen of the Year plaque for 2016.

4. Public Hearing: Liquor License for Hotel Rumford

There were no comments.

5. Requests of Citizen's Present

There were no requests.

6. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Chase did not have a report.

Mr. Belanger asked about following up on the goals that the Board put forth at the first meeting of the fiscal year and specifically about meeting with the Rec Director from Mexico who had a presentation that he wanted to share of his vision for River Valley Recreation.

Mr. DiConzo thanked the Chief for placing an ad in the paper to let citizens know that the Parking Ban is now in effect. He also wanted citizens who plow snow to be reminded that you cannot block public ways (sidewalks) or fire hydrants. He may drive around himself to see if there are any infractions after the next storm.

Mr. Adley noted that Mr. Sheridan Thornton took care of Rumford Point as a Fire Fighter for 20 plus years, and his thoughts and prayers were sent to the family.

B. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager provided non-confidential information to Mr. Belanger in response to his request regarding payments to landlords from the General Assistance account. He also gave the costs for building removals that Mr. Belanger requested. Total costs for the demo of 317 Pine Street were \$15,251.31 excluding the yards of gravel used to fill in the cellar hole. Mr. Belanger noted that this was a good price, as the demo of the church rectory was \$26,000.00 that included the wall and gravel fill.

The Town Manager also noted that the MDOT has been surveying the High Bridge above the Rumford Falls and that the bridge is scheduled for replacement.

C. Department Manager Reports (as needed)

Chief Robert Chase gave a reminder that it is unlawful to deposit snow in front of fire hydrants and fire call boxes. He also thanked those that help to keep these areas shoveled out to help keep their neighborhood safe. He also mentioned that he has been contacted by a citizen that is interested in the Town owned property at 163 Route 108. He is interested in demolishing the building on the property. The Chief plans to run an ad to find out if there is any other interest in the property.

D. Board and Committee Reports (as needed)

There were no reports.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

A. Approval of Minutes from December 17, 2015

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the Minutes from December 17, 2015. Vote: 4-0

B. Approval of the Town Warrant dated January 8, 2016

This Item was moved to the end of the Agenda.

Mr. Chase made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated January 8, 2016. Vote: 4-0

C. Approval of Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for Hotel Rumford

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for the Hotel Rumford. Vote: 4-0

D. Approval of UDAG Loan, Mortgage Deed and Promissory Note for Constance Arsenault dba Connie's Place LLC

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve a loan in the amount of \$15,000.00 at 5% interest for five years to Constance M. Arsenault, said loan to be secured by a mortgage on the real estate owned by Constance M. Arsenault on Congress Street in Rumford and on the personal property associated with her restaurant business. Seconded by Mr. Chase.

Chairperson Adley noted that the Board has already discussed this at a previous Executive Session.

Vote on the motion: 4-0

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to agree to the Intercreditor Agreement with AVCOG which gives AVCOG and Rumford equal rights of collection of debt and without priority of claim between Rumford and AVCOG. Seconded by Mr. Belanger. Vote: 4-0

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to authorize John Madigan, the Town Manager, to sign the Inter-Creditor Agreement with AVCOG on behalf of the Town. Seconded by Mr. Belanger

The Town Manager explained that there are new businesses opening in town that could mean a lot of new jobs and because we are members of AVCOG we could utilize their funding resources which stretches the money we have available to help new businesses get started. AVCOG has been very receptive and have come up with more money than the Town. It is a real value to us to be members of this regional planning agency, he said.

Vote on the motion: 4-0

E. Signing of Public Works Union Contract Local 1458—04 Council 93

This item was voted in the affirmative at the last Board meeting of December 17, 2015 and two original contracts were signed at this meeting.

F. Approval of Equal Priority & Inter-Creditor Agreement Between Town of Rumford and AVCOG Concerning Loans to Moon Tide Springs Inc. and Jean Castonguay

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Vote: 4-0

G. Approval to Submit Letter of Intent to Apply for CDBG Grant for Downtown Infrastructure Improvements

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve submitting the Letter of Intent to apply for a CDBG Grant for Downtown Infrastructure. Seconded by Mr. Chase.

The Town Manager explained that he plans to take the survey data (that includes the low to moderate income information) to Augusta tomorrow to make sure we have everything right. He has been working with Main-land on this project. This has to be submitted by next Friday. The total project looks to be around 3 million dollars. The Rumford Water District is estimating that piping, valves, and joints to be around \$800,000. He surmises the sewer to be a similar cost, same length and they also have to separate all the buildings and the storm drains, roof drains must be separated from the sewer lines. The entire Island will be reconstructed. There is only 2.7 million available for infrastructure in the entire State.

Vote on the motion: 4-0

9. Adjournment

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Vote: 4-0

John E. Madigan, Jr.
Town Manager

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