

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S PUBLIC HEARING ON ROOF DRAIN ORDINANCE
April 7, 2016 5:30 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

Ed Ziko, who represents the RUMMEX Association of Landlords was in agreement with the proposed change to the Roof Drain Ordinance.

Town Attorney Jennifer Kreckel will draft the changes on the three issues discussed. She will email the changes to Board members and Mr. Ziko. She also suggested a Special Board Meeting be scheduled to approve the changes prior to the Board meeting of April 21, 2016 as the Annual Town Warrant must be prepared prior to the meeting for approval.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:30 p.m.

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING
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PRESENT: Chairperson Bradford Adley, Vice-Chairperson Jeffrey Sterling, Selectperson Frank DiConzo, Selectperson Mark Belanger, Selectperson Michael Peter Chase, Town Manager John Madigan, Jr.

ATTENDEES: Bromley Cook, Calvin Burgess, Jim Windover, Andy Russell, Stacy Carter, Robert Chase, Mike Mills, Brie Weisman, Jon Starr, Joe Sirois, Anne Wood, Kevin Knox

1. Meeting Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Public Hearing: Hawker's and Peddler's License for Mr. and Mrs. Sausage, and Liquor License for Brian's Bistro

There were no citizen comments made. Mr. Chase noted that the construction planned for this summer may affect the times that Mr. and Mrs. Sausage would like to be in the Information Center Parking area. The Board would like a letter sent to inform the vendor of the situation.

4. Requests of Citizen's Present

Richard Scagliola asked about the next meeting and mentioned the Heroin Task Force and wanted to read a section or two as he was concerned about ethics not being met.

5. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Chase attended the DARE Graduation and thought the program was awesome and congratulated both Chief Carter and Sergeant Maifeld.

Mr. Belanger did not have a report.

Mr. DiConzo passed out copies of Chapter 31 of the Town Ordinances to Board members regarding basketball hoops that are placed out on the road which is prohibited. The roads become very narrow and traffic is affected. He would like a notice placed in the paper to inform residents of our Ordinance and would like the Police to knock on doors to notify people as they are patrolling those areas. He also mentioned that since the MDOT has cut down some of the trees along Route 108 to create the temporary bypass, the Down Town has become more visible to motorists. He would like to see more trees taken down to encourage people to visit this area. He also noted that large trees that were removed near Strathglass Park and along Congress Street should have the stumps ground down as they are unsightly.

Mr. Sterling did not have a report.

Mr. Adley reported attending the DARE Graduation and gave "atta boys" to Rumford Police Department and all involved. He also commended the Police Department, particularly Chief Carter and Sergeant Maifeld, for the next day arrest of vandals who damaged a local church the night before Easter.

B. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager handed out proposed plans for the Downtown Business Island Project with different costs for different options. Congress Street would be the main emphasis and other sections could be done later if the needed funding is not voted upon.

A majority of the Public Works employees voted to work 4 ten hour days for the summer months and will begin next week, Monday through Thursday from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Town Manager clarified that the article that was written about him in last week's Rumford Falls Times should have said that his contract is expiring in June, not that he was retiring. He expressed to both the Rumford and Mexico Select Boards that he would be willing to stay until January if they were interested and which he felt should give enough time to find a replacement.

The Board would like to meet with the Town Manager in Executive Session regarding moving forward with the Town Manager position at the next meeting.

C. Department Manager Reports (as needed)

None.

D. Board and Committee Reports (as needed)

None.

6. Old Business

A. Approval of Truck No. 4 Bid for Public Works

This item had been tabled from the meeting of March 17, 2016. The following bids were received by the Town Manager:

1. Freightliner of Maine	\$108,200.00
Less Trade In	5,000.00
Excise Tax	<u>309.00</u>

	\$102,891.00
2. O'Connor Motor Company	\$106,112.00
Less Trade In	<u>15,777.00</u>
Net Price	\$ 90,335.00
3. Daigle & Houghton	\$106,500.00
Less Trade In	<u>13,500.00</u>
Net Price	\$ 93,000.00

Public Works Superintendent Andy Russell presented the information regarding the need to replace Truck No. 4.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to allow non-resident and Town Mechanic Shawn Goodrow to speak. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Goodrow explained the current situation with the equipment that he services in his role as mechanic.

Mr. Belanger was concerned about the low mileage on the trucks and that the truck driver's seem to drive recklessly over the roads wearing out the vehicles.

Jim Barnett was concerned that we do not keep our old equipment and that we purchase new items that are not quality products.

Kevin Knox was concerned about the small size of the motors in the trucks that we are purchasing. He also noted that we should have a computer to help the mechanics to work on them.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to accept the bid from O'Connor Motor Company for the amount of \$90,335.00 for a Western Star Wheeler (Truck No. 4). Vote: 4-1, Mr. Belanger opposed.

B. Request from Park and Rec Commission for Franchise Fees for Fireworks

Park and Rec Superintendent, Michael Mills, explained that this is the second year for a funding request and next year should be the last time that they will need to request funds. The current balance of the account is approximately \$6,000.00.

The Town Manager noted that this item was tabled until we received the cable franchise fees. We recently received the check from Time Warner in the amount of \$38,023.09. The amount of \$25,348.73 went to the local access channel (2/3 per Charter) leaving a balance of \$12,674.36.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the funding request of \$9,500.00 from the cable franchise fees to the Park and Recreation Department for the Fourth of July fireworks. Vote: 5-0

** Mr. Sterling made a motion to declare an urgent matter to add the Peak a Week Parking Pass Request to the Agenda. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the Peak a Week Parking Pass for the 2016 summer season. Vote: 5-0

7. New Business

A. Approval of Minutes from March 17, 2016

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the minutes from March 17, 2016. Vote: 5-0

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

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated April 8, 2016. Vote: 5-0

C. Approval of the revised Roof Drain Ordinance

Mr. Belanger made a motion to table this item until the next meeting for Town Attorney Jennifer Kreckel to rewrite. Vote: 5-0

D. Request from Park Commission to place a Straw Poll Question on the Annual Town Warrant regarding Replacement of the Hosmer Field Running Track and Football Field Lights/Poles

Chairperson Adley read the proposed language for the Annual Town Warrant including the estimated costs to replace the running track and the football field lights and poles. These questions would be non-binding questions for the voters. The Board would like Attorney Kreckel to review and reword the questions and note that the questions are non-binding.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to table the request until the next meeting after Attorney Kreckel has reviewed and re-drafted the questions. Vote: 5-0

E. Confirmation of Police Officer Appointment

Police Chief Stacy Carter reported that Detective Peter Casey has left his position and he recommends the appointment of George Cayer to fill the position. Mr. Cayer has extensive experience with police and county enforcement.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the appointment of George Cayer to the Rumford Police Department. Vote: 5-0

F. Approval of Truck No. 42 Bid (NORSWB Transport)

The following bids were received by the Town Manager:

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| 1. O'Connor Motor Company | \$128,850.00 |
| 2. Freightliner & Western Star of Maine | \$132,215.00 |
| 3. Daigle & Houghton | \$131,300.00 |

The recommendation from the Public Works Department is for the Western Star vehicle from O'Connor Motor Company. Mr. Adley mentioned that the old truck will be used at the Transfer Station as a trash truck.

The Town Manager noted that he got an estimate for the value of the old truck at \$50,000.00 which will now be used by employees at the NORSW Transfer Station. The NORSWB will make up the difference on the cost of the new truck from what is currently in the Town of Rumford's capital account, which is roughly the value of the old truck.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the bid from O'Connor Motor Company for \$128,850.00.
Vote: 5-0

G. Request for Town Meeting Article concerning Rumford Falls Recreational Trail

The Town Manager reported that this request is from the Land Use and Recreation Committee of Rumford Ahead and is supported by several groups. He read the request to the Board regarding recognizing a portion of the "South Rumford Road" as a 40 foot wide easement from the High Bridge to Route 108. Brookfield Renewable Energy now controls that area adjacent to their hydro dam. A representative from the committee wrote a letter to Brookfield, who in turn responded that the property in question has been closed to the public upon recommendation from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for safety reasons (rock fall area). The Town Manager noted that the group seems to be continuing to pursue this as though it is a Town public right of way; yet, he cannot see where the Town has any rights to this property. He believes the only thing that the Board could do was to ask the voters if they would show support for the request or have the Board write a letter to Brookfield about opening this area back up as a trail.

Mr. Chase asked how the Town got permission for the hiking trail on the other side of the river. The Town Manager believes that this was involved with the land swap with the local paper mill before Brookfield bought the hydro dam.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to allow non-resident Randy Therrien to speak. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Therrien, of Envision Rumford, added that the spirit and intent of the request is to consolidate efforts to work with Brookfield and gain support from citizens who want to have access to recreational uses of the area. A letter from the Select Board to Brookfield would be welcome in this effort and it would be helpful if we could find out if the citizens were also supportive.

Mr. DiConzo would like to be able to work with Brookfield for the good of the community. He would like to have a letter written from the Board and also to put this before the citizens.

Mr. Chase suggested sending the letter after the voters have made their decision.

Mr. Chase made a motion to place a question on the Annual Town Warrant for voters to decide if they support efforts to open Brookfield Powers recreational trail along the Rumford Falls.

Additional comments were made about the recreational uses of the river and working with Brookfield.

Michael Mills, noted that the ACE Team has been meeting about building a bridge across the river for recreational purposes. He believes we should look at the recreational benefits for hiking and biking trails that are located in Oxford and Bethel that could be connected to this area and bring people to our community.

Mr. Chase made a motion to place a non-binding question on the Annual Town Warrant for the voters to decide if they support a hiking trail on the east side of the river.

The Town Manager asked if the Envision Rumford group could draft language to place before the voters for the Board to consider placing on the Annual Town Warrant.

Mr. Therrien is meeting with Envision Rumford member Jennifer Kreckel tomorrow, who is also the Town Attorney, and will address this with her.

Brie Weisman, of Envision Rumford noted that the trail is not only blocked by a gate, and a no trespassing sign, there is now barbed wire to bar the way for pedestrians.

The Town Manager noted that we could contact the Offices of Senator Susan Collins and Representative Angus King to look into the FERC decision.

Vote: 5-0

- H. Approval of Hawker's and Peddler's License for Dana Levasseur, dba Mr. and Mrs. Sausage and Request to stay Overnight on 5/26-5/31, 6/23-6/28 and 10/13-10/18

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the Hawker's and Peddler's License for Dana Levasseur, dba Mr. and Mrs. Sausage and to approve their overnight stay as requested with the caveat that they are notified of the possible dam construction and painting of the Morse Bridge that may affect the use of the Information Center Parking area. Vote: 5-0

- I. Approval of Liquor License for Brian's Bistro

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the Liquor License for Brian's Bistro. Vote: 5-0

- J. Approval of Telephone System Upgrade for Town Office

The Town Manager reported that our current phone system was purchased from Communications Technology and we receive our phone service from Great Works Internet (GWI). We have two proposals to consider from both vendors. He recommends that we go with a lease agreement as technology changes so quickly, there is less up front money, the equipment is leased and maintenance/replacement is covered. There is no cost for travel to repair equipment. We are currently in the process of renovating the Town Offices and will need to temporarily move offices until the changes have all been made, and the current phone system requires reprogramming of all the phones for even a temporary move. The new phones are able to be plugged into any office with phone capability and work.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to allow non-resident Chris Sanborn to speak. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Sanborn, the Town's current IT person, explained the two different proposals and the advantages and disadvantages of each. The main difference is that the GWI proposal is a hosted system that is in the "cloud" and programming changes can be made through the computer from any location.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the lease agreement with Great Works Internet (GWI). Vote: 5-0

- 8. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6) (C) for an economic development matter

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. pursuant to m MRS 405 (6) (C) for an economic development matter.

Executive Session Out at 8:43 p.m.

Mr. Chase made a motion to approve a \$25,000.00 UDAG Loan. Terms to be negotiated once funds are available. Vote: 5-0

- 9. Adjournment

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Vote: 5-0

John E. Madigan, Jr.
Town Manager

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