

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING
March 3, 2016 6:30 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

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

ATTENDEES: James Windover, Gina Hinckley, Linda Macgregor, Maureen Cook, Bromley Cook, John Blanchard, Bruce Farrin, Tamara Butler, Bob Chase, Carolyn Kennard, Mike Mathieu, Bill Hunter, Stacy Carter, Kevin Knox, Mike Mills

1. Meeting Call to Order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Adley
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Public Hearing: Victualer License for Connie's Place

There were no comments.

4. Requests of Citizen's Present

There were no requests.

5. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

Mr. DiConzo did not have a report.

Mr. Sterling noted that the new streetlights have been put up at the new Martin Memorial Bridge and at the intersection of Route 2 and Route 5 and have made a significant difference in the traveling safety in the Rumford Point area. He thanked all involved in this improvement.

Mr. Belanger did not have a report.

Mr. Chase attended Envision Rumford's Forum on the possible designation of a historic district on the Island. He feels the Town should pursue this as there are approximately 40 merchant buildings that may have potential benefits and tax breaks if the designation is approved.

Mr. Adley noted we are in the middle of the budget process and will be meeting this coming Monday and possibly Thursday as needed. The Budget Schedule is posted and all are invited to attend to give public input.

B. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager read a thank you card from the family of Charles "Bucky" Burnham, a town employee who passed away recently.

The Town Manager provided the Board with information from the MDOT regarding the process of controlled access highways. He read the rules set up by the MDOT and noted there may be possibilities for further access for interested businesses along Route 2.

The Town Manager noted that streetlights have been installed in the Rumford Point area on Route 2 and we have already received a call from a very happy citizen.

The DARE Graduation is on March 29 at 6:00 p.m. at Mountain Valley High School.

We received a notice from the MDOT about bridge work on the East Andover Road Bridge and Martin's Bridge on Route 2 over the Ellis River (not the Martin Memorial Bridge). Construction to begin in June or July in 2016 and last for approximately three weeks.

C. Department Manager Reports (as needed)

There were no reports given.

D. Board and Committee Reports (as needed)

There were no reports given.

6. Old Business

A. Discussion on Public Library Exterior Project

Mr. Belanger made a motion to allow non-resident Mike Mathieu to speak. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Belanger made a motion to allow non-resident Bill Hunter to speak. Vote: 5-0

After lengthy discussion regarding the condition of the roof on the Public Library, the consensus of the Board was to have a representative from Hahnel Bros. arrange a date for a visual inspection with the Town Manager by use of the Town's Ladder Truck. Mr. Belanger and the engineer are also to be present.

7. New Business

A. Approval of Minutes from February 18, 2016, and Ordinance/Charter Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2016 and February 25, 2016

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the minutes from February 18, 2016 and Ordinance/Charter Minutes from February 18, 2016 and February 25, 2016. Vote: 5-0

B. Approval of the Town Warrant dated March 4, 2016

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated March 4, 2016. Vote: 5-0

C. Request for Prohibition of Engine Brake Noise on Route 2 in Rumford Center

The Town Manager provided information from the MDOT to the Board regarding this matter. The MDOT will not erect such signs as it is a conflict with Federal regulations and not enforceable; however, the Town may officially adopt an ordinance and erect the signs themselves with the Town

being responsible for enforcement, sign maintenance and any liability. The sign would be a courtesy sign in hopes that the drivers would yield.

Mr. Adley believes the noise is from the exhaust noise and there are also loud motorcycles and other vehicles. Mr. Sterling noted that the sign could say, "Limit the use of engine noise."

Gina Hinckley informed the Board that she has about 50 videos showing the names of the trucking companies and now they are harassing her as they go by. She also noted that the Rumford Police have been patrolling the area. She believes the MDOT has dropped the ball because 75 percent of these vehicles have violations, such as straight stacked pipes, no mufflers, etc. These are visual issues that should have been picked up on. It is an exhaust problem as well. She contacted Carrier Trucking and DGD Trucking with no positive response.

The Town Manager noted that Federal and State Commerce Laws address this issue and usually the State Police deal with inspections of the big trucks.

Kevin Knox noted that the "Jake" brake is important to help a fully loaded truck stop quickly in an emergency. He had no problem with the signs going up regarding engine noise. Mr. Adley noted it is an important piece of equipment, but must be used properly, that is the problem.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to install a sign both ways regarding limiting engine noise. Vote: 5-0

D. Request for Franchise Fees from WVAC-TV7

The Town Manager noted that we have not received the franchise fees from Time Warner at this time.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to give WVAC-TV7 the 2/3 portion of the Franchise Fees as specified in the Town Ordinances. Vote: 5-0

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

Michel Mills, Superintendent of the Park and Recreation Department, gave the Board a written request from the River Valley Fourth of July Committee for \$9,500.00 from the cable franchise fees for the Town's July Fourth celebration at the Hosmer Field Complex. Mr. Mills informed the Board of the current balance of the account and believes they may not need to ask for funds next year.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to table this item until the franchise fee check is received. Vote: 5-0

F. Appointment of Alternate to Planning Board

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to appoint Gina Hinckley as an Alternate to the Planning Board until July 2016. Vote: 5-0

G. Approval of Police Cruiser Bid

Police Chief Stacy Carter informed the Board that we usually replace vehicles every three years, however, the last few years we have been trying to stretch this out and the vehicle being replaced is 4 years and 2 months old, with 114,000 for mileage. The bid spec is for an in-stock vehicle (left over model) and he believes this is a good price for the Ford Interceptor Sedan from Quirk. This replacement purchase is scheduled in the Capital Plan.

The following bid was opened by the Town Manager per the Purchasing Policy.

	Vehicle	Trade In	Net Price
1. Quirk Auto	\$25,085.00	\$3,325.00	\$21,760.00

Mr. Adley made a motion to accept the bid from Quirk Auto for the net price of \$21,760.00. Vote: 3-2, Mr. Belanger and Mr. DiConzo opposed.

H. Request to Paint Footprints on Sidewalks to Remember People with Mental Illness from Local Council of Consumer Council System of Maine

Dorie Oaks presented her request for the Month of May which is Mental Health Awareness Month and explained her request in detail. She noted the tempura paint used to paint the footprints should wash away from the rain by the end of the month. If it is still there at the end of the month they will scrape it all off. She intends to have two footprints painted in the six locations listed in her request.

The Town Manager asked if the potential sites of the hospital, Tri-County Mental Health, and Beacon House have been contacted. She answered that she has contacted some and will contact the others once she has the Town's approval.

She also asked the Town to consider placing a sign on the bridges with information for help if someone needs it.

The Town Manager noted that the MDOT will be working on the Morse Bridge and Canal Bridge on Route 108 and those bridges would not be a good place to locate signs during this time.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the request and for her to get approval from the Rumford Hospital and Tri-County Mental Health, to check with the MDOT for permission to paint on the bridges and to clean up the paint as needed at the end of the month. Vote: 5-0

I. Approval of Liquor License for Connie's Place

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

J. Approval of Victualer's License for Connie's Place

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the Victualer's License for Connie's Place. Vote: 5-0

K. Request from Town Clerk for Exemption from Bidding for Records Restoration

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to table as the Town Clerk was not present. Seconded by Mr. Sterling

The Motion and Second were rescinded.

The Town Manager presented information from the Town's Purchasing Policy and noted that very few firms could provide the services for the records restoration and Kofile Preservation has been highly recommended.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the exemption. Vote: 5-0

L. Discussion of Possible Changes in Policy for Municipal Purchases

Mr. Belanger made a motion to table this item until after the Annual Town Meeting Secret Ballot Vote in June 2016 as there are changes proposed in the Ordinances that pertain the Purchasing Policy. Vote: 5-0

M. Request from MDOT for Permission to Use Parking Spaces on River Street Adjacent to Morse Bridge during the Bridge Painting Project

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the request from the MDOT's subcontractor Amstar to allow the use of 7 parking spaces along River Street and adjacent to the Morse Bridge for storage of equipment while working on the project from approximately May 2016 to the end of June 2016. Vote: 5-0

8. Adjournment

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Vote: 5-0

John E. Madigan, Jr.
Town Manager

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