

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING
May 19, 2016 6:30 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

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

ATTENDEES: Steve Dymont, Maureen Cook, Gary Petrie, Bromley Cook, Jane Shuck, Carolyn Kennard, Bob Chase, Bruce Farrin, Andy Russell, Beth Bellegarde, Gabrielle Johnson, Jim Rinaldo, Stacy Carter, Jennifer Kreckel

1. Meeting Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Public Hearing: Hawker and Peddler License for Danmark Foods

There were no comments.

4. Requests of Citizen's Present

There were no requests.

5. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Chase noted that he watched a video on Channel 7 that was helpful in explaining some of the voting coming up in June. He thought it was done very well.

Mr. Belanger thanked Sue Milligan for her help with an animal control issue. The sign near the Hosmer Baseball Field had incorrect spelling on the sign for vendors. He noted that he smelled something bad when he was in Aubuchon Hardware. He thought it was a skunk and was told by an employee that it was from the marijuana growing facility and that it is like this all the time. He was quite concerned about the people living and working in this area. Mr. Chase asked if these people would be grandfathered if we create an ordinance for next year's ballot. The Town Manager noted that this could be regulated with a zoning ordinance to only allow this in certain areas. Mr. Chase believes that the State should be looking into this. We also need to be careful about regulating "odors" but a zoning type of ordinance might help. The consensus was that many people in Maine must be having similar issues. The Town Manager noted that we do not have zoning.

Mr. Sterling asked how the detours are working out near the Island. He would like to keep the bypass to The Island after the construction. The Town Manager noted that he spoke with the MDOT about the signage last week.

Mr. Adley noted that the large rocks were removed from behind Mountain Valley Variety. The Town Manager explained that Swasey Excavation was working in the area and was able to move the rocks to the snow dump. Last Monday, Emera Energy invited the Town Officials for a tour of their facility and it was very worthwhile. A customer asked about a road issue on Lincoln Avenue where a private contractor left a hump in the road. The Town Manager said he would look into this. He also noted that the Town Hall project is coming along nicely. A letter was distributed to citizens in town

recently and he took offense to some of the contents of the letter. Some of the increases were due to reinstating the Town's Capital Funds, so that the Town does not need to go into debt. Other statements were made in the letter that were not brought up in the budget process. A copy of the letter can be made available to anyone interested. Unfortunately, it did not give the whole story. He would like to see voters invest in their town.

B. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager explained that the Board will need to sign a loan modification agreement to Moon Tide Springs to extend the time frame for their loan to be paid back. This will be done at the end of the meeting.

The Town Manager presented a request from Kendrick Thibodeau for permission to utilize the Business Park for removal of logs from a logging job in that area. The area will be left the way it was prior to the logging job and they will give the Town a Certificate of Liability Insurance. He believes that the option that we currently have for the Business Park would not prevent us from using the land as we still own it. The job should be done by September or October.

Mr. Chase wants to be sure that this does not have any effect on the option that the Town has currently for the Business Park.

There were no objections by the Board members.

The fall schedule to apply for a bond from the Maine Bond Bank was discussed which should give the Town plenty of time to apply for the next bond issue.

There will be an Open House at Region 9 School of Applied Technology on May 23, 2016 from 2-5 p.m.

The Town Manager noted that the letter that was recently mailed out to some households contained false statements with very little detail. He explained that he had attained information from the State Treasurer's website that contained formulas for all Maine towns for State Revenue Sharing that is based on population, tax assessment and State valuation as this is really all about tax assessment. He read some examples of other towns compared to the Town of Rumford. He noted that every town has various factors such as the number of roads, facilities, etc., that set them apart. The Town of Farmington, for example has a large university that may cover some of the expenses. It is important to come in and ask questions and compare apples to apples he said. He was quite concerned about the content of the letter. The Town is running into more problems all the time as the aging infrastructure continues to break down.

C. Department Manager Reports (as needed)

Fire Chief Robert Chase explained that the Fire Department recently found 3 inches of sewer water on the basement floor that the Public Works Department had to pump out. There have been ongoing problems over a number of years, but this time they were unable to get the pipe cleared. There is 110-120 feet of pipe to the Town's main line. Ted Berry was contacted to flush out the pipe and upon inspection found that the clay pipe had collapsed and rocks from the fill above it were in the line. The Public Works Department excavated the line in coordination with Ted Berry. A four inch sewer line was snaked and fused from the basement to the hole that was excavated on River Street, however, from that point forward to the main line, it was determined that the pipe was filled with roots. He expects that Ted Berry will continue to work with the Town to resolve the issue so that the Fire Station is connected again to the main sewer line. He noted that this is an unforeseen circumstance and will need to be funded through the Capital Fund. The building is 100 years old

and it is maintained regularly, but the failure of the sewer line was not anticipated, therefore, the Capital Fund is the only mechanism to pay for this.

On another note, a resignation was recently received from Private Scott Baxter, a full time Fire Fighter who has taken a position elsewhere. We also lost a full time Fire Fighter due to a work related injury who may be out for six to eight weeks. They will need to fill in with overtime to cover the losses to keep two at the station at all times. An advertisement to fill the open position will be posted soon. This brings to light the flexibility of a utility position that would enable the Town to not pay overtime when situations occur and would help to absorb the unknowns.

The Town Manager added that we will take this time to bring the Fire Station floor drain into compliance with the MDEP as is the plan with the buildings in town that currently have roof and or floor drains that empty into the sanitary sewer.

D. Board and Committee Reports (as needed)

There were none.

6. Old Business

A. ** Discussion/Approval of Change Order Recommendation by HE Callahan for Library Roof Project

The Town Manager read the letter and proposal from H.E. Callahan for the change order for the repairs to the front roof of the Public Library. The previous roofing job that had been done by DCS Construction in 2006 was done incorrectly by the contractor and has been causing problems with the slate roofing tiles buckling for the last few years. The rear roof slate tiles were also inspected and found to be installed correctly by the contractor who that did that job, (Hahnel Brothers).

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the change order from H.E. Callahan in the amount of \$33,560.00. Vote: 4-0

7. New Business

A. Approval of Minutes from May 5, 2016

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the minutes from May 5, 2016. Vote: 4-0

B. Approval of the Town Warrant dated May 20, 2016

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated May 20, 2016. Vote: 4-0

C. Request to Close Exchange Street Between Canal Street and Congress Street for Beacon House Fund Raiser on June 24, 2016

The Town Manager read the request from the Beacon House who also requested a rain date of June 25, 2016.

In discussion it was noted that The Island has some traffic congestion currently because of the detours from bridge construction/maintenance. It was also noted that the time frame for the Block Party was from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. and should not interfere with businesses in the area.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the request for the Block Party for the Beacon House Fund Raiser for June 24 with a rain date of June 25. Vote: 4-0

D. Request to Change the Orientation of the Boat Ramp on the Androscoggin River (Route 2)

Gary Petrie asked if the Town would consider changing the orientation of the boat ramp as the current of the river makes using it very difficult. The current boat launch seems to be in disrepair but could be used for carry on boats with no trailer. He believes a new boat launch should be built in a different location in that area and explained his reasoning.

Public Works Superintendent, Andy Russell, agreed that a new boat launch within the area that we have available there would be helpful to boaters. He noted that the existing boat ramp was designed on a previous ramp site and the State was involved.

The Town Manager added that there was a Special Town Meeting held in 1986 where voters decided to purchase the land. The Department of Conservation provided the cement slabs and the Public Works Department installed them. The Town would need permission from Brookfield Power and the MDEP for a site location permit. If it is the same location or adjacent, it would probably be okay, but if we relocate, it may be considered a new project. If the Department of Conservation is on board with the project, they may provide the cement slabs.

Chairperson Adley would like to begin looking into this. The Town Manager will start making phone calls. He also noted that Senator Collins Office will be meeting with Brookfield on the Recreation Trail issue and this could be brought up at that time. We would then start with the Department of Conservation and apply for a permit from the MDEP.

E. Approval of Sewer Camera Bid

The Town Manager reported receiving only one bid for the Sewer Camera Bid from E.J. Prescott in the amount of \$11,269.00.

The Town Manager believes this would be an important tool to purchase as the Town has aging infrastructure that needs repair or replacement. We currently have been calling Ted Berry to handle this inspection process for us, which is quite costly.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the bid from E.J. Prescott for \$11,269.00 for the Sewer Camera Bid. Vote: 4-0

F. Request for Stop Sign on Knox Street at the Intersection of Knox Street and Strafford Avenue

Andy Russell noted that an intersection at Pine Street and Strafford Avenue had been brought up at an earlier meeting, however, upon inspection he found the intersection already had four stop signs. Recently, a citizen expressed concern that she was almost hit as she was going through the intersection because there is not a stop sign in either direction on Strafford Avenue.

Mr. Chase made a motion to approve the placement of a stop sign on Knox Street at the intersection with Strafford Avenue.

G. Approval of Hawker's and Peddler's License for Michael Philbrick, Danmark Food Concessions

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the Hawker's and Peddler's License for Michael Philbrick, dba Danmark Food Concessions. Vote: 4-0

H. Signing of the Warrant and Notice of Election Calling RSU 10 Budget Validation Referendum

Mr. Sterling made a motion to accept and sign the Warrant and Notice of Election Calling RSU 10's Budget Validation Referendum. Vote: 4-0

I. Approval of Victualer's and Innholder's Licenses

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the Victualer and Innholder Licenses for the following:

American Legion, Black Mountain of Maine, Blue Iris Motor Inn, Boardwalk Inn, Brian's Bistro, Connie's Place, Deluxe Diner, Dunkin' Donuts, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Gatch's LLC, Hotel Rumford, LeParesseux Club, McDonald's Restaurant, Mountain Spring Farm B&B, River Valley Grill, Rumford Hospital Cafeteria, Rumford House of Pizza, Rumford Lodge of Elks, Sabina Farm Inn, Sam's Italian Foods, Sons of Italy, Perennial Inn, 49 Franklin

Vote: 4-0

**** URGENT CIRCUMSTANCE ****

Mr. Sterling made a motion to declare an urgent circumstance for a loan modification agreement on a UDAG Loan. Vote: 4-0

Town Attorney Jennifer Kreckel explained that Moon Tide Springs, Inc. did not have the ability to come in to the extended deadline of May 16th. Upon contacting Moon Tide she learned that they expect to close in 60 days on their larger loan and are not on the agenda for the FAME loan until June 16th. With this in mind, she dated the extension of the UDAG Loan from the Town to, "on or before July 20, 2016."

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the loan modification agreement to extend the due date for the UDAG Loan to Moon Tide Springs, Inc. Vote: 4-0

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

Mr. Chase made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6) (C) for an economic development matter. Vote: 4-0

Executive Session in at 8:07 p.m.
Executive Session out at 9:16 p.m.

Mr. Chase made a motion to apply to FEMA for a Flood Plain Designation along a section of Bean Brook. Vote: 4-0

Mr. Belanger made a motion to commit to \$125,000.00 from UDAG loan funds, when available, for an economic development project proposed by Pennacook Falls Investments, LLC. Vote: 4-0

Mr. Belanger left the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

9. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6) (D) for contract negotiations with Police and Fire Departments

Mr. Sterling made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:22 p.m. pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6)(D) for contract negotiations with the Police and Fire Departments. Vote: 3-0

Executive Session out at 10:46 p.m.

No action taken.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Sterling made a motion to adjourn at 10:47 p.m. Vote: 3-0

John E. Madigan, Jr.
Town Manager

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