

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING

July 7, 2016 6:30 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

PRESENT: Chairperson Jeffrey Sterling, Vice-Chairperson Mark Belanger, Selectperson Michael Peter Chase, Selectperson James Windover, Selectperson Christopher Brennick, Town Manager John Madigan, Jr.

ATTENDEES: Deborah Laurinaitis, Andy Russell, Bromley Cook, Eric Giroux, Dale Roberts, Harrison Burns, Eric Davis, Bob Chase, Sandee Gordon, Beth Bellegarde, Thomas Fallon, Terri Palmer, Jane Champe Payne, Michael Mills, Ryan Palmer, Jacob Pitcher, Maureen Cook, Kevin Knox, Brie Weisman, Jon Starr, Glenn Gordon, Rick Blanchard, Brad Adley, John Gorham, Bruce Farrin, Stacy Carter, Justin Tidswell, Shawn Goodrow, Joseph Martin, Marc Dubois, Jen Burke, Maddy Arsenault, Kerri Arsenault, Emile Barre, Jim Theriault, Bill Theriault, Brian Gagnon, Mike Gallant, Richie Philbrick

1. Meeting Call to Order by Chairperson Sterling
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Public Hearing: Liquor Licenses for Le Paresseux Club and 49 Franklin Reception Hall

There were no comments.

4. Requests of Citizen's Present

Eric Davis asked for Police to patrol for speeders on Prospect Avenue.

5. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Brennick congratulated Michael Mills and the Park and Recreation Department along with many others on the successful Fourth of July celebration. He also commended the Fire Department for their response and hard work at the Madison Condos fire.

Mr. Chase did not have a report.

Mr. Belanger thanked the Fireworks Committee for a great job. He also noted that Bill Porter and Rob Kellogg have done a great job renovating the Mountain Valley Variety and thanked the owner for the financial investment in the community.

Mr. Sterling noted that there is mandatory Elected Officials training that the new members will need to attend along with NIMS training being held in Fryeburg or Woodstock. Another training session needed is for Right to Know (or FOAA). Mr. Sterling has received many telephone calls this week while the Town Manager was on vacation. Some calls were in regards to a potential wind energy facility in Milton Plantation asking if the Town had been notified officially as an abutting town. He contacted a Oxford County Commissioner and learned that the Town will be notified by the Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) at a certain point in time in the process. There was a question on whether the Town planned to write a letter regarding their desire for an expedited or non-expedited process. Information is available on the LUPC website.

B. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager did not have anything to report other than that he was on vacation.

C. Department Manager Reports (as needed)

Fire Chief Robert Chase brought forth an issue regarding information that was placed on social media by members of the Select Board that he felt was not factual or complete in regards to a Fire Department employee's pay. He offered the facts on the issue and noted that if anyone has a question, to please ask in order to get the correct information.

Chairperson Sterling commended the Fire Department for their hard work at the Madison Condo fire and also on the second call at Strathglass Park. He also mentioned that the Board would like to recognize the person who reported the fire and got people out. Chief Chase reported that the firefighters worked 13 hours straight in the heat and were aided by fire departments from Peru, Bethel, Mexico, Dixfield, Andover, Roxbury, Canton, and Newry. It was an incredible stop of the fire to save the house at the end and it is attributed to the collective teamwork of all involved. It could have been a lot worse as there was no loss of life.

Michael Mills, Superintendent of the Park and Recreation Department reported that the July 4th fireworks display was great. There was an emergency with a person in attendance and one regarding a report of a shooter through social media, however, everything turned out fine. Next year should be the last year they need to ask for funding. Chairperson Sterling thanked Mr. Mills and the Park and Rec Department for handling the event. Mr. Mills thanked Mr. Sterling for making up a banner for the event.

D. Board and Committee Reports (as needed)

There were no reports presented.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

- A. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of June 16, 2016, Organization Meeting of June 15, 2016 and FYE Meeting of June 30, 2016

Mr. Windover made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of June 16, 2016, Organization Meeting of June 15, 2016 and FYE Meeting of June 30, 2016. Vote: 5-0

- B. Approval of the Town Warrant dated July 8, 2016

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

- C. Introduction and Presentation from Poland Spring Water - Mark Dubois, Natural Resource Manager

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

Mr. Dubois, Natural Resource Manager for Poland Spring, gave a presentation on Poland Spring and their exploration for additional opportunities for spring sites. They plan to have public information sessions going forward and have been working with the Rumford Water District regarding drilling test wells on their property.

Chairperson Sterling accepted written questions from those in attendance and read the questions for Mr. Dubois to respond to.

The Board recessed for a few minutes before continuing the meeting.

D. Request from Rumford Falls Eagles 1248 for Temporary Extension of Liquor License for Member Appreciation Day

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the request from the Rumford Falls Eagles 1248 for a temporary extension of their liquor license for Member Appreciation Day. Vote: 5-0

E. Request from Rumford Falls Eagles 1248 for Temporary Closing of Oxford Avenue for Car Show and Pink Sock Hop

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the request from the Rumford Falls Eagles 1248 for a temporary closing of Oxford Avenue for their Car Show and Pink Sock Hop. Vote: 5-0

F. Request from Rumford Falls Eagles for Permission to Paint a Cross Walk on Oxford Avenue

Mr. Windover made a motion to approve the request from Rumford Falls Eagles for permission to paint a cross walk on Oxford Avenue.

Ralph Arsenault of the Eagles contacted Andy Russell from the Public Works Department regarding the process of painting the cross walk, which the Town would paint.

Mr. Russell noted that the sidewalk curb may need to be cut as well.

Vote on the motion: 5-0

G. Approval of Victualer's License for Good Karma Café

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the Victualer's License for Good Karma Café.

Glen and Sandee Gordon noted that they will begin food service at their new health food store on Congress Street once the license is approved and gave a brief introduction of their business.

Vote on the motion: 5-0

H. Approval of Truck No.14 Bid

The bid opening was conducted in the Town Manager's Office as follows (including trade in):

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| 1. Daigle and Houghton | \$82,500.00 |
| 2. O'Connor Motors | \$87,802.00 |
| 3. Freightliner of Maine | \$85,509.00 |

Mr. Windover made a motion to table this item.

Mr. Chase asked why the request was made to table.

Mr. Windover would like to see the maintenance records of the truck being replaced.

Mr. Chase made a motion to allow non-resident Shawn Goodrow to speak. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Goodrow, Maintenance Technician, at the Public Works facility provided further information to the Board.

Vote on the motion to table: 2-3, Mr. Brennick, Mr. Chase and Mr. Sterling were opposed.

Mr. Brennick made a motion to approve the bid from Daigle and Houghton for \$82,500.00. Vote: 4-1, Mr. Belanger opposed.

I. Approval of Inter-Governmental Agreement with Western Foothills RSU 10 for Use of Hosmer Field Recreational Complex

Michael Mills, Superintendent of the Park and Recreation Department, answered questions from the Board on the proposed Agreement that was for three years (2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19) at the successive amounts of \$26,334.00, 28,168.00 and \$30,000.00. He calculated the costs to maintain the fields for the school at \$60,000.00 a year. Mr. Mills noted that there are other entities that use the fields, but they do not have any money. He also noted that the Agreement allows RSU 10 to have the physical first right to the use of the facility even if it means changing a schedule that already exists for another entity. After further questions from the Board, Mr. Mills explained that he calculated the total costs to maintain the fields and had broken down the costs to maintain the fields for RSU 10's use.

The Board discussed renegotiating the Agreement for a period of one year as the school budget has already been passed for this year. There is also a possibility that RSU 10 may lose member towns later this year.

Mr. Windover made a motion to table this item.

It was further determined during discussion that it is the Select Board who is the negotiating body not the Park and Recreation Commission. The consensus of the Board was to ask RSU 10 for a one year agreement at \$30,000.00. Mr. Mills is to contact the Athletic Director for RSU 10.

Vote: 4-0-1, Mr. Brennick abstained.

J. Discussion on Grant Request Support for Recreational Trails Grant from ACE Team

Michael Mills is on the ACE Team Committee which is attempting to have a bridge built over the Swift River for recreational purposes for snowmobiles, ATVs, horses, bicycles, and kids walking to school.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to support the application by the ACE Team for a recreational grant. Vote: 5-0

Someone from the audience asked why the ATV Clubs were not involved in this effort.

Chief Carter added that a person approached him for a letter of support for a walking bridge which he gave. He did not recall any mention of ATV, snowmobile, or any other uses.

K. Approval of Police Cruiser Bid

The following bids were received in the Town Manager's Office (including trade in):

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| 1. Bailey Brothers Ford | \$24,075.00 |
| 2. Quirk Auto Group | \$24,528.00 |

Mr. Brennick made a motion to accept the bid from Bailey Brothers Ford for \$24,975.00.

Mr. Chase noted a discrepancy in the bid amount reflected on the bid opening minutes. Chief Carter noted the correct amount is \$24,075.00.

Mr. Brennick and Mr. Sterling amended their motion and second to \$24,075.00.

Vote on the motion: 3-2, Mr. Belanger and Mr. Windover opposed.

L. Approval of Criminal Forfeiture for Police Department

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the criminal forfeiture for the Police Department.

In discussion it was asked where the funds go and Chief Carter answered that they go into the Drug Seizure Account.

Vote: 3-2, Mr. Windover and Mr. Belanger opposed.

M. Appointments to Boards and Committee

Mr. Belanger made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Vote: 5-0

N. Approval of Liquor License Application and Special Amusement Permit for Le Paresseux Club

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the Liquor License Application and Special Amusement Permit for Le Paresseux Club. Vote: 5-0

O. Approval of Liquor License Application and Special Amusement Permit for 49 Franklin Reception Hall

Mr. Chase made a motion to approve the Liquor License Application and Special Amusement Permit for 49 Franklin Reception Hall. Vote: 5-0

P. Discussion on Plans for Dangerous Building at 240 Pine Street

Mr. Windover asked for some specifics on this item such as how much money is being paid to have the front porches removed and what are we doing about it.

The Town Manager reported that the approved bid was from Jim Barnett for approximately \$4,300.00 who also wanted to be sure there was no asbestos. An inspection was completed by an environmental specialist and the sample showed no asbestos. The Town Attorney sent a 30-Day-Notice by Certified Mail to the property owners (the three Zadakis brothers) to remove any personal property on the porches. The letter was signed by one brother on June 20, 2016 and after July 20, 2016 we can begin the demolition of the porches and rebuild an egress stairway from the first floor to the ground.

Mr. Windover asked if there would be a lien placed on the property.

The Town Manager explained that the money spent on the demo, environmental test and attorney fees will be billed. If not paid, it will be liened according to the State Statute. Once a lien is filed, the owner has 18 months to pay it before the Town can foreclose. However, there are two houses on the same tax bill with a brother living in each home. One of the brothers may not want to lose the property and may pay the costs.

Mr. Windover wanted to know the amount of property taxes that are already due.

The Town Manager stressed that we must follow the State Statute and eventually the Town will recover its money either by the bill being paid or by lien.

Mr. Windover asked about the safety of the back porch. The Town Manager noted that there is not a public safety issue with the back porch.

Q. Approval of Revision to the Municipal Purchases Policy

The Town Manager explained that the Select Board began looking at making some revisions to the Municipal Purchases Policy last January but found that a change needed to be made in the Ordinances that would need a vote from the citizens. He further explained the revisions that had been made such as increasing the amount that can be approved by the Town Manager to a more appropriate amount for today's costs, inserting new language regarding grants, adding Department Head to be present at bid openings, changing that either the Finance Director or Executive Secretary be present at bid openings and other minor corrections.

Mr. Chase made a motion to approve the proposed revisions to the Municipal Purchases Policy. Vote: 5-0

R. Election of MMA Legislative Policy Committee Members

Mr. Belanger made a motion to vote for Arthur Harvey as a member of the Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee. Vote: 5-0

S. Request from MDOT for Permission to Transport Construction Equipment over Town Roads

Mr. Belanger made a motion to give permission to the Maine Department of Transportation to transport construction equipment over Town roads [Project No. 022064.00]. Vote: 5-0

T. * Request from Rumford Riders ATV Club for Parade Permit for Christmas in July Toy Run

Police Chief Stacy Carter informed the Board that the Rumford Riders ATV Club made a late request for a parade permit for an event scheduled for July 9, 2016. The event would start at the Public Works Garage and proceed easterly along Route 2 for one to one and one half miles to the ATV Park and Ride parking lot at the top of Falls Hill on Route 2. He plans to have a Police Officer escort the parade along Route 2, if one is available. The Town of Mexico may help in this regard. There would be a minor traffic delay as eastbound traffic would be held up because of the long curve along Route 2 where vehicles may try to pass the ATV's by going over the center line.

In discussion it was noted that the ATV Club is looking to gain exposure for their club and by holding this event it could bring one hundred riders to the area for this loop ride that will be on Route 2 for a short period. It was suggested that Prospect Avenue might be a better option.

Chief Carter believes that Route 2 would be a better alternative than having 100 riders go through the Prospect Avenue area that is heavily populated.

Mr. Windover made a motion to approve the request from the Rumford Riders ATV Club for a parade permit for their Christmas in July Toy Run. Vote: 5-0

8. Adjournment

Mr. Chase made a motion to adjourn at 9:54 p.m. Vote: 5-0

John E. Madigan, Jr.
Town Manager

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