

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2017 6:30 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

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

ATTENDEES: Frank DiConzo, Eric Giroux, Bob Chase, Dale Roberts, Stacy Carter, Eric Davis, Kevin Knox, Brie Weisman, Jon Starr, Walter Buotte

1. Meeting Call to Order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Sterling
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Public Hearing: Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for Hotel Rumford
 Liquor License for BPO Elks #862

There were no comments on either item.

4. Requests of Citizen's Present

Jon Starr presented and read a citizen petition regarding large volume water extraction and called for a critical circumstance to call a Special Town Meeting. Chairperson Sterling accepted the petition and will have the Town Clerk verify the signatures. A meeting will be scheduled for next Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Don Boucher shared some concerns regarding snow removal. Chairperson Sterling will have this item placed on the next agenda.

5. Reports

A. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager noted that the Martel's would like an extension on the required work on the former Town owned property at 226 Knox Street. He suggested extending the timeframe to the same date given the others recently.

B. Department Manager Reports (as needed)

Fire Chief Robert Chase expressed appreciation to the fire departments from Farmington, Bethel, Norway, Wilton, and East Dixfield who volunteered to cover our community while the funeral services were conducted for Mexico Fire Chief Gary Wentzell. The Rumford Fire Department is partnering with the American Red Cross to do a smoke detector installation program. The goal is to place over 500 detectors in the town of Rumford. The date will be March 11 and they will be focusing on the Falmouth to Penobscot street areas; appointments can be made for other areas.

C. Board and Committee Reports (as needed)

There were no reports.

D. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Brennick reported attending the service for Chief Wentzell and appreciated that Rumford was well represented by our Police and Fire Departments who were all in uniform. Chief Wentzell will be greatly missed. On February 26, the Park Department will be holding a skating party at the Hosmer Field Rink. He asked the Town Manager if he could get an update of where the other departments are with their Capital Plans either in writing or in the budget presentations.

Mr. Chase reported that a citizen approached him and said that he saw a pick-up truck filling up with sand at the Public Works Department. He thought the policy was only for two buckets of sand to be taken. The Town Manager responded that there is a sign that says only two buckets of sand are allowed.

Mr. Windover did not have a report.

Mr. Belanger requested that the Board receive prior information before large items go out to bid. The Town Manager responded that this should probably be a discussion for the Board to decide.

Mr. Sterling received an email from Augusta that there will be a public hearing on January 31, 2017 for the bill introduced by Senator Keim, LR 1262. The Town Manager believes that this will be held at the Cross Office Building at 1:00 p.m. in front of the State House.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

A. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of January 5, 2017

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 5, 2017. Vote: 5-0

B. Approval of the Town Warrant dated January 20, 2017

Mr. Windover made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated January 20, 2017. Vote: 5-0

C. Discussion on RSU 10 Reapportionment Committee with Superintendent Deborah Alden

Rumford RSU 10 Representative Frank DiConzo introduced new Superintendent Deborah Alden to speak to the Board.

Mr. Windover made a motion to allow non-resident Deborah Alden to speak. Vote: 5-0

Superintendent Alden gave the Board her brief work history at MSAD 52 in Turner, Maine. She explained that some of the 12 towns in the RSU 10 have voted to leave the district as of July 1, 2017. In the process of doing so, the State wants the district to be re-apportioned with the remaining 7 towns by the rules of one person, one vote. The State would like a Re-Appportionment Committee to be organized and to be composed of three people from each town: a Municipal Officer, a current School Board Member and a town citizen. It may only take one or two meetings. She also brought a schedule of school board and budget meetings for the Select Board members.

Mr. Belanger asked how the budget is affected with this change.

Ms. Alden believes the schools that have withdrawn have experienced an increase in their town's budgets. As far as the RSU 10 towns that are left, it is not known what we will receive from the State. The seven remaining towns have a large number of free and reduced lunch students and that shows the poverty level. She has been told that they will not see that funding level until after February for the remaining RSU 10.

Town Manager Madigan explained his understanding of the funding from the Governor's budget proposal.

Mr. Brennick expressed interest in serving as the Municipal Officer for the Re-Appportionment Committee.

Mr. Sterling discussed the voting percentages that each town may have going forward in the newly organized RSU 10.

The Town Manager noted that Northern Oxford Regional Solid Waste Board recently began accepting food waste for composting and wanted Ms. Alden to be aware of this effort so that the schools could make this a priority as a significant savings for the towns.

Ms. Alden added that the Central Office will be moved from Dixfield to the Mountain Valley High School near the Library and main office of the school. There will also be a satellite office at Buckfield Senior/Junior High where the Superintendent will work once a week.

Chairperson Sterling welcomed Ms. Alden to the community.

D. Approval of Snow Blower Bid for Public Works Department

Town Mechanic Shawn Goodrow, explained that the old snow blower for the loader is 11 years old and has 12,000 hours of use. It currently needs \$8,000 in repairs and they are trying to keep it going through this winter. This item is on a ten year program and has been for the last 30 years.

Mr. Belanger asked what the \$8,000 in repairs would get.

Mr. Goodrow thought it would get them through another season possibly. He also welcomed the Board to go to Public Works to look at the equipment. He also noted that snow blowers are a high maintenance item. A great amount of sand goes through the snow blower, as well as the sweeper, and it wears them down like a grinder would. The auger alone costs \$8,000 to replace. They have put in \$35,000-\$40,000 in repairs thus far.

The bid specs were sent to two vendors but there was only one bid received and opened in the Town Manager's Office:

1. Viking-Cives	\$105,493.00
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Price reflects trade in of RPM Snow Blower and 1977 John Deere 450 Bulldozer

Mr. Windover made a motion to rebuild the old snow blower. Seconded by Mr. Belanger.

Mr. Brennick asked for clarification of the intent of the motion.

Mr. Windover would like to see it used for the remainder of this year and possibly rebuild it completely next year and use the front end loaders as needed to pick up snow.

Mr. Goodrow noted that this new snow blower is \$15,000 less than one that would be bought next year because the emissions have changed and now require diesel exhaust fluid, and is very costly to maintain.

Mr. Chase was concerned that we would be putting a band-aid on for \$8,000 that may not be dependable and citizens are very concerned about the snow being removed.

Richard Scagliola asked if there is any consideration for a good used item.

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

Mr. Brennick made a motion to accept the bid from Viking-Cives for \$105,493.00. Seconded by Mr. Chase.

Mr. Chase asked about the bulldozer being traded in. Mr. Goodrow answered that the bulldozer has a broken frame that would take \$5,000 to fix.

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

E. Approval of Copier Bid for Police Department

The following bids were opened in the Town Manager's Office:

	Model	PPM	Cost	Contract
1. Budget Document Technology	Xerox	35	\$5,250.00	.0049 BW / .042 Color
	Konica	36	\$5,520.00	.0049 BW / .037 Color
2. A-Copi Technology First	Toshiba	35	\$4,558.05	.006 BW / .05 Color
3. Transco Business Technology	Xerox	45	\$7,560.00	22.12 BW mo./ .059 Color 1 st year

Police Chief Stacy Carter explained that their current copier is 11 years old and the maintenance contract cannot be renewed as parts are no longer available. They are getting by with a household printer while their old one is down. He also noted a recommendation from our IT person that the Konica would be the most user friendly model for use by all the Police Department staff.

Mr. Brennick asked which company services our current copier. Chief Carter responded that Budget Document is our current provider and has done very well. The plan is to combine three current printers into one machine that will copy, fax and scan which will save on maintenance and toner costs.

Mr. Windover made a motion to accept the bid from A-Copi Technology for \$4,558.05. Second by Mr. Belanger. Vote: 2-3, Mr. Sterling, Mr. Chase and Mr. Brennick opposed.

Mr. Brennick made a motion to accept the bid from Budget Document Technology for the Konica for \$5,520.00. Vote: 3-2, Mr. Windover and Mr. Belanger opposed.

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

Mr. Brennick made a motion to approve the Liquor License Application and Special Amusement Permit for the Hotel Rumford. Vote: 5-0

G. Approval of Liquor License Application for Benevolent Protective Order of Elks #862

Mr. Windover made a motion to approve the Liquor License Application for the BPO Elks #862. Vote: 5-0

8. Adjournment

Mr. Brennick made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Vote: 5-0

John E. Madigan, Jr.
Town Manager

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