

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S WORKSHOP with LANDLORDS**  
**April 6, 2017 5:30 p.m.**  
**Jury Room**

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
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**Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6) (C) for an Economic Development Matter**

Mr. Brennick made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to 1 MRS 405(6)(C) for an economic development matter. Second Mr. Chase. Vote: 5-0

Executive Session out at 6:25 p.m.

No action was taken.

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 6, 2017 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 and Town Manager Linda-Jean Briggs.

ATTENDEES: Candice Casey, Frank DiConzo, Stacy Carter, Deborah Laurinaitis, Steve Dymant, Dan Richard, Richard Scagliola

1. Meeting Call to Order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Sterling
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Public Hearing: None
4. Requests of Citizen's Present

Candice Casey asked why the bids for the Island project were not on the Agenda. The Chairperson noted this would be answered during the Town Manager's Report.

Richard Scagliola noted his car was spray painted with profanity and the pillars to the Strathglass Park were also spray painted.

5. Reports

A. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager read a letter into the record that she placed on the Town Website regarding large scale water extraction (Attachment).

Town Manager Report 4/6/2017:

- Attended DARE graduation-I was very impressed with the graduates behavior and the caliber of the essay they presented. Congratulations to Sgt. Maifeld for another successful year
- Attended the MTCMA Interchange in Bangor. It was a day filled with seminars and advice to communities as they face decisions involving recreational marijuana and the expected consequence it will have on the medical marijuana industry
- Attended Rotary meeting—the presentation was made by the Rumford Eagles club where it was noted they are the largest group of Eagles in all of Maine
- Worked with the auditor on fixed assets
- Met with a person interested in grant writing opportunities
- Sat on a conference call with Trio as they intend to roll out a different platform. I told them we would be happy to participate as a Beta site as long as there is a discount involved to the town
- Attended the Super Bowl parade and party with my Husband and my Father. It was a great time, well attended and a real show of community pride. With luck and a good season, the organizers hope to have another one next year.
- Great job to all of the organizers, with a special shout out to Roger White for his enthusiasm and vision for this event
- Attended an event at Region 9 with Senator Angus King, where the focus was on Technical Education specifically addressing sustainable forestry management and the culinary arts program
- Met with officers of Catalyst Paper Mill. We expect to set up a tour of the facility along with representatives from the Economic Development wing of Sen. King's office
- Attended the Library Board monthly meeting. Very proud to have such dedicated trustees
- Met with CMP concerning the downtown project. We addressed ownership of the metal light poles. I advised them moving forward we will also purchase and maintain the light bulbs ourselves. The bulbs in the project list are LEDs which CMP does not yet have available
- With respect to the downtown bid award—the following occurred. On Friday 3/31 the engineer called to say the SRF folks required a change in the pipes for the water. This change was significant enough that if we handled it as change order, the awardee would have been given an unfair advantage over the remaining bidders. Therefore, we contacted the bidders, revised the bid specs and pushed the deadline out two weeks. Bids will now be opened on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm and considered by you on the April 20<sup>th</sup> agenda
- Attended the domestic violence task force meeting where we received and reviewed, The 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Report of the Maine Domestic Abuse Homicide Review Panel, *On the Path of Prevention*
- Had a unique tour of one of Rumford's gems. Yesterday, I climbed into the groomer and toured Black Mountain of Maine. The day was overcast and foggy but, the ride was great just the same. I look forward to working with this group to continue and enhance their development vision

#### B. Department Manager Reports (as needed)

#### C. Board and Committee Reports

##### 1. RSU 10 School Board Report - Frank DiConzo

RSU 10 School Board Member Frank DiConzo explained that there is some misinformation out there that he would like to set straight. RSU 10 applied and was awarded a bond for \$900,250.00 to once and for all take care of the Mountain Valley High School roof. Because the bond was awarded when all twelve towns were part of RSU 10, all the towns will be voting on the bond. The overall vote is what will be looked at for passage. The towns within the RSU 10 that withdrew will not be responsible for the payback of the bond, only the remaining towns will be responsible. Of the \$900,250.00 the remaining towns will only be paying back \$343,000.00 over ten years at zero percent interest which is a great opportunity. He hopes that citizens will understand and vote for this bond to take care of the problem the right way. He also noted, that if the Governor gets his proposals passed in the House and Senate, the Town of Rumford will look at an 18 percent increase in our share of the school budget, which is about 3 million dollars. He encouraged the Board members to contact local representative in the House and Senate to vote no on these changes. The School Board is trying to make cuts without affecting the education of the students. They pared down the increase to 8 percent which is taking into consideration that we have to pay the 3 million. We would like to get it down to 3 percent or no increase from last year.

Mr. Brennick shared his concerns about the continuing constant pressure from the State pushing the costs back to the local level. He noted that Rumford, Mexico and RSU 10 are losing money, and Scarborough, Biddeford and the Cape are getting more money. He believes the Town itself needs to be more proactive in voicing our concerns.

Mr. Chase asked if one town votes down the bond, does that mean the bond will fail. Mr. DiConzo believes it is the majority vote of all the twelve towns.

Mr. Belanger asked where we are at with sharing of services. Mr. DiConzo said it is a big issue and it will boil down to what the School Board votes upon. All are in favor of sharing gas and diesel for busses and also fuel oil to get a better rack price. Sharing services within administration has also been discussed. He does not believe sharing will save us much money, we will have to come up with cost savings of our own. He thinks we can repair our own vehicles to save money. We share our Food Service Coordinator with Bethel currently.

Mr. Brennick would like to see only a one year commitment on any shared services to see how it works out.

Mr. DiConzo would like to see both districts not share and find their own savings for one or two years to see if that would be beneficial before considering sharing.

#### D. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Brennick informed the Board that this Sunday night, comedian Bob Marley will be performing at 6 p.m. at Mountain Valley High School. This is a fund raiser for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration put on by the Park Commission. He also noted that the Patriots Super Bowl Parade went very well and Black Mountain was packed afterwards. He thanked Roger White for his efforts. He attended a meeting on March 15 regarding Dirigo breaking away from the RSU 10 and discussed that certain laws apply to govern how school boards have to vote.

Mr. Chase echoed the Town Manager's sentiments about the DARE graduation and noted that Chief Carter and Sgt. Maifeld did a great job with the program. He also congratulated the students who completed the program. He felt the Super Bowl parade and after-party at Black Mountain was very well attended and exceeded expectations. He congratulated Roger White for his efforts.

Mr. Windover said he had a great time at the parade and that Roger White did an awesome job in putting it all together.

Mr. Belanger did not have a report.

Mr. Sterling noted that he attended the DARE graduation and commended Sgt. Maifeld and Chief Carter for a great program and their work.

Mr. Chase noted the speaker at the DARE Graduation was very inspirational.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

- A. Approval of Minutes from Select Board Meeting of March 16, 2017 and Special Meeting of March 22, 2017

Mr. Brennick made a motion to approve. Second by Mr. Windover. Vote: 5-0

- B. Approval of the Town Warrant dated April 7, 2017

Mr. Brennick made a motion to approve. Second by Mr. Belanger. Vote: 3-2, Mr. Belanger and Mr. Windover opposed.

- C. Approval of Annual Town Warrant for Annual Town Business Meeting of June 5, 2017 and Annual Town Election Meeting of June 13, 2017

Mr. Brennick made a motion to approve. Second by Mr. Chase. Vote: 3-2, Mr. Belanger and Mr. Windover opposed.

- D. Request for Cable Franchise Fees from Park and Recreation Commission for Fireworks Celebration

Park Commission Chairperson Dan Richard asked for \$9,500.00 from the cable franchise fees again this year. He believes this is their third and final year of making this request.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve. Second by Mr. Windover.

Mr. Belanger asked for the balance of the cable franchise fee account. The Town Manager reported that the current balance is \$11,474.66.

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

- E. Appointment of Full Time Police Officer Position

Police Chief Stacy Carter asked the Board to approve the appointment of Patrolman Ashley Rich as a full time Police Officer. She started in September as Administrative Officer and has completed the 100 hour course and graduated. She has started some FTO and has excelled in all parts of her training thus far. He feels she will be a very good patrol officer and it will be beneficial to have a woman on the force to help with females [that need to be processed].

Mr. Belanger asked if there were any other openings in the Police Department.

Chief Carter responded that the Department has two openings currently for a full time member to replace Officer McLamb and a full time utility position that has been open for a couple years.

Patrolman Rich will fill the full time officer position. They are still looking for someone to fill the utility position.

Mr. Windover asked the current staffing level.

Chief Carter replied ten, including the Chief.

Mr. Chase asked if there will be advertising to fill the Administrative Officer position.

Chief Carter replied that he will advertise this part time position at a later date.

Mr. Chase made a motion to approve the appointment. Second by Mr. Brennick. Vote: 5-0

F. Request from Jim Rinaldo to Place Memorial in Boivin Park

This item will be moved to a future agenda per Chairperson Sterling.

G. Approval of Boiler Bid for Central Fire Station

Mr. Windover asked to see the original bids and the Town Manager provided them to him.

The following bids were opened in the Town Manager's Office on April 3, 2017 as follows:

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| 1. Specialty Services | \$12,990.00 |
| 2. Community Energy   | \$11,612.00 |

Mr. Belanger asked for more information about the condition of the boiler.

The Town Manager explained that there has been a problem there for some time as Chief Chase noted at a prior meeting. He did not think it an emergency, but did go out to bid for the repairs as it had been leaking. There is a similar situation at the Library where it is also leaking. Our maintenance contractor considered it an emergency situation but the Town Manager has not determined that herself at this time.

Mr. Chase noted that the boiler at the Central Fire Station is over 25 years old.

Mr. Windover asked who was doing the chimney lining.

Mr. Chase noted that he and his son Fire Chief Robert Chase, do chimney linings. They discussed having the Town purchase the liner (at cost) and they would donate their services to do the install.

Mr. Windover made a motion to approve the bid from Community Energy for \$11,612.00. Second by Mr. Belanger. Vote: 5-0

8. Adjournment

Mr. Belanger made a motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Second by Mr. Windover. Vote: 5-0

Linda Jean Briggs  
Town Manager

LJB/tp