

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGE FOR NOVEMBER 2017
September 7, 2017 6:00 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium**

Article IV, Promulgation of Ordinances and Charter Amendments

Chairperson Brennick noted that we would not have the public hearing as there was not enough time to place the proposed change on the Warrant.

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING
September 7, 2017 6:30 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium**

PRESENT: Chairperson Christopher Brennick, Vice-Chairperson Michael Peter Chase, Selectperson Mark Belanger, Selectperson James Theriault, Absent: Selectperson James Windover and Town Manager Linda-Jean Briggs.

ATTENDEES: Candice Casey, Richard Coulombe, Eric Davis, Eric Giroux, Tom Bourret, Jennifer Kreckel, Bob Chase, Tom Carey, Deborah Laurinaitis

1. Call to Order by Chairperson Brennick at 6:30 p.m.

Chairperson Brennick asked to move Item 7-P up in the Agenda to under Item 7-B. There was no objection from the Board.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Public Hearing: Liquor License for Gatch's LLC

There were no comments.

4. Special Presentation or Award
5. Comments

A. Public Comment

Candice Casey commended the Public Works Department and asked for more trash cans around town near the corner near the Haverhill Bridge and at the end of Memorial Bridge near Rumford Avenue to alleviate litter.

Eric Davis asked to have meetings and agendas for Town boards and committees posted on the Town website. Mr. Brennick would like to see us enhance our digital footprint and add even more resources and information as possible on the website.

Eric Giroux requested to be placed on the next agenda regarding a sewer back-up at his home and submitted a bill that he believes the Town should be paying that has not been paid at this time. Chairperson Brennick asked him if he went to the Town Manager's Office and he was also given a copy of the bill.

Richard Scagliola made several comments about marijuana and asked the Board to be educated and look up an article.

B. Town Manager's Report

There was no Town Manager Report as the Manager was not present.

C. Department Head or Committee Chair Report (as needed)

There were no reports.

D. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Belanger and Mr. Theriault did not have reports.

Mr. Chase noted the disaster with Hurricane Harvey in Texas and that our sympathies are with them along with the people in Florida with another hurricane coming.

Mr. Brennick noted there is a Select Board Workshop on September 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. on the Purchasing Policy and also a Business-After-Hours at Bangor Savings Bank prior to the workshop. He also noted the weather problems in the south and that it helps you to count your blessings here and our thoughts and prayers are with the people there.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

A. Approval of Minutes from Select Board Meetings of August 3, 2017 and August 16, 2017

Mr. Chase made a motion to approve the Select Board Minutes of August 3, 2017 and August 16, 2017. Second by Mr. Theriault. Vote: 4-0

B. Approval of the Town Warrant dated September 8, 2017

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated September 8, 2017. Second by Mr. Theriault. Vote: 4-0

C. Approval of Hazard Mitigation Plan – Fire Chief Robert Chase

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Second by Mr. Chase. Vote: 4-0

D. Request from Thomas Carey to Run Zipline at Pumpkin Fest on October 14, 2017

Mr. Carey stated he would like to participate in Pumpkin Fest as it would be an opportunity to show what activity can happen in Rumford if we were to move beyond this small project to a larger one down the road. Mr. Carey further explained his plans with the proceeds to go to Envision Rumford. The Fire Marshal's Office will be involved with an inspection.

Mr. Carey asked if they could also remove some brush in the area of Cataract Station where the zipline will end to help people get up to the road. They would not cut down any trees.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the request to run a zipline at Pumpkin Fest on October 14, 2017, contingent on Mr. Carey and the zipline people securing insurance coverage, and to also approve the removal of brush to clear the trail for those exiting the zipline. Second by Mr. Chase. Vote: 4-0

E. *Approval to Cancel Select Board Meeting of October 5, 2017 Due to MMA Convention

Mr. Brennick made a motion to change the date of the October 5, 2017 meeting to October 12, 2017. Second by Mr. Chase. Vote: 4-0

F. Approval of Oxford County Mental Health 5K Run

This item was removed from the Agenda per request of Oxford County Mental Health as the 5K was cancelled.

G. Approval of General Assistance Ordinance Maximum Amounts – October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the maximum amounts presented. Second by Mr. Theriault. Vote: 4-0

H. Request for Letter of Support from Select Board to Apply for Grant to Replace Running Track at Hosmer Field

Mr. Belanger made a motion to table until the next meeting when Michael Mills would be in attendance. Second by Mr. Chase. Vote: 4-0

I. Approval of Annual Town Report Bid

The following bids were received:

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| 1. Snowman Printers | \$634.20 |
| 2. Smith and Town Printers | \$660.00 |

Mr. Belanger made a motion to accept the bid from Snowman Printers for \$634.20. Second by Mr. Chase. Vote: 4-0

J. Approval of Liquor License Application and Special Amusement Permit for Gatch's LLC

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the Liquor License Application and Special Amusement Permit for Gatch's LLC. Second by Mr. Theriault. Vote: 4-0

K. Request to move \$14,000.00 from Contingency Account to Solicitor's Account to Cover Overage

Finance Director Deborah Laurinaitis explained that the purpose of the request was because the Town Solicitor's account was overdrawn by \$23,000.00 because of the legal representation the Town needed regarding the Rumford Water District and the legal action that was presented. We

want to designate amounts for the balances next year. The total in the General Account comes to \$205,064.50 and in General Government we only have \$191,064.50 that we can carry and we want to transfer \$14,000.00 so that will cover. This relates to the overage in the Solicitors Account so we can carry the \$205,064.50 which is economic development and a few other accounts.

Ms. Laurinaitis further explained that we are only off \$13,000.00 in General Government so she rounded it up to \$14,000.00 to meet what is needed to carry in General Fund.

Mr. Belanger asked where the money came from when the legal account was overdrawn.

Ms. Laurinaitis said it came from the Contingency Fund. We only spent \$3,000 out of \$20,000 budgeted from that account this year.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve moving \$14,000 from Contingency. Second by Mr. Chase. Vote: 4-0

L. Review Carry Over Balances for 2016-2017 Designated Fund Balance

Mr. Chase made a motion to carry over the balances presented. Second by Mr. Belanger. Vote: 4-0

M. Discussion on Board of Assessors Vacancy

The Board of Assessor's had an elected member step down creating an unexpired term and the Board is to appoint a member until the next election per the Charter. The Town is advertising for candidates. Mr. Chase would like the candidate information three days before the next meeting.

N. *Discussion and Determination of Semi-Annual Tax Due Dates for Collection of Taxes

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the suggested tax due dates from the Tax Collector of October 17, 2017 with interest beginning to accrue on October 18, 2017 and April 2, 2018 with interest starting to accrue on April 3, 2018. Second by Mr. Chase.

Mr. Chase asked if the taxes and mil rate will be figured out by then.

Tom Bourret explained that he is not involved in that process but understands that it may be accomplished next week with tax bills to go out the following week, which should give ample notice.

Mr. Belanger asked if the Board will meet again to set the mil rate, as the Board needs to go over the funds for overlay to put towards the taxes.

Mr. Brennick believed the Board could take this up at their meeting September 21, 2017 to be able to set the mil rate.

Mr. Bourret believed that the Board may meet before that date for this purpose.

Mr. Brennick noted that if the Board has only three more meetings before that time he would hope that we would come back and reverse this vote if so needed.

Mr. Bourret suggested that the motion be withdrawn and reconsidered at the next meeting once more information is available.

Mr. Belanger and Mr. Chase withdrew their motion and second respectively.

Mr. Brennick made a motion to table this item until their meeting next Thursday. Second by Mr. Chase. Vote: 4-0

O. *Nomination of Official Voting Delegate(s) for MMA Convention

Mr. Belanger nominated Michael Peter Chase as the Voting Delegate at the Maine Municipal Association Convention. Second by Mr. Theriault. Vote: 3-0-1, Mr. Chase abstained.

Mr. Brennick nominated Town Manager Linda-Jean Briggs as the Alternate Voting Delegate at the MMA Convention. Second by Mr. Belanger. Vote: 4-0

P. *Approval of Warrant for November 2017 Election (This item was moved up under 7-B.)

Chairperson Brennick noted that Article 3 is about a USDA Secondary Loan. Our Town Attorney has noted that the Board has not yet voted to place this loan on the Warrant.

Mr. Brennick made a motion to include on the Warrant for the November 7, 2017 Town Election Meeting for approval of the voters getting a loan for \$700,000.00 from the USDA, at an interest rate of 2.3% for completing the funding of the infrastructure and improvement project of the Island Business District being scheduled for 2018. Second by Mr. Chase.

Candice Casey believed it could not be placed on the ballot as she said the advertising was not done to have a hearing to place this on the ballot.

Town Attorney Jennifer Kreckel noted that the Warrant had to be approved before the public hearings took place.

Vote on the motion to place the USDA loan on the November 7, 2017 Warrant: 4-0

Chairperson Brennick read the Warrant to those present for the November 7, 2017 Election.

Mr. Chase made a motion to approve the November 7, 2017 Election Warrant as written. Second by Mr. Theriault.

Mr. Belanger asked for clarification on the funding for the water lines and noted the Rumford Water District will need to take a separate loan for \$800,000.00 on their end. This loan would not have anything to do with the Water District loan. He was concerned that the voters may be confused by this item as this would not be doing the water lines.

Fire Chief Chase noted that there is some intermingling of the project between the Town and the Rumford Water District. The ditching required for the project will be used for both water and sewer lines and is being developed as a project with both sewer and water to qualify for the USDA Rural Water and Sewer Loan.

Attorney Kreckel noted that part of the project requires ditching and is mutually required by both the Town and the Rumford Water District.

Mr. Belanger was concerned that citizen may be confused and not realize that there are further funds needed by the Rumford Water District for the replacement of the water lines.

Candice Casey shared her thoughts on the project and said we already approved and borrowed 2 million dollars for this project and asked if we are looking to borrow an additional \$1,379,000 and another \$700,000.00. She asked if we were looking at this project alone of incurring debt of \$4,079,000.00. She wanted to know where that would leave the rest of the town. She asked what our current debt load was and would like answers at the future hearings.

Mr. Chase noted that the former Town Manager proposed this project at 4 million dollars, but one million dollars in anticipated grant funding was discontinued.

Candice Casey noted she found other sources of funding.

Vote on the motion: 4-0

8. Adjournment

Mr. Belanger made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Second by Mr. Brennick. Vote: 4-0

Christopher Brennick
Select Board Chairperson

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