

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

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Public Hearing:
4. Special Presentation or Award:
5. Comments

A. Public Comment

Mr. Kris Howes of Envision Rumford, Thanking the Town of Rumford for all the support, for Pumpkin Fest. Mr. Brennick, Mr. Chase, Mr. Belanger and the Town Manager complimented Mr. Howes on the great event.

B. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager attended Pumpkin Fest and the Domestic Violence Walk. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Thursday, October 26, 2017, at 5pm, Hotel Rumford. Town Manager spoke with several Attorney's throughout the week on a number of matters.

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

Mr. Mills discussed rejuvenating the walking trail from Rumford Avenue to the River, Morency Park and beyond, as he and the Town Manager walked it to see what the needs were.

Mr.Coulombe reported that the Dorian's Market on the corner of Waldo and Oxford Streets, should be coming down by the end of the week. Agway building is now gone. Mr. Belanger asked about the deconstruction of the building on corner of Waldo Street and Main Avenue. Mr. Coulombe explained that the owners are planning on making the repairs needed to rent the building.

No additional Department Heads had reports.

D. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Windover spoke about the success of the Pumpkin Fest.

Mr. Belanger questioning plans for the Moontide and Water Plant. Town Manager addressed the question; plans are moving forward to be ready by the end of 2017.

Mr. Chase addressed the Court proceedings held at Mountain Valley High School. Explaining the reverence and attention of all the students that were in attendance. He attended the Marketing Conference held at the Town Hall. Representatives were sent from Rumford Hospital, Catalyst. Hotel Committee, Envision Rumford, the Town Manager was also, present. There was great attendance and a

lot of great information was presented. He attended the preliminary Budget Meeting for Oxford County; planning to be very involved with work starting at next month's meeting.

Mr. Brennick received an email inviting the Selectpersons to take a tour of the new Power Plant in Smithcrossing, on Monday, October 23, 2017. Also, extended a, Thank you to Bob Chase for his help with the Bonfire held at Mountain Valley School. The court cases at the Mountain Valley High School was well attended and the students present showed great respect and attention in court proceedings. Mentioned film called, Paper Tiger(the Biology Of Stress) being shown at Mountain Valley High School on, Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 6pm

6. Old Business

A. Discussion of traffic speed on Prospect Avenue.

Mr. Brennick discussed the matter further.

Police Chief Carter presented with complaints from residence concerned with speeding in neighborhoods. Chief Carter explained traffic patterns and studies concerning signs that have been done. Mr. Windover asked additional questions relating to the matter. Mr. Theriault also asked questions relating to the matter.

Mr. Chase made a motion to table the matter until Chief Carter can provide more information regarding this matter. Seconded by Mr. Windover. Vote 4-1

Discussion- Resident addressed the board with additional questions and concerns.

7. New Business

A. Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting of September 21, 2017

Mr. Belanger made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Windover. Vote 5-0

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

Mr. Windover made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Theriault. Vote 5-0

C. Request and action eliminating the evening hours registration for the November 7, 2017 election

Mr. Chase made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Windover. Vote 5-0

- Town Manager consulted with Town Attorney and recommended adding Deeds and Reversions that require attention to the agenda, with unanimous consent. Town attorney explained the purpose of the reversionary deeds.

Mr. Chase made the motion to approve the following: Jane/ Clyde Wardwell -Tax Map 128/ Lot 125
Don Hamann- Tax Map 113/Lot 260
Howard Jones-Tax Map 126/Lot029
Arie Number 1248 Fraternal Order of Eagles-
Tax Map 113/Lot 285

Mr. Theriault made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Belanger. Vote 5-0

D. Set hearing date for dangerous buildings

- a. 153 Route 108- Hearing set for December 14, 2017
- b. 207 Spruce St- Hearing set for December 14, 2017

Discussion- Town Attorney explained to circumstances and concerns with these buildings, as well as, the time frame for the destruction of them, depending on weather; being the time of year. She suggested having a plan with ADHOC and Mr. Mills, in place and ready to go at the time the hearings have been completed.

Mr. Chase brought forth his concerns about having the finances available for this.

Town Manager will verify available funds and prioritize.

Mr. Belanger brought forth concerns about financial obligation by the owners of the properties. Town Attorney explained the process.

The board also recognized the fine work that is being done by Mr. Coulombe with his prompt attention to these building and matters as such.

Mr. Brennick made the motion to approve hearing dates. Seconded by Mr. Windover. Vote 5-0

Approval of Greater Rumford Community Center Halloween Parade Permit, Sunday October 29th starting at 6:00pm at Franklin Savings Bank

Mr. Windover made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Belanger. Vote 5-0

E. Award bid for demolition hauling Recommend Cross Excavation

Bid was for \$580.00 per load, not including tipping fees of \$54.00 per ton- trailer holding approximately 15-20 tons.

Discussion- Mr. Belanger addressed Mr. Mills about costs associated with the Town doing the demolition. Mr. Mills explained the much higher cost to the town at approximately \$205.00 per hour/ not having expert equipment to handle the tonnage of debris and such; would cost the Town approximately \$800.00 per load, not including tipping fees and several trips.

Mr. Belanger came forth with financial questions and concerns.

Mr. Chase and Mr. Windover expressed concerns as well.

Mr. Brennick suggested in the future perhaps looking into getting the Towns own equipment or rental equipment, for possible future revenue saving opportunities. Mr. Mills and The Selectpersons will investigate any future items and concerns, along with financial aspects toward this matter and the possible other uses for the equipment.

Mr. Belanger made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Windover. Vote 5-0

F. Discussion and action on agreement between Rumford and RealTerm Energy for street lights

Town Manager expressed authorization from the Board for expenditure of \$18000.00. However; estimate came in at approximately \$21000.00.

Mr. Belanger and Mr. Windover addressed concerns regarding the audit and the need for one. Town Manager explained that is essential; the blueprint/study based on the Town's specific needs, for the entire project.

Mr. Brennick made the motion for the Town Manager to move forward with an audit study and report back to the Board with the specifics. Seconded by Mr. Belanger. Vote 4-1 Mr. Windover opposed.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Brennick made the motion to adjourn at 8:03pm. Seconded by Dr. Mr. Windover. Vote 5-0

Linda-Jean Briggs
Town Manager

LJB/pc