

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2017 6:30 p.m.

Rumford Falls Auditorium

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS MUST BE ADDRESSED FROM THE PODIUM FOR DIGITAL RECORDING PURPOSES. PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIRPERSON OR COME TO THE PODIUM.

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

Absent: James Windover

ATTENDEES: Richard Coulombe, Dale Roberts, Bob Chase, Nicole McKenna, Hunter Bernard, Candace Casey, Mike Mills

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Mr. Brennick asked for a moment of silence in memory of Maureen Goudreau, a long term Library Board Member; recently passed away.

3. Public Hearing: Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit American Legion

Liquor License for VFW Post 1641

Candace Casey expressed a Happy Birthday to Chairman, Mr. Brennick.

4. Special Presentation or Award:
5. Comments

- A. Public Comment
- B. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager expressed a Happy Birthday to Mr. Brennick.

- The Police Chief and I met with a representative from the concerned Route 2 citizens to discuss options. Advised that the matter is now in state hands and we will continue to follow up on their behalf
- Met with department heads to discuss various roles and responsibilities for the following projects
 - Northern Border Regional Commission grant
 - DECD Community Block Development Grant
 - CWSRF funds
 - Two million loan
- Toured the former Masonic Temple on Congress St.
- Attended training to address updating the website
- Attended Business After Hours at the Briar Patch Greenhouse
- Attended Rotary Club meeting

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- Met with Education Director for MMA—he toured our auditorium at my request and we will host a grant writing training session here in Rumford in June
- Met with members of the Emera team to begin discussions of future infrastructure improvements

It is with great regret, I accepted, the resignation today, from Bob Chase as the Rumford Fire Department Chief. In my tenure here, he has been a wealth of knowledge. At no time did I see him act in any manner other than a consummate professional. I have received positive reviews from other community members and elected officials from other communities referencing his ability to train in a manner that the entire class absorbs.

I have challenged him to expand his networking opportunities by attending the Leadership Maine program. Regretfully, for the Town of Rumford, but, kudos to the City of Auburn, for recognizing these same qualities in Bob and offering him the Assistant Chief's position. This professional opportunity is available to very few and I am proud Bob is one of those few.

This doesn't sit easily with me as the community will feel this loss, but, I don't want to stand in the way of this opportunity for him.

Moving forward, we are developing language for an advertisement to gather applications from those interested in filling the Chief's position here in Rumford. Bob will stay on part-time through the transition process to care for some of the administrative tasks. I encourage those who are currently employed in the department to consider this position for their own professional development.

Respectfully Submitted:

C. Department Head or Committee Chair Report

Mr. Chase reminded the Board of the Christmas in the Valley Parade and the festivities following on Saturday, December 9, 2017.

Mr. Chase expressed sentiments of gratitude and appreciation for his years of tenure, as well as the joy and immeasurable experience he has gained thru his work and years of employment by the Town of Rumford.

D. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Belanger spoke congratulating Mr. Chase on his new position, thanking him for his service to the Town of Rumford.

Mr. Theriault reiterated Mr. Belanger's words and conveyed strong sentiments and appreciation for Mr. Chase's tenure.

Mr. Theriault attended the MMA workshop, for Elected Officials, the week of November 27, 2017.

Mr. Chase attended the second session of the Budget Committee, at the County level. Expressed the importance of continued presence from the Town of Rumford, on the committee in future years. Also, expressing, Rumford if the largest tax paying municipality in Oxford County.

Mr. Brennick congratulated Mr. Chase on his new position and expressed his appreciation and impressiveness for the work, leadership abilities and diplomatic decision making regarding the town, Fire Department employees, training, etc. for the Town Of Rumford.

Mr. Brennick reminded the Board of the, Dangerous Building Hearing, on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 3:00p.m. Invitations to Bid- Loader #16-Department of Public Works, Commercial Lawn Mower- Department of Parks and Recreation. Also, asked the Board to review a letter, from the Rumford Water District, which will be on the December 21, 2017 Board agenda. Mr. Brennick made the Board aware, Public Access Channel has moved from channel 7 to channel 1301.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

A. Approval of Minutes from Select Board Meeting of November 16, 2017

Mr. Belanger made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Theriault.

Vote- 4-0

B. Approval of Town Warrant Dated 12/08/17

Mr. Theriault made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Chase.

Vote- 4-0

C. Approval of Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for American Legion Post 24

Mr. Belanger made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Chase.

Vote 4-0

D. Approval of Liquor License for VFW Post 1641

Mr. Chase made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Theriault.

Vote- 4-0

Mr. Chase and Mr. Brennick expressed their preference to only receive License and signature pages for Liquor and Special Amusement Permits, as part of their packets, in the future. All other relative paperwork is not necessary for meeting packets.

E. Approval of Town of Rumford Safety Policy Mission Statement

Town Manager explained, as part of our commitment to safety in the work place; our policy is to facilitate a monthly Safety Committee Meeting. Mr. Chase is the chairperson for the committee, expressing the need and moral concern to formalize our mission and statement. Town Manager read the Mission Statement; any questions be directed to Mr. Chase, as the chairperson for the committee.

Mr. Brennick expressed concerns about some of the wording in third paragraph, top line; with suggestions for additions of verbiage, relating to elected and appointed officials, boards, committees and trustees, as well as, any and all rules pertaining to such and the allocation of resources. Stating that the mission statement should act as a blue print for employees regarding to policy and safety.

Town Manager expressed that appointed board members and elected officials are considered, employees, they do receive a stipend of some kind. Will; however, spell out appointed and elected boards.

Mr. Chase expressed concerns regarding recognition of the perspective financial expenditures and or obligations.

Mr. Belanger also, expressed concerns about some of the verbiage. Asking that more specific details, be added to the document, as well.

Mr. Brennick made a motion to Table this for the December 21, 2017 meeting.

Mr. Brennick made the motion to table the discussion of the, Safety Policy Mission Statement.
Seconded by Mr. Belanger.

Vote-4-0

F. Approval of Fuel Master Management System Public Works Department

Mr. Mills came forth to explain and give details concerning the Bids presented and work necessary, in placing the new system. Along, with his preference of Bid acceptance. He expressed the excellent customer service and reputation that Adams and Fogg have in the state, as well as their product, use, accuracy and future potential of the product, already built in, that can be utilized at our progression and discretion. Asking the Board to accept that Bid over the Bids from, Precision Tanks Inc. and Portland Pump.

Mr. Belanger expressed concerns about the importance of Fuel Management regarding usage, record keeping, and accuracy with the new system.

Mr. Mills agreed and expressed the many benefits of the new system and its' accuracy. This new system to prove very beneficial to Town of Rumford, after the initial investment. Mr. Mills also, explained the specifications and the details of the work involved.

Mr. Brennick and Mr. Belanger, both had questions regarding the tanks, usage and the process answered by Mr. Mills.

Mr. Chase made the motion to approve the Bid from Adams and Fogg. Seconded by Mr. Brennick.
Vote-4-0

G. Maine Workplace Smoking Law, 22 M.R.S.A,1580-A

Mr. Brennick read the policy.

Mr. Chase asked questions regarding the policy.

Mr. Belanger asked questions regarding how the policy is worded, relating to chewing tobacco, as well as, cigarette smoking and the details of the policy and the enforcement of such.

Candace Casey asked questions concerning the policy and possible relocation of the smoking area.

Town Manager answered questions concerning enforcement.

Mr. Belanger made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Theriault.

Vote- 4-0

8. Adjournment

Mr. Belanger made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Brennick.

Vote- 4-0

Linda-Jean Briggs
Town Manager

LJB/pc