

EXECUTIVE SESSION
March 15, 2018 5:00 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

1. 5:00 p.m. Evaluation of Town Manager, Pursuant to Title 1, Chapter 13, Subsection 1, MRS § 405

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S PUBLIC HEARING
March 15, 2018 5:30 p.m.
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1. CDBG Grant Request and Time Line for Down Town Project, Pursuant to Title 1, Chapter 13, Subsection 1, MRS § 405

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

ATENDEES: Tony Carter, Richard Coulombe, Brian Gagnon, Jim Rinaldo, Peter Cox, Dieter Kreckel, Dale Roberts, Eric Davis, Linda Pepin(CDBG), Glen Holmes(CCFC), Mia Purcell(CCFC), Annie Reiter, Rick Dunton

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Town Manager opened the meeting with introductions: Rick Dunton-Main Land Engineering-Lead Engineer on project, Annie Reiter-Grant Writer on project, Brian Gagnon- Rumford Water District.

Annie Reiter- General description of CDBG Program, application, history, genesis behind project

Writing Community Development Block Grant for Public Infrastructure Project (CDBG) - Read CDBG overview for the audience and the Board- \$1 million Grant- Gap Funding-

Rick Dunton- Discuss Community Impact, strategies, time line

Explained grand scope of project details. Infrastructure support, utilities, sidewalks, sewer/water, roads, curbing, upgrading signs, lights, decorative pieces- look, feel, energy and function of revitalization Down Town. Advertising and inviting new investments/ businesses to Rumford and the Down Town area.

Impact- Minimal impact to businesses and public. No night time work being done, crews avoiding work on July 4 weekend- having the Down Town area "buttoned up" to hold the normal festivities, one lane of traffic throughout the day, temporary travel surface for traffic flow at night- no need for signalization or flagging, pedestrian traffic to be maintained with minimal interruption, temporary water delivery service in place-potability and pressure standards will be met, sewer-via temporary bypass pumping system in place, advanced notices on any interruptions in services at any particular time, disruption- communication will be key and every attempt will be made to minimize.

Mr. Dunton answered several questions from the audience.

Town Manager- Public participation, time line, disseminate information to public, anticipated expenditures, public comments/ questions

“How did we get here”- Redevelopment Group gathered in the mid 2000 teens to, looking at various things- Strategizing and prioritizing prevalent needs in Rumford, specifically the “Down Town” area. 2007 DEP identified Storm Water and Sewer overflows, result of flat roof drains in Rumford, Mexico and parts of Dixfield; given 10 years (2017) to address issues. She felt paperwork was not completely in order at that time and had certain issues clarified and re-addressed for the good of the project and the people of Rumford. Spoke of time line for project. Anticipated start date April 15, 2018- May 1, 2018. Project entails a large scope including, infrastructure, roads, curbing, sidewalks, utilities, water/sewer, critical storm water separation; eliminating possible risk of fines and or loss of permit. Regular information meetings will be held. Disruption in traffic, business access, etc. will be minimal. Regular updates will be posted on Town website, Town FB page, traditional media outlets and business window fronts for visibility.

“Where are we going from here”- “This will be a shot in the arm for Rumford and the Down Town area.” Many opportunities, investment opportunities and projects happening and on the forefront. “A celebration if you will, of the Town of Rumford.” Providing natural gas, broadband on the Island Applied for Grant through Northern Borders Regional Commission for \$400,000.00 with a 50% match, using bonds as the match.

Citizen participation-Critical 20% of the Grant application revolves around participation by the public. Met with group at Island Housing on March 6, 2018, letters of support- Town Manager read to audience; Black Mountain of ME, Community Concepts Finance Department, Randall Therrien-Key Bank, River Valley Rotary Club, Envision Rumford, River Valley Chamber of Commerce, River Valley Healthy Communities, Department of Economic Development, Best Western Hotel, , Good Karma Café, Rumford Falls Times, Advantage Insurance, Kreckel Law, Northern Venture Fund, Carlisle’s apparel and Footwear, State Farm Insurance, All That Jazz, Davis Florist, Greater Rumford Community Center, Bartash Card & Gift, Kris Howes, Tony Carter spoke representing twenty- four investors for Hotel Project.

Mr. Brennick made the decision to continue with Public Hearing after the 6:30 hour, continuing with questions and answers from audience.

Town Manager answered questions from the audience.

Mr. Gagnon spoke of Sargent Corporations excellent reputation and work standards and operations. Told the audience to always feel free to contact the Water District and the Town Manager’s office for any questions or concerns.

Mr. Chase addressed the audience with words of encouragement getting through to completion of the project.

Mr. Brennick again, encourage the audience to make contact for any concerns, questions, etc. Thanked the community for continued support.

Close of Public hearing.

5 minute recess prior to starting Select Board Meeting.

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON’S MEETING AGENDA
March 15, 2018 6:30 p.m.
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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.

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-None
 - B. Town Manager's Report
 - Budget, budget, budget
 - Met with members of public works and the transfer station on a few issues
 - Continued interviews for Fire Chief
 - Authorized revised plan for repair of the water leak from the clock tower
 - Attended Downtown project discussion at the Muskie building
 - Met with resident following the mailing of foreclosure notices
 - Met with the Real Term Energy auditor—audit to begin within the next two weeks
 - Met with Eagles Auxiliary representative to discuss menu option for the Employee Appreciation event
 - Met with rep from Catalyst Paper to gather input with regard to the Opportunity zone application
 - Working with attorney on the Catholic Free Library request for abatement-more about that on our April 5th meeting
 - Submitted application to Bond Bank for the CWSRF application
 - Continued negotiations with Public Works department

- Initiated pre-application site review for a potential grant to improve our boating facilities at the landing
- Submitted request for intern. They have changed the program from a stipend to an hourly wage of \$12.00 per hour. We have ample money in the Economic Development fund to cover the 12 week program for a total of \$5280. Talked with the Director today, the committee to determine students eligibility meets

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

None

D. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Belanger gave commendation to the road crews for fine work.

Mr. Brennick announced the resignation of Mr. Theriault from the Select Board. Mr. Theriault has accepted a position as Sherriff for Oxford County; appointed by the Governor. Due to Charter= less than 120 days, will go on ballot in June.

Mr. Chase's term expires in June. Will be voted via secret ballot at the June 5, 2018 Town Meeting

RSU #10 announced today, March 27, 2018 – May 16, 2018, every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, school day will be extended by 1 hour, to make up for storm days. School out for summer on June 18, 2018 instead of June 22, 2018.

Workshop- Proposal for potential discussion and action on April 5, 2018 Select Board meeting.

Workshop- Code of Ethics, June 14, 2018

Mr. Chase and Mr. Brennick thanked Mr. Theriault for his service and commitment. Congratulated him on his new position as Sherriff. Wished him the very best in the future.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

A. Approval of Minutes from Select Board Meeting of March 1, 2018

Mr. Belanger made to motion approve. Seconded by Mr. Windover
Vote-4-0

B. Approval of the Town Warrant dated March 15, 2018

Mr. Chase made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Windover
Vote-4-0

C. Discussion and Action to Authorize Town Manager to Submit CDBG Application

Mr. Windover made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Belanger
Vote-4-0

D. Discussion and Action to Allow Town Manager Authorization to Sign Client Authorization for Rumford Natural Gas Pipeline Design and Permitting- Phase 1 VHB Scope of Services and Cost Estimate

Town Manager explained phase 1 scope to the Board.

Mr. Chase asked about time line and interference of project. Town Manager was assured by company that no interruptions would occur or interfere with other project. Have met with Main Land and Sargent Corporation and have worked with on a number of projects.

Mr. Belanger asked for origin of gas and if it would be run to Rumford Hospital? Mr. Chase answered, near Catalyst. A pipeline exists at that location. Town Manager explained it would be run to hospital at the same time. Also, working through the PUC process on project. Will be working with customer and PUC concurrently.

Mr. Windover made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Chase
Vote-4-0

E. Discussion and Action on Document Codification

Town Manager spoke of beneficial aspects. Creation of a searchable document based on key words, opportunity to identify conflicting and or incomplete Ordinances in Charter, provide a valuable service to residents interested.

Mr. Belanger had concerns regarding verbiage. Town Manger explained verbiage and process of recommendation.

Mr. Brennick read the document aloud, for more clarification.

Town Manager listed Maine customers using this service, to alleviate concerns.

The following:

Augusta	Biddeford	Saco	Cumberland	Millinocket	South Berwick	Wells
Bangor	Alfred	Bar Harbor	Islesboro	Sanford	Standish	
Belfast	Bethel	Boothbay Harbor	Madison	Shapleigh	Topsham	

Mr. Belanger and Mr. Windover both brought forth questions. Answered by Mr. Brennick.

Mr. Chase expressed the value of this service to all. Automatic updating of State statutes, etc.

Mr. Windover expressed financial concerns. Town Manager explained the cost \$12,300.00 is over 3 year period with maintenance fee approximately \$300.00 annually, starting year 2020. She reminded the Board that they authorized the first year at the last budget cycle.

Mr. Coulombe gave examples of specific instances where conflicts had been found, that had never been addressed or caught previously. The beneficial aspects of the service.

Mr. Windover had questions about time frames. Town Manager assured those issues would be worked through.

Mr. Brennick repeated the overview.

Mr. Brennick, Mr. Windover and Mr. Chase engaged in conversation of interpretation and explanation. Mr. Belanger interjected with questions.

Town Manager expressed the processes already voted on by the people and taken place toward this project. She reiterated the specific conflict example Mr. Coulombe spoke of.

Mr. Brennick made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Chase
Vote-2-2 Mr. Windover and Mr. Belanger opposed

Town Manager expressed by Board not approving this; a big disservice to the community.

Mr. Belanger and Town Manager entered into disagreement. Mr. Belanger raised his voice.

F. Discussion and Action on Quitclaim Deed Without Covenants for 517 Knox Street

Mr. Windover made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Belanger
Vote-4-0

G. Discussion and Action to Approve and Accept Gifted Property of 151 Route 108 and Add to Town Warrant for June 5, 2018 Annual Town Meeting

Mr. Windover made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Belanger
Vote-4-0

H. Discussion and Action on Ordinance Requests and Charter Amendments for 2018

2018-05

Mr. Windover made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Belanger
Vote-4-0

2018-06

Mr. Belanger made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Windover
Vote-4-0

2018-07

Mr. Windover made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Belanger
Vote-4-0

2018-08

Mr. Belanger made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Windover
Vote-4-0

I. Discussion and Action Spirit of America Foundation Tribute Recipient 2018

Mark Belanger nominated Mr. Randy Therrien. Seconded by Mr. Windover.

Mr. Brennick spoke of Mr. Therrien and his contributions to and involvements in the Town of Rumford.

Town Manager expressed her support for Mr. Therrien.

Mr. Brennick expressed desire to present a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Therrien.

Mr. Brennick made the motion to approve nomination of Mr. Randy Therrien. Seconded by Mr. Chase
Vote-4-0

****Mr. Brennick asked the Board if they would feel comfortable going over the application and signing the findings report from Boothby Silver, Attorney Ricker, on the Rumford Water District/ Nestle Water project****

Mr. Chase suggested attaching a map for placement of wellheads. Town Manager expressed it would be done.

Mr. Brennick made the motion to add to the Agenda with unanimous consent. Seconded by Mr. Chase.
Vote-4-0

Mr. Brennick made the motion to approve the findings for the application, pending the attachment of the map for wellhead placement. Seconded by Mr. Windover.
Vote-4-0

J. Discussion and Action on 2018 Peak A Week Hiking Club Parking Pass Every Wednesday at Information Center

Mr. Brennick made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Windover
Vote-4-0

8. Adjournment

Mr. Windover made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Brennick
Vote-4-0 7:56 p.m.

Linda-Jean Briggs
Town Manager

LJB/pc