

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2018, 2018 6:30 p.m.

Rumford Falls Auditorium

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Present: Michael Peter Chase-Vice Chairperson, Mark Belanger-Selectperson, James Windover-Selectperson, Linda-Jean Briggs-Town Manager

Attendees: Steve Dymont, Don Boucher, Michelle Boucher, Stacy Carter, Linda MacGregor, Victoria Forkus, Eric Davis, Ken MacFawn, Jon Starr, Beth Bellegarde

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Public Hearing: Hawker and Peddler License-Danmark Food Concessions- Michael Philbrick
Victualer's License- The Lure Restaurant- Deirdre/Kanchit Sattabongkok
Perennial Inn- Darlene/Jenna Ginsburg
Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit- 49 Franklin- Scot/Cindy
Grassette

NO Comments

4. Special Presentation or Award:

5. Comments

A. Public Comment

Mr. Boucher asked questions regarding CDBG Grant; if available for general businesses.

Town Manager replied, no. It is strictly for infrastructure.

B. Town Manager's Report

- I would like to take the time to introduce our summer intern, Victoria Forkus and ask she be allowed to tell you a little bit about herself in the Department Head report section of the agenda.
- Congratulations to all those graduating seniors from Mountain Valley High School. Continued success as they move to the next chapter of their lives
- Received confirmation the CDBG application had received approval for \$990,000 (\$10,000 shy of our \$1Mil request) this program is very competitive and awarded just \$3.2Mil this year.
- The town has been identified as two of 32 Opportunity zones in Maine and the only community to receive more than one zone. This translates into the entire town being eligible for businesses to locate and use capital gains dollars tax free for renovation, building and expansion investments. I will share details as we learn more
- Participated in the Memorial Day Parade. It was exciting to see so many residents respecting those who served in the armed forces and died for our freedom

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- Met with the new owners of the Mill. I am very impressed with them and expect they will be a good fit in the community. More than once, they talked about their commitment to their employees and community. They are a paper making family and the presence in Rumford will solidify access to high end virgin fiber for export to their existing mills overseas. They talked about investment and expansion in Rumford and the entire community
- Chief Carter and I attended and spoke at an Opioid Abuse Conference in Brewer that had been arranged by Congressman Poliquin. There were speakers from many areas dealing with this problem. Representatives from the recovery networks, faith community, USDA and USAG, hospital and other medical agencies, mental health agencies, law enforcement among others. Our focus was on the effects this crisis has on our limited resources and the obvious strain on our residents.
- Met with the Bureau of Parks and Land Recreational Trails to review the qualifications for a grant proposal
- Attended Meet the Candidates which was sponsored by the Envision Rumford group. Important that you took the time to provide answers to questions extremely important to the resident of the Town
- Hosted River Valley Chamber Business after Hours in this wonderful auditorium. Once again thanks to all who attended
- Continued meetings with various developers showing interest in investing in Rumford
- Prepared and sent an email to the City Manager of Portland concerning the process of relocating homeless to Rumford, have yet to hear back from him
- Attended the annual town business meeting
- Hosted an MMA workshop called Meet the Grant Funders, where three of our employees learned avenues to pursue when looking for funding projects we can't absorb in the Town budget
- Met with the Director for the CDBG program and reviewed Phase 2. Completion of Phase 2 will then allow us to receive reimbursement of funds currently being incurred as well as any dating back to December 6, 2017 for engineering costs.
- Attended Rumford Water District meeting where experts were in attendance to discuss a rate study. We asked them to provide a proposal for a rate study of our sewer program as well
- Met with FEDCAP representative which is the organization taking over for the former ASPIRE program which matches volunteers with various non-profits to help them develop skills so they can move into paid positions

DOWNTOWN PROJECT

- We are moving forward. As expected, we have had our share of glitches. Did you happen to see the 13.5 cubic yard boulder they raised on River St?
- We lost water service to parts of town yesterday. Please be reminded we are working with 100 year old pipes and fittings. We changed the feed of water from one section to another and restored water within a few hours.
- Posted an updated four week look out on the project
- be aware there may be daily traffic pattern changes
- sewer work will continue next week on River and Hartford
- it is expected that work on water and storm water will start the following week
- Broadband and gas plans are in. Expect review and response by weeks end

- Our inspector is on site. He is available in the temporary office where Poland Spring is located as well as on the project. His name is Gary Violette.

OTHER NEWS

- Met with the appraiser calculating value for the Hotel. The appraisal is expected to be complete shortly. Once complete, that is the final piece of the puzzle to schedule a loan closing. REMEMBER, this is not a town project but the group of investors want you all to have as much information as possible and have asked me to provide updates
- The same goes for Moon Tide Springs, they are very close to production. The fire in that building had limited impact to their plans as it was contained to the other end of the building

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

Chief Carter gave updates from the Police Department; replacement of Car#39(the oldest in the fleet) Officer on medical leave, another officer going out on medical leave, resignation of one officer.

Victoria Forkus, Summer Intern gave a brief introduction.

D. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Chase congratulated 2018 High School graduates. Thanked Mr. Therrien for organizing through Envision- Meet the Candidates Night. Mr. Chase thanked the citizens for their support the past three years. Reminded the public to vote, on Tuesday, June 12.

6. Old Business
None

7. New Business

A. Approval of Minutes from Select Board Meeting of May 17, 2018

Mr. Windover made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Belanger
Vote-3-0

B. Approval of the Town Warrant dated June 8, 2018

Mr. Windover made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Belanger
Vote-3-0

C. Discussion and Action on Purchase and Sale Agreement for York Street Property

Mr. Windover made the motion to REJECT proposal. Seconded by Mr. Belanger
Vote-3-0-1 Abstained(arrived late, not present for discussion)

Mr. Chase expressed the reason for the proposal.

Mr. Belanger expressed his desire for a price at fair market value. Proposal of \$500, not fair market value.

Mr. Chase and Mr. Windover would like to hear of the economic plan for this property and entertain a fair proposal to accompany plan.

Mr. Brennick arrived. Late for meeting, due to Graduation Mr. Brennick expressed that Mr. Chase will continue to run meeting.*

- D. Discussion and Action on Citizens Request for a Complete Structural Analysis for Any and All Necessary Repairs and Maintenance of Rumford Center Meeting House. Funding for Emergent Repairs and Maintenance, including Foundation Issues, Note: Select Board, February 1, 2018 Meeting. Vote-5-0

Ms. MacGregor spoke- she distributed copies of request. 2 part discussion. **1.** Condition and decay of foundation. After speaking with Finance Director, was made aware of approx. \$40,000.00 in "Other Properties Capital Fund", as well as, \$25,000.00 on the warrant for June 12, 2018, should it pass. **2.** An action on a financial proposal from February 1, 2018 BOS meeting, unanimous vote from the Board.

Mr. Chase expressed his recall of February 1, 2018 meeting and the unanimous vote. He expressed getting this done and getting plan and estimates for repair ASAP, specifically for the foundation and any emergent repair at this time.

Mr. Belanger asked if there was presently a scope of work needed.

Ms. MacGregor answered with the probability of obtaining estimates.

Mr. McFawn- Chairperson for Village Improvement Society, in Rumford Center area. He expressed that Mr. Mills had provided a proposal/ plan/ scope of work. He expressed the strong desire of the community to make the necessary repairs, as it may be exponential. He expressed the many community members with skills ready and willing to help with these repairs, etc.: a travesty to lose this building. The building is not on a full foundation; supported intermittently with field stone. Repairs to sills, floor joists(18" between the ground and joists), venting/air flow... Hoping to have all immediate repairs done by winter 2018.

Town Manager expressed meeting with Mr. Mills for a proposal and scope of work ASAP.

Mr. Chase again, expressed his desire to start working on this, in the sense of the immediate needs.

Ms. Macgregor asked what/when process would begin. Mr. Chase expressed, Town Manager will get together with Mr. Mills ASAP. The Board understands the urgency and it do the best it can to initiate the estimates and repairs.

Discussion and Action on Public Hearing Item- Central Maine Power, Town Pole Permit Application

Mr. Windover made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Belanger
Vote-3-0-1 Mr. Brennick Abstained (not present at public hearing on this matter)

- E. Discussion and Action on Municipal Quitclaim Deed Without Covenants-74 Lincoln Avenue

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

- F. Discussion and Action on Speeding Traffic on Prospect Avenue- Tabled at October 19, 2018 Meeting

Chief Carter came forward to express results from traffic study. There is not a huge problem (very few) of speeding traffic in that area, as proven by data recorded. Chief does not feel "Stop" signs are warranted at Sunnyside Terrace; as creates a separate problem. No crash data that proves any problems I that area. His suggestion; to leave things as is.

Mr. Davis asked results of speed study done fall of 2017. Chief Carter answered, with similar results. He expressed grants received by Rumford Police Department for this purpose. He asked if radar could be placed intermittently to continue cautioning people of the speed in the area.

Mr. Chase expressed that RPD is doing their very best at speed control.

Chief Carter expressed that he would continue speed monitoring/radar and traffic studies, in necessary locations.

G. Approval of Hawker and Peddler License- Michael Philbrick

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

H. Discussion and Action on Community Concepts Request for 5 Year Extended Term on Current Lease, for Chisolm Building

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

I. Approval of Victualer's License- The Lure Restaurant- Deirdre/Kanchit Sattabongkok

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

J. Approval of Victualer's License- Perennial Inn- Darlene/Jenna Ginsburg

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

K. Approval Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for 49 Franklin- Scot/Cindy Grassetto

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

Deanna Gunier, DBA My Sister's Place requested license for Food Truck Business, using the Information Center Parking lot. She asked questions concerning the process to do business. Executive Assist. To call her on Friday a.m. and provide information and requirements for Licensure.

Mr. Belanger asked questions relating to number of days she would like to run her business and exact location she would like to be in. Suggested she put together a proposal with dates and times, for the Board to authorize.

Mr. Windover asked questions regarding Ordinance requirements.

Mr. Chase expressed concerns as to what is fair and equitable for businesses paying property taxes and number of days this business should be allowed to operate on Town property.

Mr. Brennick explained the entire process and requirements Ms. Gunier.

8. Adjournment

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

Vote-4-0

7:36 p.m.

Linda-Jean Briggs
Town Manager

LJB/pc