

EXECUTIVE SESSION AMENDED 08 02 2018
August 2, 2018 6:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. (time change from 5:30 to 5:00 p.m.)
Rumford Falls Auditorium

1. Pursuant to § MRS: Title 1, Chapter 13, Subchapter 1, Section 405-6A, Personnel Matter

Mr. Windover made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Chase
Vote-5-0

- ~~2. Pursuant to § MRS: Title 1, Chapter 13, Subchapter 1, Section 405-6A, Economic Development Matter~~

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING MINUTES
August 2, 2018, 2018 6:30 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

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Present: Christopher Brennick- Selectperson, Michael Peter Chase-Vice-Chairperson, Mark Belanger- Selectperson, James Windover-Selectperson, John Pepin Sr.- Selectperson, Linda-Jean Briggs-Town Manager

Attendees: Candice Casey, Jolene Lovejoy, Maureen Cook, Richard Coulombe, Stacy Carter, Mike Mills, Victoria Forkus, Deborah Laurinaitis, Richard Scagliola, Jane Shuck, Fred Allen

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Public Hearing: Victualer's License- Good Karma Cafe –NO comments
4. Special Presentation or Award: None
5. Comments

A. Public Comment:

Mr. Scagliola expressed concerns regarding neighbors not maintaining their property. He is trying to sell his property and was told by a real estate agent, devaluates his property; other properties near him are unmaintained.

B. Town Manager's Report

- Thank Deb Laurinaitis for 30 years of dedication. Congratulations!
- Met with Stephanie Reed about forming a Beautify Rumford committee using the America in Bloom program

- Met with approximately 15 people the Beautify Rumford meeting headed by Stephanie. Participated in a brain storming session.
- Anyone with beautification ideas can send an email to—beautifyrumford@gmail.com
- Received the LED audit from Real Term—we are comparing their numbers to CMP records
- Met with other Managers in Oxford County to discuss LED project
- Attended pay meeting for downtown project
- Met with Fire department for their monthly Health and Safety meeting
- Met with Anne Reiter (grant writer) who wrote our successful CDBG application to discuss other potential opportunities
- Advertising for the Economic Development Director closing date is August 24, 2018
- Attended the car wash ribbon cutting
- Hosted a Pot Luck dinner for the workers on the project. Many residents attended bringing their favorite dish to share. There was so much food we fed them and the staff lunch on Friday

DOWNTOWN PROJECT

- 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.
- Sewer work has begun on Congress St.
- Temporary water has been connected
- Work continues on River, Exchange and Lowell on sidewalks and curbing—old is being torn out for the towns use on other smaller projects in town
- New curbing is put in its place

I appreciate the business owners and residents' patience as the downtown project continues. We all recognize the inconvenience and anxiety it has caused, however, we will soon be planning a celebration event for its completion.

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

*Mr. Mills gave update on road work on Milton and Whippoorwill Roads. He will be seeking bids for guardrails, for Whippoorwill Rd.

*Malfunction of Pumping Station on Route 108 required weekend work to keep it from over flowing. Replacing the two motors.

*Working on catch basin and manhole repairs. Major repair on Cumberland Street.

* Mechanical Sweeper, rear end frame is completely cracked through and around. Will try to make a welding repair to get it through to winter. Town Manager had a photo to present to the Board. Mr. Mills investigating options for Sweeper in the future.

Mr. Belanger had questions regarding demolition of properties (5) and time frame. Mr. Mills expressed that his department would start with the worst first and go from there. Starting within the next few weeks. Mr. Mills expressed company hauling debris would stand behind the bid from last year.

Finance Director addressed the Board with appreciation of her tenure/ employment and co-workers, etc. and her joy for serving the public and the Town of Rumford. She explained that she has worked for ten Town Managers in her tenure. Her priority is maintaining good financial status and future for the Town.

Town Manager and Board thanked her for her service, tenure and dedication to the community. She received a round of applause.

D. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Belanger suggested placing a non-binding ballot question for the November Election, asking the Town of Mexico to do the same. "Allowing for investigation into regionalization"; way of gauging what the citizens/ residents want. Suggested speaking to the Mexico Board of Selectpersons.

Mr. Chase expressed appreciation for the Pot Luck Dinner and to all those involved.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business

A. Approval of Minutes from Select Board Meeting of July 19, 2018

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

Mr. Chase expressed two a spelling errors to be corrected. Approval upon corrections.

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B. Approval of the Town Warrant dated August 3, 2018

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

Mr. Belanger asked questions regarding clarification of payments to Mr. Ronan for repairs/painting

Town Manager expressed the tremendous amount of work/ repairs/ painting that Mr. Ronan has done and addressed many safety issues.

Mr. Belanger expressed the desire to go up to the attic and appreciate the work that has been done.

Vote-3-2 Mr. Belanger and Mr. Windover opposed

C. Discussion and Action on Victualer's License- Good Karma Café

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

Mr. Brennick expressed appreciation from the Board to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, as a wonderful addition to the Town and for their commitment with their food and to the growth of the community

Vote-5-0

D. Discussion on Action on Appointment of Police Officer for Police Department

Chief Carter brought forth Donald Miller. He gave a brief history on this office. Asked the Board to approve his choice.

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

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APPROVED BOS Meeting 08 16 2018

- E. Discussion and Action on Eagles, Aerie #1248 Request to Extend Liquor License to a Fenced -In Parking Lot area, for Their Member Appreciation Day, for Dates of August 18, 2018 and August 19, 2018

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

- F. Discussion and Action on Municipal Quitclaim Deed Without Covenants to Rumford Eagles Club- 125 Rumford Avenue, TABLED on July 19, 2018, as per Request from the Eagles

Mr. Allen explained that Eagle's Board not ready. Waiting for information from the State of Maine. Will call the Town Manager's office when ready to be put on the agenda.

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

- G. Discussion and Action on Appointment of Town Attorney

Town Manager recommended reappointing Attorney Kreckel.

Mr. Chase made the motion to appoint Attorney Kreckel. Seconded by Mr. Pepin
Vote-5-0

- H. Discussion and Action on Appointment to Library Board of Trustees

Mr. Chase made the motion to reappoint Ms. Shuck. Seconded by Mr. Belanger
Vote-5-0

- I. Discussion and Action on Appointment to Rumford Water District Board

Mr. Belanger made the motion to reappoint Ms. Lovejoy. Seconded by Mr. Windover
Vote-5-0

- J. Discussion and Action on Appointment to Med-Care Board

Mr. Belanger made the motion to reappoint Ms. Wilson. Seconded by Mr. Windover

Town Manager expressed this candidate, is the Chair of the Personnel Committee of this Board

Vote-5-0

- K. Discussion and Action on Appointment of Town Plumbing Inspector

Town Manager recommended appointing Mr. Coulombe

Mr. Belanger made the motion to reappoint Mr. Coulombe-CEO. Seconded by Mr. Windover
Vote-5-0

- L. Discussion and Action on Library Circulation Desk Bids

Mr. Belanger asked for additional information. Wondering why the desk needs replacement.

Ms. Cook gave explanation of, more employees, customers, space is relatively small and difficult to manage, is a very busy area of the Library, in keeping with the historic nature of the building, etc.

Mr. Belanger asked questions regarding sewer, furnace and elevator issues. Library Director not present to provide answers

Mr. Windover requested drawings of this project prior to making any decisions.

Ms. Cook informed the Board and answer questions, to the best of her ability.

Mr. Chase suggested The Library Board of Trustees is there for the purpose of running the Library and the Board of Selectpersons should not micromanage. They know their budget and the Select Board should follow the recommendation of the Trustees.

Mr. Chase made the motion to approve the Bid for \$19,145.00. Seconded by Mr. Brennick

Mr. Windover expressed the Select Board decision to approve the expenditure and suggested TABLING this agenda item pending additional information.

Mr. Chase expressed the Trustees run the Library

Mr. Brennick expressed the work the Library does and all the services they provide, being a hub of activity. The Trustees have approved the expenditure and design with an architect.

Town Manager provided the specs, etc. for the Board to view.

Mr. Belanger again, expressed other costly repairs needed, making sure the Capital Plan is not depleted. He asked if any of the issues on the Capital Plan have been done.

Town Manager expressed this being part of renovation project and part of the plan.

Mr. Chase again, expressed that this decision is up to the Board of Trustees, it is their job to run the library.

Mr. Windover expressed concerns regarding design.

Mr. Belanger and Mr. Windover asked for total costs of the entire project- demolition, electrical, etc. As the Bid does not include demolition, etc. only the desk. There is no scope or proposal for this request.

Ms. Cook expressed the information requested would be provided.

Mr. Pepin agreed that the Bid is not complete and does not give a scope and proposal for the project.

Mr. Brennick asked if this was a time sensitive issue.

Town Manager expressed the recommendation from the Board of Trustees and have worked closely with them throughout this project. This issue has already been addressed from the Board of Trustees, etc.

Mr. Brennick asked if indeed it was the recommendation of the Board of Trustees to go with Maine Made Furniture?

Ms. Cook replied with, yes. They are local, have worked with historic requirements for furniture and architecture, worked with the Library on other projects, etc. She invited the Select Board to stop by and review the project/plans etc. at any time.

Mr. Chase again, expressed his support for this project.

Mr. Belanger and Mr. Windover still expressed concerns.

Town Manager explained/ read the scope of project and specifics.

Additional conversations and concerns continued
Vote-3-2 Mr. Belanger and Mr. Windover opposed

Ms. Cook expressed that the Board would be kept in the loop and invited them to stop in at the Library at any time to view the scope of work, etc.

8. Adjournment
Motion made by Mr. Chase. Seconded by Mr. Windover
Vote-5-0 at 7:34 p.m.

Linda-Jean Briggs
Town Manager

LJB/pc