

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING

November 16, 2017 6:30 p.m.

Rumford Falls Auditorium

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

ATTENDEES: Tony Carter, Richard Coulombe, Stacy Carter, Dick Lovejoy, Bruce Farrin, Mike Mills, Courtney Carrier, Abbey Duguay, Mariah Pelletier, Candace Casey, Brad Gallant, Deborah Laurinaitis, Kelly Clausen, Nick Clausen

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Public Hearing: Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for the Eagles
4. Special Presentation or Award: Certificate of Appreciation from the American Legion, for Contributing Participation in Citizen Training Program for Boys State. Mr. Brennick explained the history of Boys State and its goals.
5. Comments

A. Public Comment

Mr. Brennick made the motion to allow Mr. Carter to speak. Seconded by Mr. Belanger.

Vote- 5-0

Mr. Carter gave updates to the board, on the Hotel Project. Contract has been received by the Town of Rumford from UDAG.

Once paperwork has been approved and completed the project will move forward with demolition of, the remaining buildings

Mr. Brennick explained moving forward with pass thru entity for the VRAP funds

Mr. Belanger had questions regarding financial obligation

Mr. Carter addressed questions and concerns

Mr. Brennick gave appreciation to the entire project committee for their dedication and Perseverance, in seeing the project through to completion

** Note: Mr. Carter's voice was not recorded, as the audio recorder was not turned on at the time of his presentation. I had to obtain the video from WVAC, which was mostly inaudible, as far as Mr. Carter's voice; not speaking directly into the microphone; his voice was very faint. I was able to gather bits and pieces of his public comments and updates. **

B. Town Manager's Report

- Election Day had a brisk turnout. I would like to express gratitude to the voters of Rumford for recognizing the need to invest in ourselves and make us attractive to other investors. Join me as we move forward with the Island project and the streetlight acquisition project.
- Participated in a Veteran's Day Celebration. To all Veterans we thank you for your service.
- Met with department heads, among other things we updated our emergency call out process
- Attended Rotary Club meeting

- Met with developer and Jim Rinaldo about multiple projects including the natural gas and broadband grant as well as the Island project
- Attended the Maine State Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner as a guest of Emera Energy
- Met with Emera rep to discuss potential infrastructure improvements at their plant
- Opening Asbestos Removal Bid
- Met with Tony Carter for an update on the hotel. He will provide you with an update this evening. DECD has identified the Town of Rumford as the pass through agent for the Penacook Falls LLC VRAP grant
- Made adjustments in office furniture to enhance functionality and accessibility
- Gone out to bid on the Parks Mowing contract for summer of 2018

- Light report as I have taken some time off to hang out in the woods. Season is quickly coming to a close.

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

Mr. Coulombe received his State of ME Certifications, in Building Inspection and Local Plumbing Inspection. The State of Maine will be adopting the 2015 IBC Building Codes. His Office will be updating the information, as it becomes available and will update the Board, as well. Mr. Brennick and the Board congratulated Mr. Coulombe on his accomplishment.

Mr. Mills spoke of the winter snowplowing season and the diligence in reinforcing the parking bans this winter season. Will be sending letters out to those addresses leaving limbs, leaves, etc. on the road/ street sides and near catch basins.

Mr. Brennick suggested being proactive in the reinforcement of those plowing snow into the streets and road ways. He addressed Chief Carter in helping to address those issues.

Town Manager explained that the ordinance for the Town of Rumford has been updated as of, June 2017, to allow the Code Enforcement Officer, as an agent for the Town of Rumford to also, send letters and enforce the ordinances for the Town of Rumford.

D. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Chase spoke of the great turnout for voting day and the election went very well Attended to After Hours Open House at the Fitch Co. He spoke of the amazing and impressive work they are doing there. Attended the AVCOG planning meeting in Bethel, along with Mr. Coulombe. Attention to building codes specific to the Island/ Downtown buildings, when inspecting those buildings. Shoreline zoning and if the zoning for those areas is up to date with current standards of 2015.

Mr. Brennick thanked all those involved in the election process and appreciation for their work. Wished everybody a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Belanger made the Board aware of the passing of, Mrs. Marie Boudreau. She was on the, Board of Trustees for the Rumford Public Library for many years and her dedication to the Town of Rumford.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

A. Approval of Minutes from Select Board Meeting of November 2, 2017

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

Vote- 5-0

B. Approval of the Town Warrant dated November 17, 2017

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

Vote- 5-0

B.2 Authorize Town Manager to Enter into a Contract with DECD for VRAP Funds

Mr. Carter updated the board on the progress.

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

Vote- 5-0

C. Approval of Asbestos Removal Bid

Mr. Windover made the motion. Seconded by Mr. Chase

Vote- 5-0

D. Approval of Christmas In The Valley Parade Permit

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

Vote- 5-0

E. Request for Discussion of Rumford Police Canine Program- Stacy Carter

Mr. Theriault made a motion to accept private funding for the program. Seconded by Mr. Chase
Vote- 4-1 Mr. Belanger Opposing

Mr. Brennick made to motion to approve Lt. Radcliffe to speak on behalf of the Canine Program.
Seconded by Mr. Chase

Vote- 5-0

F. Approval of Liquor License Application and Special Amusement Permit for The Eagles

Mr. Windover made the motion. Seconded by Mt. Belanger

Vote- 5-0

G. Approval of Eagles Acquisition of 125 Rumford Avenue

Mr. Windover made the motion to table the discussion. Seconded by Mr. Theriault

Vote- 5-0

H. Discuss and Approve HRA Deductible Change

Mr. Belanger and Mr. Windover asked questions regarding employee out of pocket expenses and reimbursement.

Deborah Laurinaitis explained the PPO rules, guidelines, reimbursement percentages and out of pocket dollar amounts for employees, in detail. As well as taxation and yearly budgeting percentage related to HRA plan thru Group Dynamics and PPO plan

Town Manager asked for Language to evaluate and address and amend the personnel policy, as well as, negotiated contracts to accurately reflect the change. Town Manager will discuss the inflexibility of the plan as it is moving forward

Mr. Brennick expressed concern to address the collective bargaining agreements and discussion with stop shop steward

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

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

I. Request Authorization for The Town Manager to Negotiate with Emera and Enter into a Financial Agreement with Rumford, as an investment Opportunity

Town Manager expressed results on the passing of LD756 and assured the board that they would be updated regularly as the value to the community, payment agreement and negotiations move forward. Mr. Belanger expressed some concerns regarding the TIF. Supporting the infrastructure, tax costs and values to the community. Mr. Brennick expressed concerns of not replacing the agreement with a TIF. Town Manger explained the distinction between a TIF and a payment arrangement and the use of those words. Town Manager explained the payment arrangement on

the increased value and the infrastructure improvements. Mr. Chase. Mr. Belanger and Mr. Windover also expressed concerns and had questions addressed. Candace Casey expressed her personal opinion.

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

Vote- 5-0

- J. Authorization for Town Manager to Submit a Grant Request to the Land and Water Conservation Fund: To Renovate by- Replacing Track, Walking Path and Lights

Mr. Brennick congratulated and gave appreciation to Mr. Mills and Tina West on their hard work. Mr. Chase and Mr. Belanger questioned census data and results. Mr. Brennick answered questions and gave detail on how these number are derived 4,218. Candace Casey also, explained the procedure for obtaining a census and results of 4,218. Town Manager Thanked the Board, as the Grant paperwork is on November 17, 2017.

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

Vote- 5-0

- K. Authorization for Town Manager to Sign the Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and other Responsibility Matters, Drug Free Workplace Requirement and Lobbying

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

Vote- 5-0

- L. BOS Decision on the Awarding of Boston Cane to the Oldest Citizen by Recognition Certificate of Award Only. The Original Repaired Cane and a Plaque to be Mounted in a Case to be Hung on the Wall in the Municipal Building

Mr. Brennick explained the history behind the Boston Cane. Town Manager also, reiterated the reason and recognition behind the Boston Cane. Mr. Chase asked about cost. Mr. Theriault asked if a plaque could be made and names added in the future. Town Manager explained the avenues of finding and reaching out to the oldest citizen.

Mr. Chase made the motion to approve and reinstitute the award of the Boston Cane, at the first Meeting, in January 2018. Seconded by Mr. Belanger

Vote- 5-0

- 8. Adjournment 8:28 p.m.

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

Linda-Jean Briggs
Town Manager

LJB/pc