

**EXECUTIVE SESSION- \*AMENDED 08 14 2018\***  
**AUGUST 16, 2018 5:00 p.m.**  
**Conference Room**

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

Mr. Chase made the motion to adjourn at 5:59. Seconded by Mr. Belanger  
Vote-5-0

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**  
**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2018**  
**August 16, 2018 6:00 p.m.**  
**Rumford Falls Auditorium**

1. Article IV, Promulgation of Ordinances Amendments

Mr. Brennick read the changes and summarized the Ordinance totality:

Chapter 21-B- Curbside Recycling-

Mr. Belanger had concerns regarding fall leaves, under yard waste

Mr. Brennick to review with Town Attorney relating to fall leaves, adding additional curbside pick-up, due to inability of some residence to compost material and or have it brought to transfer station for composting

Mr. Pepin recalled Town Attorney formatting this item similar to the Snow Ordinance

Chapter 25-E Abandoned Buildings-

Town Manager suggested filing be under Vacant Buildings

Mr. Brennick noted that it must be filed per exact wording

Chapter 30-C Domestic Animals: Regulation and Enforcement-

Mr. Chase asked for clarification regarding four or more dogs and kennel regulation and compliance

Audience member asked if this is per family or per household

Town Manager replied, per household. Suggesting Section 4-A should be amended to read four or more dogs

Mr. Belanger expressed concerns regarding multiple dogs and stated regulation

Mr. Brennick read and clarified the verbiage as written

Audience member expressed a typo of creditors, should read predators and 10-D to include state requirements and or Veterinarian recommendations for vaccination

Mrs. Sheldon spoke regarding livestock in a residential area. She spoke on behalf of her neighborhood on Somerset Street. She spoke of the negative impact this is having on property value and health, as well as, as number of other points made. The neighborhood would like to see a ballot article regarding this.

Mr. Brennick expressed, the time frame has expired for accepting any additional warrant article for the November Election. He suggested that folks bring this up at the Public Comment portion of the regular meeting. He explained the process.

Mr. Chase expressed to Mrs. Sheldon, February will be the next opportunity to initiate new Ordinance proposals/requests and or Charter amendments, for the June election

Mr. Belanger asked the type of animals in question. A reply of Sheep

Chapter-40 Temporary Signs and Advertisement Banners-

Chapter 54-A Building Code-

Chapter 54-B Fire and Life Safety Code-

Mr. Brennick closed Public Hearing.

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 16, 2018, 2018 6:30 p.m.**  
**Rumford Falls Auditorium**

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**Present:** Christopher Brennick-Chairperson, Michael Peter Chase-Vice-Chairperson, Mark Belanger-Selectperson, James Windover-Selectperson, John Pepin, Sr.-Selectperson

**Attendees:** Todd Koun, Amanda Koun, Jeinnine Dyke Paine, Candice Casey, Daniel Richard, John Ross, Richard Coulombe, Maureen Sheldon, Sarah Hansen, Chris Closs, Geg Paxton, Cindie Rice, Anne Dolloff, Patricia Pineau, Dave Elliott, Richard Cote, Larry Puiia, Chris Perry, Jane Peterson, Mike Mills, Richard Lovejoy, Mia Purcell, Linda MacGregor, Don Boucher, Jim Peterson, Mary-Lou Peterson, Victoria Forkus

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

2. Public Hearing: Liquor License for Brenda Ambrose dba Munchy's 1371 Route 2  
NO Comments

4. Special Presentation or Award:

5. Comments

A. Public Comment

Mr. Chase made the motion to allow Ms. Rice to speak. Seconded by Mr. Belanger  
Vote-5-0

Ms. Rice, a Nurse in Public Health, speaking on behalf of her mother, Mrs. Elliott, an abutter to property on Somerset Street that is raising farm animals in a neighborhood setting. She spoke of concerns regarding health and environment issues related to proximity to this atmosphere. She encouraged the Board to contact health officer, local and state health officials, resources and departments regarding the negative effects of proximity to farm animals, in a neighborhood setting, etc. She would also, suggest an ordinance prohibiting this practice.

Mr. Richard spoke concerning the property in question. He owns the property and spoke of the great lengths taken to assure cleanliness and utmost care of the property and the animals, as well as, any waste products, etc. in relation to care and cleanliness. These animal arrive in April and leave in October, as part of a 4-H program. He spoke of his exasperation with this situation. He explained they have taken every step and precaution to assure the neighborhood would not be effected He expressed his angst with the situation. He explained the animals are properly vaccinated, tagged, state inspected, insured, etc. Proper record keeping/paperwork... State Health, Local Health Office, Animal Control Officer, Code Enforcement Officer and the Rumford Police Department have all been to the property and found nothing wrong; every inspection has been passed. He feels he is being harassed by the neighbors, with no evidence of wrong doing.

Sue Billings from the USDA and the Extension Office spoke on Mr. Richard's behalf. She expressed that she would be happy to answer any questions. 4-H does fall under the umbrella of the Maine Agricultural Act, which is covered under Federal Law- guidelines and requirements...

Ms. Kouin spoke about the harassment from the neighbors and how it is affecting her 11 year old son who is responsible for the care of the animals. She is trying, thru this 4-H program, to teach her son responsibility, integrity, etc. He is being traumatized by neighbors approaching him when no parent is home, etc. She said DDHS has called checking the children's health and wellbeing. She asked that folks approach her and her husband, not her 11 year old son.

Ms. Rice again spoke of property values and reassessment of properties with having these farm animals in the neighborhood.

Mr. Chase expressed nothing the Select Board can do concerning this issue and need to move on.

B. Town Manager's Report (\*\*In the interest of time, this report was not read at the meeting- posted for information, in these minutes\*\*)

- Conducted public update on project attended by approximately 30 people
- Attended the Beautify Rumford meeting anyone interested in helping out should reach out by email to [beautifyrumford@gmail.com](mailto:beautifyrumford@gmail.com)
- Attended grand reopening of the car wash
- Met with Scott Grassetto about the Niko fundraiser
- Hosted a walk down Congress St with Sen. King to discuss the use of federal funds on the downtown project
- Met with potential business owners
- Met with GWI President concerning level of service
- Met with Bangor Savings to review service of accounts
- Attended Envision Rumford meeting
- Conversation with the Secretary of State's office
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## 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)

NONE

D. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Chase expressed the noticeable progress in the Downtown Construction Project.

Mr. Brennick handed out Code of Ethics, Level of Service paperwork, requesting the Board follow through with a series of workshops regarding these matters. Asked the Board to consider this information and review it for future Discussion and Action; for use in budget and long range planning, as well as, Regionalizing with other towns.

6. Old Business

NONE

7. New Business

A. Approval of Minutes from Select Board Meeting of August 2, 2018

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

Vote-5-0

B. Approval of the Town Warrant dated August 17, 2018

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

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

C. Approval of Ordinance Amendments for November Ballot

Mr. Chase made the motion to approve with changes as discussed. Seconded by Mr. Belanger

Vote-5-0

D. Discussion and Action on Maine Historic Preservation Presentation of Proposal - 25-27 Erchles Street in Strathglass Park

Mr. Brennick the motion to allow Mr. Paxton, Executive Director for Maine Preservation, to speak.

Seconded by Mr. Chase

Vote-5-0

Mr. Paxton made a presentation regarding Maine Preservations work, philosophy and many programs, etc., regarding historic properties, as well as, the history of Maine Preservation. Expressed the desire to acquire this property and transfer ownership of this property to Maine Preservation to raise funds and rehab this property over the next three years, with plans to resell this property following the rehab process and redevelopment.

Ms. Hansen spoke of her expertise in financial and process.

Mr. Closs spoke of his expertise planning and historic preservation. Revitalizing, rehabbing and redevelopment of Strathglass Park

Mr. Scagliola spoke of the individuals living in the park, trying to make a difference.

Ms. MacGregor spoke of the excitement and appreciation for this project and process

Mr. Belanger made the motion to approve with a three year covenant. Seconded by Mr. Pepin  
Vote-5-0

E. Discussion and Action on Appointment to Parks and Recreation Commission

Mr. Belanger made the motion to appoint Ms. McLean. Seconded by Mr. Windover  
Vote-5-0

F. Discussion and Action on Appointment to Planning Board

Town Manger expressed that she has never seen in any community where a Select Board member could be appointed to another Board within the municipality.

Mr. Belanger expressed the Charter does allow for this practice.

Mr. Belanger expressed Mr. Windover being an asset to the Planning Board with his experience in building trades.

Mr. Chase expressed the responsibility of attending the meetings and taking part in the function, processes and decisions of the Boards appointed too.

Mr. Belanger made the motion to appoint Mr. Windover. Seconded by Mr. Brennick  
Vote-4-0-1 Mr. Windover abstained

G. Discussion and Action on Liquor License for Brenda Ambrose dba Munchy's, 1371 Route 2

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

H. Discussion and Action on Reconsideration to Allow Property Owner to Redeem Property- 220 Route 108

Property owner came forward and asked to redeem property and pay back taxes from 2018 and will pay in advance for 2019 Friday, August 24, 2018

Mr. Chase made the motion to approve with covenant for 2018 taxes and 2019 taxes be paid in full, in advance. Seconded by Mr. Belanger  
Vote-5-0

~~I. Discussion and Action on Reconsideration to Allow Property Owner to Redeem Property- 626 Pine Street~~  
Withdrawn

Mr. Belanger made the motion to strike letter "I". Seconded by Mr. Chase  
Vote-5-0

J. Discussion and Action on Proposal for Property- Map #128 Lot #046 by Mr. and Mrs. Savard

Mr. Belanger made the motion to approve bid for \$1000.00. Seconded by Mr. Windover

Vote-5-0

K. Discussion and Action on Proposal for Property- Map #107 Lot #005 by Mr. T. Wardwell

Mr. Belanger made the motion to approve bid for \$1500.00. Seconded by Mr. Windover

Mr. Mills suggested keeping the property for expansion of the walking trail/path and the possibility of a bridge for ATV use.

\*Mr. Belanger withdrew his motion. Mr. Windover withdrew his second.\*

Mr. Windover made the motion to TABLE, for possible land swap or easement. Seconded by Mr. Brennick

Vote-5-0

L. Discussion and Action on Proposal for Property- Map #113 Lot #045 by Mr. and Mrs. Hanson

Mr. Belanger made the motion to approve bid for \$3000.00. Seconded by Mr. Windover

Vote-5-0

M. Discussion and Action on Proposal for Property- Map #113 Lot #265 by Mr. J. Peterson

Mr. Belanger made the motion to approve bid for \$5000.00. Seconded by Mr. Windover

Vote-5-0

N. Discussion and Action on Proposal for Property- Map #235 Lot #006 by Mr. Thibodeau

Mr. Belanger made the motion to approve bid for \$1501.00. Seconded by Mr. Chase

Vote-5-0

O. Discussion and Action on Termination of Option to Purchase Business Park and Authorize Town Manager to Sign Document(s)

Mr. Windover asked questions regarding water, sewer, and road widening improvements that were initially requested.

Mr. Chase expressed that no additional improvements have been done.

Town Manager explained the reason for this termination and what the paperwork consists of and represents removing it from county records and removes the option for sale so it can be marketed for a future sale.

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

Vote-5-0

P. Discussion and Action on Property- 239-241 Penobscot Street

Mr. Boucher expressed the plans, photos, etc for the building renovations and work on the driveway. Seeking permission to follow through with driveway work due to Town easement and requesting an extension beyond September 1, 2018, due to the amount of work required.

Mr. Brennick asked for Mr. Mill's recommendation.

Mr. Mills explained the situation and removal of the cement wall and required improvement needed to complete the work, as well as, the asphalt driveway.

Mr. Chase asked questions regarding possible erosion

Mr. Boucher assured the Board of his plan and his approach to facilitate the very best result for retention and stability of the ground and grade.

Mr. Chase made the motion to approve plans for driveway and extension on renovations to September 1, 2019 FINAL. Seconded by Mr. Pepin  
Vote-5-0

#### 8. Adjournment

Mr. Windover made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Belanger at 8:34 p.m.

Linda-Jean Briggs  
Town Manager

LJB/pc