

**Special Town Meeting  
October 9, 2018 6:00 p.m.  
Rumford Falls Auditorium**

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

**PRESENT:** James Rinaldo- Chairperson, Richard Lovejoy, Craig Chamberlain

**ABSENT:** John Pepin, Sr.- Selectperson

1. Call to Order by Moderator Mr. Cameron at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Moderator read housekeeping rules and procedures for the meeting.  
He read the warrant in entirety for those present, furthering explaining definitions of some of the terms in the warrant.

Moderator asked for questions from the audience.

Mr. Richard asked questions concerning nearby property/home values, if Poland Spring purchases and builds a bottling plant at the Puiia Business Park. He expressed strong concern for traffic noise, production noise and decrease in property value.

Mr. Chase addressed his concerns explaining the pipeline procedures and rail transportation of bottled water.

Mr. Brennick acknowledged anxieties and reminded voters of what they voting on this evening; giving the Select Board authority to negotiate terms of sale of the property and land associated with the Puiia Business Park only.

Mr. Chase and Mr. Belanger also, reminded the voters as to what exactly they voted on in June 2018 and what they are voting on this evening.

Moderator and Mr. Chase explained a "TIF"( Tax Increment Financing)and the process of spurring and encouraging more/ future Economic Development.

Mr. Chase explained, in the creation of the Industrial Park and TIF District, no verbiage was included to authorize/allow the Select Board to sell the property/land. This evenings vote would give the Select Board the authority to negotiate the sale of the property/land now or in the future; creating terms, conditions, details, etc.

Moderator reiterated Mr. Chase's words.

Mr. Brennick also, expressed the best possible procedure and input from what he learned from attending the Opportunity Zone Forum on Economic Development... He expressed the words of Mr. Peter Delgreco, President of Maine & CO....One of which is cutting back red tape and speeding up processes for permitting, quick response and turn-around times for inspections, etc... helping new business opportunities through the regulatory hurdles...communities that make these procedures timely and priority are the communities that business is more attracted to. "We are business friendly and we want everybody who would like to come to Rumford know that. It is on our very best interest to insure procedures are carried out in a prompt manner with suitable accommodations." He spoke of the importance of spurring new Economic Development with, continuing good business practice and good business relationships with an encouraging and exciting future ahead.

Mr. Madigan spoke of his support of this article and support for the Elected Select Board in the managing of the town on behalf of the citizens of Rumford. He spoke of the necessity of this vote for the future of the Business Park. He spoke of the tax relief that would come from the purchase commitment of property/land and possible building structures in the Business Park. He assured the voters the Board has done due diligence in the research of possible development of this property.

Mr. Giroux spoke of his strong support for this vote and possibility of future business planning with Poland Spring, as well as, many additional benefits that come from new business.

Mr. Saisi spoke of his strong support for this vote... and reminded the voters of the benefits of new business and tax relief...

Mr. Starr spoke of the purpose and benefits of creating zoning regulations and etc.

Mr. Thibodeau spoke of his strong support for this vote... also, expressed the need to move forward and stop reverting back to the past in making financial decisions, tax rate, etc. in relation to inviting progress and prosperity for the future. He expressed his strong desire to think to future progress and moving Rumford forward.

He received a round of applause.

Moderator asked for additional questions or comments: None

Moderator asked for a show of hands in support to authorize the Select Board to negotiate the sale of the Puiia Business Park.

Vote- UNANIMOUS

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

Vote- UNANIMOUS

Moderator thanked the community for their support.

3. Adjournment 6:37 p.m.

Linda-Jean Briggs  
Town Manager

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