

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA
February 7, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Jury Room

1. Pursuant to §405 MRS, Title 1, Chapter 13, Subchapter 1- Consultation with Town Attorney on Legal Matters

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING MINUTES
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Rumford Falls Auditorium

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS MUST BE ADDRESSED FROM THE PODIUM FOR DIGITAL RECORDING PURPOSES. PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIRPERSON OR COME TO THE PODIUM.

Present: Christopher Brennick- Chairperson, Michael Peter Chase- Vice- Chairperson, Mark Belanger- Selectperson, James Windover- Selectperson, John Pepin, Sr.- Selectperson, Scott Cole- Interim Town Manager

Attendees: Richard Coulombe, Candice Casey, Stacy Carter, Jason Chamberlain, Marisa Bethea, Mike Mills, Kevin Knox, Steve Dymont, Tom Bourret, Deborah Laurinaitis, Richard Scagliola, George OKeefe.

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
4. Public Hearing: NONE
5. Special Presentation or Award: NONE

6. Comments

- A. Public Comment

NONE

- B. Town Manager's Report

Mr. Cole went over the Town Managers report that he handed out. He started with the Island Project. He estimated that there is roughly 25% of the project left to do this spring. The town has incurred 5.3 million dollars in outlay and realizing cash in, 4 million from different sources. The town's cash flow is a little more stressed than previous years because of the Island Project, but can be offset by utilizing reserves which will be replenished in April.

The question was posed which reserve accounts this money would be coming from. Mr. Cole explained that there are a variety of reserves in the town, that has been set aside as a reserve. He also said that it is not known at this point if we will need to use the reserve cash.

The question was posed where the 1.3 million dollars needed to complete the Island Project is coming from. Mr. Cole expressed that this isn't known fully yet, but it isn't needed to be known yet.

It was asked if other sources of revenue be looked into. Yes, we've reached out to other granting agencies within the state and it may come from that.

Someone asked how a grant works, and Mr. Cole explained how that works. .

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

Mr. Mills spoke about the snow removal procedures. He also explained why they got behind. It was asked if the blower was used for the sidewalk plow? The answer was yes in numerous places.

It was asked to explain the plowing ordinance. Chief Carter explained that for Mr. Mills.

D. Selectperson's Report

Mark Belanger thanked Public Works for their efforts plowing. Mark then made a motion to add the boat ramp to the agenda for the evening, it was seconded by Jim. It was voted to add it.

Jim Windover thanked the Public Works crew for doing a great job.

Chris Brennick also thanked Public Works for their work. He also spoke about the Unified Basketball team that the High School has added.

7. Old Business NONE

8. New Business

A. Approval of Minutes from Select Board Meeting of January 7, 2019

Motion made by Peter to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Mark. It was voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

B. Approval of Town Warrant dated February 8, 2019

Chris made a motion to table the Town Warrant Approval until the end of the meeting, seconded by Peter. It was voted unanimously to table until the end of the meeting.

- After item "J" A motion was made by Peter to accept, it was seconded by John. Vote was 3-2.

C. Monthly Discussion of Current Fiscal Status, Budget vs. Actual

Spending should be at about 50% for end of December. The overall budget is 49.94% spent. Tax office is at 90.3%, Town Solicitor 61.4%, Election 57.6%, Police 51.12%, Police Overtime 77.24%, Code Enforcement 51.27%, Utilities 52.71%, Police K9 82.67%, Roads 79.5%, Parks and Rec 55.18%, Lawns 59.47%, Capital Improvements 100%, Initiated Articles 89.1%, County Tax 100%.

Discussion was had about converting the street lights. Town Manager Cole said he would have more answers as to when and if we're switching at the next meeting.

D. Discussion and Action on UDAG Delay of First Payment from February 15, 2019 to March 15, 2019 – Jason and Erica Chamberlain

Request made to change the due date of the loan payment to April 15, 2019 with interest accruing.

Motion was made by Peter to accept the updated loan due date, it was seconded by Mark. Vote was unanimous.

- E. Discussion and Action of PD Holding Area Improvement Bids
The project went back out to bid, and two bids were received. The improvement will include work spaces, a secure holding facility, kitchen, and an updated shower area.
Chris made a motion to approve the Holding Area Improvement for \$83,500, Peter seconded it. The vote was 3-2.
- F. Discussion with Police Chief re School Resource Officer at RSU #10
The superintendent of RSU 10 has been in contact with Chief about getting a Resource Officer for Mountain Valley. A grant will be looked into for partial funding for this program. The school district would also partially fund it. Three different options were given. The first being for a part time, 29 hours a week, employed only during the school year Officer. The second option was a seasonal position, 35 hours a week, with benefits. The third option was for a fulltime Officer which would work in the school, but also for the Police Dept to cover overtime shifts.
- G. Discussion and Action on Hosmer Field Lighting Bids-
The rec board has not had a chance to meet on this matter. It is proposed that they table to discussion until the next BOS meeting.
Motioned by Chris to accept, seconded by Mark. The vote was 5-0.
- H. Discussion and Action on Proposed Sewer Rate Abatement Policy from Tax Collector
Approving the draft policy- Same as proposed at the last meeting.
Motioned by Mark to accept, seconded by John.
- I. Approval of Sewer Rates for 2019
Tom provided a spreadsheet of previous rates. 260 per unit would be \$100,000 from the Capital Fund, 244 would be \$50,000 from Capital Fund, 228 per unit would be \$0 in the Capital Fund. There is currently nothing in the Capital Fund. Currently it is set at \$176.
- Jim stated that the increase is so high, that they should go with 228. Tom explained that the 228 will only cover the operating costs, nothing more.
- The Town Manager explained that the increases are due to maintenance replacement.
- It was asked if we are making any money from our compost sales and if we are even doing that anymore. The Town Manager explained that the revenue from that is negligible.
- It was asked if there is any 5 or 10 year plan for replacement and repairs, so that there doesn't need to be such an increase in prices. The Town Manager explained that there isn't at this time, but they are working on that.
- It was asked how many administrators/employees they have. The Town Manager said that there are 6 full time employees.
- Tom Bourret explained that Rumford has one of the lowest sewer rates in the state.
- Candice Casey expressed that she feels the sewer system should be funded fully by just the people who are on the sewer system.

It was asked what the sewer reserve fund is used for and how does it differ from the Capital fund. Tom Bourret explained that the Capital Account would be used for infrastructure whereas the reserve fund is not.

It was asked if the storm water drain is maintained out of the same account. Mike Mills explained that it t is not.

Mark made a motion for \$244 per unit, seconded by Chris. Vote was 3-2.

J. Discussion and Action on REVISED Agreement with Clerk of Works- Gary Violette

Gary wanted two things added; Mileage provided/travel time and Project Duration.

Town Manager Cole asked that this be tabled.

It was motioned by Mark and seconded by Jim. Vote was 5-0

K. Discussion about a boat ramp, originally brought up in the summer of 2016/2017.

Redirection of the current boat ramp. It currently points upriver. It was said that the people currently working on getting bike trails in, had expressed interest in being part of this project.

Chris suggested that it be handed off to George and put on the agenda for the first meeting of March with an update of the DEP permitting.

Peter stated that Gary had approached him also. He stated that a lot more people are using the river now, and he thinks it's not being utilized as much as it could because of its current state.

Tom Bourret stated that last year LJ had started the application process for a Grant for this.

9. Adjournment

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

Vote-5-0

8:41p.m.

Interim Town Manager
Scott Cole

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