

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING
July 2, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

PRESENT: Chairperson Bradford Adley, Vice-Chairperson Jeff Sterling, Selectperson Frank DiConzo, Selectperson Mark Belanger, Selectperson Michael Peter Chase, Town Manager John Madigan, Jr.

ATTENDEES: Ralph Arsenault, John Perry

1. Meeting Call to Order by Chairperson Adley
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Public Hearing: Hawker's and Peddler's License for Silver Platter

Mr. DiConzo mentioned that last summer the Silver Platter van was left at the Information Center parking lot overnight, which is not allowed. Police Chief Stacy Carter noted that the owner was spoken to and there has been no problem since then.

4. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Chase reported attending the ribbon cutting for the new Martin Memorial Bridge and thought that it went great. He congratulated our Citizen of the Year, Mr. Harrison Burns, who had the honor of driving his 1929 Plymouth as the first vehicle across the bridge. Also, you can view Mount Washington when crossing the bridge from Route 2.

Mr. Sterling wished Betty Barrett, a school board member, a happy 90th birthday.

Mr. DiConzo expressed concerns regarding specific properties and enforcement of junkyard codes. And also asked when the demolition will start on the buildings on Pine Street and Knox Street. The Town Manager reported that the crew is getting caught up and will get to this. He noted that there is an illegal junkyard on the Andover Road and that the Code Enforcement Officer is on this. He also, noted that the new Finance Committee members must take out nomination papers with the Town Clerk for the November election. He wished all a good 4th of July.

Mr. Adley attended the ribbon cutting for the new Martin Memorial Bridge with Senator Collins and noted that you can see Mount Washington as you cross to the Route 232 side. He was glad to attend the Elected Officials Workshop and learned some things. He would like to discuss goal setting for the Board at the next meeting. He also would like to explore an ethics policy for the Board and asked the Town Manager to come up with a template for this.

Mr. Belanger did not have a report.

B. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager reported on the status of several buildings. Our Attorney sent a notice to the lady on Hall Hill for violation of the junkyard laws. We are also addressing the one on Andover

Road. Notices have been sent to Alwyn and Susan Flewelling on their property on Route 108 (burned out), Andrew and Antonio Capponi at 207 Spruce Street (corner of Holyoke Avenue), and the heirs of Christine Gorham on the trailer near Route 2. The other property on Pine Street owned by Gregory Zadakis will be handled by the Town Attorney.

The Code Enforcement Officer has sent certified notices to five owners.

The Andover Road will be closed between July 20 and August 21 to replace the Split Brook Bridge.

A letter was received from Diane Dupuis Ronan who has land for sale that abuts the Town property at the East Rumford Cemetery (near River Valley Crossing). She is offering the 11.3 acre parcel to any interested abutter for the price of \$29,900. The comparative market analysis was for \$34,900. It was noted that a majority of the property looks to be wet and could be an aquifer. Chairperson Adley suggested that Andy Russell look at the property to see if there would be any value to the Town.

Regarding the streetlight near the old Martin Memorial Bridge, the Town Manager noted that the church was not interested in keeping the light and the prospective Mahoosuc boat landing area would be on the other side of the river. The consensus was to discontinue the streetlight.

The new Martin Memorial Bridge ribbon cutting went very well. Ladd Farms and Nicols Brothers both had large trucks pass over the bridge.

C. Department Manager Reports (as needed)

The Police Chief reported that Corporal Donald Miller has resigned to take another position in another town; he will stay on as a reserve officer. Lawrence Briggs was our Utility Officer and has moved into fill that vacancy. He will attend the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in August. We are now searching for a candidate to fill the open vacancy for the Utility Officer.

Andy Russell reported that he met with Bill Theriault about the ATV Crossing at the top of Falls Hill. We have put up a sign for them and will put up another one. Sewer work has been done near Somerset Street on Rumford Avenue. We have repaired the pump stations on Isthmus Road and the two on Route 108 are almost completed. The Strathglass Park paving will be put on hold and instead Maine Avenue will be paved as a higher priority because of the large amount of traffic. They plan to start work on Linnell Street soon. They are continuing to work on the temporary repairs on the downtown sidewalks. Chairperson Adley asked for further explanations on the ATV crossing. Mr. Russell explained that there would be plenty of site distance near the existing cross walk for the ATV crossing.

D. Board and Committee Reports (as needed)

None.

5. Requests of Citizen's Present

None.

6. Old Business

A. Discussion of Dangerous Building/Porches at 240 Pine Street

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting by the Town Manager and the matter is going to court. Owners have been notified.

7. New Business

A. Approval of Minutes from Selectperson's Meetings of June 18, 2015

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of June 18, 2015. Vote: 5-0

B. Approval of the Town Warrant dated July 2, 2015

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated July 2, 2015.

Mr. Belanger asked where the money came from for the fireworks. The Town Manager believes the money came from the fireworks fund and the Park Commission's fund raising efforts

Vote: 5-0

C. Request for Town Owned Property at 12 Oxford Avenue from the Eagles Club

The Town Manager explained that the Eagles Club presented a request in writing to acquire Town owned property at 12 Oxford Avenue, formerly known as "The Shak," for the price of \$1,000.00. Their estimate to remove the building for parking is about \$20,000.00. There was one other interested party if we placed this out to bid again.

Ralph Arsenault from the Eagles explained that one day the mill may not allow the members to park on mill property and this would give the Eagles a parking space of their own.

The current uncollected taxes are over \$11,000.00 and the Eagles would pay to have the building demolished.

Mr. DiConzo asked when the building would come down. Mr. Arsenault said that they will be seeking bids for the removal and one estimate came in at \$19,500.00.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to accept the proposal for \$1,000.00 towards the taxes and to write off the uncollected taxes. Vote: 5-0

The Town Manager reported that there was a glitch found in the deed on 566 Prospect Avenue and the Town Attorney is working to correct it so that a Quit Claim deed can be given to Mr. Kaulback.

D. Approval of Parade Permit for Fourth of July Committee 5K Race

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the parade permit for the Fourth of July Committee's 5K race. Vote: 5-0

E. Approval of Police Vehicle Bid

The Town Manager reported on the following bid opening:

1. Ripley & Fletcher \$23,984.33

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| 2. | Farmington Ford | \$25,502.08 |
| 3. | Quirk Auto | \$25,800.00 |
| 4. | Bailey Brothers Ford | \$24,340.95 Blue |
| 5. | Bailey Brothers Ford | \$24,085.95 Silver |

Police Chief Stacy Carter would like to recommend one of the vehicles that is currently in stock rather than wait 6-8 weeks to order one of the others. Both the vehicles from Bailey Brothers are in stock and have suspension for police use.

Mr. Belanger asked why we are looking at an SUV rather than a car. Chief Carter explained that the SUV's have all-wheel drive and help in getting around in the winter and on hills. The mileage is not far off from the sedan mileage.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to accept the bid from Bailey Brothers Ford for the bid price of \$24,340.95 (blue). Vote: 3-2, Mr. Belanger and Mr. DiConzo opposed.

F. Approval of Hawker's and Peddler's License for Carl Touchette, dba Silver Platter

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the Hawker's and Peddler's License for Carl Touchette, dba Silver Platter. Vote: 5-0

G. Approval of Lease of Town Owned Property to Wowza Ziplines

The Town Attorney has brought draft leases for the Board to consider before this item is voted upon.

No action was taken. This item will be continued on July 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in order to speak with the Town Attorney in Executive Session.

8. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6)(D) for Union Negotiations

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6)(D) for Public Works union negotiations with the Town Manager and Andy Russell. Vote: 5-0

Executive Session in at 7:30 p.m.
Executive Session out at 8:49 p.m.

No action taken.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Sterling made a motion to recess (at 8:51 p.m.) until July 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Item G with the Town Attorney in Executive Session. Vote: 5-0

John E. Madigan, Jr.
Town Manager

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