

SPECIAL JOINT BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING WITH TOWN OF MEXICO
January 7, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Mexico Town Hall

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: RUMFORD

Chairperson Gregory Buccina, Vice-Chairperson Jeffrey Sterling, Selectperson Bradford Adley, Selectperson Frank DiConzo, Selectperson Mark Belanger, Town Manager John Madigan, Jr.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: MEXICO

Chairperson Richie Philbrick, Reggie Arsenault, Albert Aniel, Andy Dupuis, Byron Ouellette

ATTENDEES: Police Chiefs Roy Hodsdon and Stacy Carter and several interested citizens

Town Manager John Madigan presented a spread sheet comparing both towns and different percentages for calls for services, state value and population. When combined, the data showed a percentage of the combined police department budgets equal to 73% for Rumford and 27% for Mexico.

Greg Buccina stated that Rumford met last night and hoped to keep the budget flat.

Frank DiConzo believes we need to have a discussion with the union.

Greg Buccina believes we should have the Town Manager speak to the unions.

Albert Aniel believes we should have a goal of 10 percent and we should go with the Sheriff's proposal. There would be no overtime problems.

Chief Hodsdon stated that the Sheriff's proposal contains \$90,000 for overtime in the budget.

Brad Adley stated that there is a 12 man versus 15 man difference in the proposals and that we should compare apples to apples.

Chief Carter stated that efficiencies will be increased by a merged department.

Frank DiConzo wants to meet with the unions to see what can be done to level the costs and save the Town money.

Reggie Arsenault believes both unions need to come in and meet with both Boards. He will not support Sheriff's proposal as a citizen.

Albert Aniel believes that Rumford will need to take a cut in pay.

Richie Philbrick and Byron Ouellette believe the Boards should sit with the unions.

Brad Gallant and Tim Kelcourse offered some discussion from the audience.

Frank DiConzo made a motion to have the Town Manager set up a meeting with the unions as soon as possible. Seconded by Greg Buccina. Vote: 10-0

Albert Aniel believes 24/7 coverage is necessary. Also, to hold public meeting for others to understand the options.

The Town Manager will schedule the next meeting after meeting with the unions and confirmation with the Sheriff on the next meeting date.

Reggie Arsenault made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Brad Adley. Vote: 10-0

John E. Madigan, Jr.
Town Manager

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