

SPECIAL JOINT BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING
Town of Rumford and Town of Mexico
February 19, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
Rumford Municipal Building, Jury Room

PRESENT: RUMFORD

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

PRESENT: MEXICO

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

ATTENDEES: Sheriff Wayne Gallant, Deputy Hart Daley, Doug Maifeld, Police Chief Stacy Carter, Tony DeSalle, Girard Lambert

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chairperson Buccina
2. All present Pledged Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Discussion with Sheriff Gallant regarding Police Services for Mexico and Rumford

The Town Manager explained that there was no legal exception to not having this meeting in public session.

Sheriff Gallant asked some questions beforehand as there was not a specific Agenda. He explained the proposal for police coverage and answered questions from the Board. Issues and questions were discussed as follows:

Coverage of number of staffing

Animal Control

Patrol Vehicles: transfer to Sheriff, and transfer back to Towns if it does not work out

Service at hospital

Local control

County Commissioners are on board with Sheriff's proposal

Liability: can towns be sued

Mexico losing Explorers program and elderly watch program

Loss of State revenue: need to look at future

Would level of service be adequate?

Sheriff would have office in Rumford Municipal Building

Negotiating going forward

Monthly activity reports to both towns

Agreement on local ordinances

Report on existing ordinances, violations

Would Dixfield want to join?

What happens to jobs down the road? Do officers lose rank, seniority, etc.?

Is Mexico willing to work with Rumford?

Are other towns willing to contribute more to County for Sheriff's proposal?

Chairperson Buccina closed the meeting with a suggestion for one more meeting to decide if we go forward.

Chairpersons Buccina and Philbrick will work with the Town Manager to decide upon a date and time for the next meeting.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

JEMJr/tp

John E. Madigan, Jr.
Town Manager