

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 13, 2013, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Rumford Falls Auditorium**

PRESENT: Chairperson Gregory Buccina, Vice-Chairperson Jeffrey Sterling, Selectperson Jeremy Volkernick, Town Manager Carlo Puiia.

Absent: Selectperson Bradford Adley, Selectperson Jolene Lovejoy

ATTENDEES: Frank DiConzo, Kevin Saisi, John Soucy, Jim Rinaldo

1. Meeting was Called to Order
2. All Present Pledged Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Requests of Citizen's Present

Artie Muse requested clarification on the General Assistance workfare policy.

Kevin Saisi requested to have the Board make a firm commitment to meet with Mexico to discuss regionalization.

4. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Volkernick did not have a report for this meeting.

Mr. Sterling did not have a report for this meeting.

Mr. Buccina reported that the next July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting will be held on April 9, 2013 in the Conference Room. He would like us to check with the Maine Department of Transportation on Route 2 regarding signage, especially around the rotary. He also reported attending a public hearing in Augusta concerning the Governor's budget proposals.

B. Town Manager's Report

The Board of Selectpersons will be holding two Public Hearings to act on Initiated Article requests on Monday, March 18, 2013 and Monday, March 25, 2013. Both meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in the Rumford Falls Auditorium.

A representative from Congressman Mike Michaud's office will be here on March 19, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building to listen to constituents concerns.

The Board of Selectpersons met with AVCOG Planner John Maloney and members of the Comprehensive Plan Committee last Tuesday, March 5, 2013 to review the work they have produced. A public hearing will be scheduled and announced for some time in April. The Town Manager thanked all the Committee members for their work.

On Saturday, May 4, 2013 the Envision Rumford group is planning to host a new event for what has been named, "Paul Bunyan's Lumberjack Festival."

The Town Manager reported a correction to the story written in the local newspaper that referred to the "proposed" list of budget meetings. There was a change made to the schedule afterwards and a corrected list had been made available.

Citizens were reminded about recycling and to start by picking up a blue recycling bin at the Town Manager's Office.

### C. Department Manager's Report

There were no department manager reports given at the meeting.

### 5. Old Business

- A. Request from RSU 10 to appoint a School Board Member to fill vacancy until Election of June 11, 2013

The Town Manager explained that there are two applicants for the position: Frank DiConzo and Thomas Puiia.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to appoint Frank DiConzo and thanked Tom Puiia for submitting an application.

Mr. Sterling further commented on Dr. Thomas Ward, Superintendent for RSU 10, who is leaving for a new position and recognized the Town's loss. He also spoke of nominee Frank DiConzo's experience with the former MSAD 43 and Region 9 School of Applied Technology.

Vote on the motion: 3-0

Mr. DiConzo thanked the Board for their support.

### 6. New Business

- A. Request from Town Manager to Approve Minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of February 21, 2013, and the Special Selectpersons Meeting with the Comprehensive Planning Committee of March 5, 2013

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of February 21, 2013 and the Special Selectperson's Meeting with the Comprehensive Planning Committee of March 5, 2013. Vote: 3-0

- B. Request from Town Manager to Approve Town Warrant dated March 15, 2013

Mr. Volkernick made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated March 15, 2013. Vote: 3-0

- C. Request from the Route 2 Diner to Approve a Liquor License Application

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Liquor License Application for Route 2 Diner. Vote: 3-0

- D. Request from the Sons of Italy to Approve a Liquor License Application and Special Amusement Permit

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Liquor License Application and Special Amusement Permit for the Sons of Italy. Vote: 3-0

- E. Request from the Comprehensive Plan Committee to Approve placing the Comprehensive Plan Update on the June 2013 Ballot

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve placing the Comprehensive Plan Update on the June 2013 Ballot.

Kevin Saisi, Chairperson of the Comprehensive Planning Committee, informed the Board that the Committee plans to set the date for the Public Hearing at their next meeting after the Board votes to approve the Plan.

Mr. Sterling would like a condensed version of the document for the voters to review.

Vote on the motion: 3-0

- F. Request from Envision Rumford for Letter of Support for their Application to the Maine Downtown Center's Networking Program

Mr. Volkernick made a motion to approve the Letter of Support for Envision Rumford's application to the Maine Downtown Center Networking Program.

Jim Rinaldo of Envision Rumford spoke in regards to the activities and efforts of Envision Rumford to organize and become a Maine Downtown Center Networking Community.

The Town Manager read the proposed letter of support from the Board for the Envision Rumford group.

Vote on the motion: 3-0

- G. Request from Sunday River Farms to Travel Across Posted Road

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the request from Sunday River Farms to travel across a posted road.

The Town Manager read the letter to approve travel across Whippoorwill Road into the record.

Mr. Volkernick had a concern about road damage. The Town Manager reported there has been none.

Vote on the motion: 3-0

Ms. Lovejoy arrived at the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

- H. Request from Le Paresseux Club to Approve a Parade Permit for St. Patrick's Day

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the parade permit for St. Patrick's Day for Le Paresseux Club.

Vote: 4-0

I. Request from the Police Chief to Approve Lifting the Winter Parking Ban Unless There is a Weather Event Requiring Snow Removal

Mr. Volkernick made a motion to approve the lifting of the Winter Parking Ban unless there is a weather event requiring snow removal.

Mr. Buccina wanted to be sure that this would begin immediately.

Vote on the motion. 4-0

J. Request from River Valley Farmer's Market to close the portion of Exchange Street between Congress Street and River Street on Fridays from May 10, 2013 through October 11, 2013

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the request from River Valley Farmer's Market to close the portion of Exchange Street between Congress Street and River Street on Fridays from May 10, 2013 through October 11, 2013.

Annette Marin, of the River Valley Farmers Market, reported that things went well last year except that signage advertising the Farmers Market was an issue and she intends to make a proposal at another meeting to allow the signage.

Mr. Sterling wanted to be sure there were no problems with abutters. The Town Manager reported that the one business that could be impacted has given their approval.

Vote on the motion: 4-0

K. Request from Senator John Patrick for Letter of Support to Maintain Current Towns in Senate District 14 during District Re-Apportionments

Mr. Volkernick made a motion to approve the request from Senator Patrick.

Mr. Sterling would like both sides to be able to express their opinion on this subject.

Senator John Patrick informed the Board of the apportionment requirement and is pleased the Board has allowed public discussion. He explained his concern to represent this area and the importance of action taken that could impact the local mills. It is time sensitive.

Ms. Lovejoy expressed her concern of local representation. She does not believe she, as a Selectperson, should be involved in politics with another town.

Mr. Sterling questioned if the town of Jay would allow Mr. Patrick to speak at a public forum. Senator Patrick informed the Board that they already voted the other way without public input.

Vote on the motion: 1-2-1, Mr. Buccina and Mr. Sterling opposed, Ms. Lovejoy abstained.

The Town Manager offered a template of a letter to Board members so they can draft letters of their own if so desired.

7. Executive Session pursuant to MRS §405 (6) (D) for Union Negotiations with the Fire Department

Mr. Sterling made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. pursuant to MRS §405 (6) (D) for Union Negotiations with the Fire Department. Vote: 4-0

Executive Session In: 7:55 p.m.  
Executive Session Out: 8:05 p.m.

No action was taken.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Volkernick made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Vote: 4-0

Carlo J. Puiia  
Town Manager

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