

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2013, 4:00 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

PRESENT: Chairperson Gregory Buccina, Vice-Chairperson Jeffrey Sterling, Selectperson Bradford Adley, Selectperson Jolene Lovejoy Selectperson Jeremy Volkernick, Town Manager Carlo Puia.

ATTENDEES: Henry Zinck, Sarah Greaney, Stacy Carter, Ted Hotham, Cheryl Anastasio, Len Greaney, Chris Bourgeois, Frank Anastasio, Maurice Belanger, Alan Gerace, Arthur Chappell, Mark Belanger, Phillip Zinck, Nathan Woods, Stephen Woods, Conner Woods, R.L. Pratt, Diana Pratt, Douglas Freeman, James Barnett, Daniel Glover Sr., Dan Reed, Richard Rafuse, Peter Gautreau, Frank DiConzo, Jim Rinaldo, Robert Chase, Ed Casey, Eric Davis, Terry Karkos, Cindy Kelley, Tom Bourret, Terri Palmer Beth Bellegarde, Judy Whittemore, Elaine McKenna

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. All present Pledged Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Request to Approve Citizen's Petition for Special Town Meeting to consider a Tax Cap Ordinance

The Town Manager read a letter from Town Attorney Jennifer Kreckel regarding the legality of a tax cap.

Mark Belanger stated that other towns have had tax caps in the past.

The Town Manager informed the public of some of the expenses that the Town has committed to that are separate from municipal departments. He provided an example of what a 17.5 mil rate would generate for taxes.

Mr. Adley stated that he did not support calling for a special town meeting regardless of the legal opinion from the Town Attorney.

Mr. Adley made a motion not to approve a special town meeting. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve a critical circumstance exists in order to have a special town meeting to consider a tax cap ordinance.

Ms. Lovejoy stated that she does not support the motion because of the secret ballot process that allows all voters the opportunity to vote in that process.

Mr. Volkernick stated that he will abstain because he signed the petition in support of the tax cap, but he supports cuts to the budget because of NewPage's financial problems.

Mr. Sterling mentioned that the petitioners can submit this at one of the two ordinance hearings. He believes it should be discussed.

Vote on the motion: 0-4-1, Mr. Buccina, Mr. Adley, Ms. Lovejoy, Mr. Sterling opposed. Mr. Volkernick abstained.

4. Adjournment

Mr. Adley made a motion to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Vote: 5-0

Carlo J. Puiia
Town Manager

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