

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET**  
**May 16, 2013, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Rumford Falls Auditorium**

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

ATTENDEES: Lynden Clarke, Arthur Chappell, Bill O'Neill, Cindy Kelley, Valerie Wariner, Becky McDonald, Diana Casey, Jean Jeselskis, Daniel Grenier, Marie Boudreau, Robert Chase, Eric Davis, Deborah Laurinaitis, Maureen Merrill, Frank DiConzo, George Cayer, Candice Casey, Dick & Diana Pratt, Dorothea Cayer, Craig Zurhorst, Andy Russell, Jim Ca-uso, Joey Ca-uso, Dieter Kreckel, Alan Gerace, Mitzi Sequoia, Kim Sequoia, Len Greaney, Luke Sorensen, Roger Arsenault, Phil Blampied, Jennifer Gaylord, Phillip Zinck, Carolyn Kennard, Randall Smith, Stacy Carter, James Windover, Bruce Farrin, Jim Rinaldo, Milo Jodrey, Jessica Theriault, Kori Thomas, Kristen Brown, Tom Carey, Amanda Rosario, Adrianna Gorham, Kasey Zadakis, Victoria Baptiste, Tracey Higley, Bradlee Gallant, William Heller, Art Albanesi, Sr.

The Public Hearing was called to Order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Buccina.

Arthur Chappell would like to see the budget cut by ten percent.

Candice Casey spoke in regards to revenue sharing and the Newpage Paper Mill's valuation.

Mr. Buccina spoke of the uncertainties that currently exist with both those items. In the event reductions are made, the process allows the Town to revisit any budget item.

Phil Zinck is disappointed in the budget presentation and believes it should be reduced. He also spoke against the proposed Property Maintenance Code and believes it should not be passed.

Craig Zurhorst commended the Board and the Finance Committee for the work they did during the budget process.

Eric Davis spoke in opposition of the Building Maintenance Code and believes we need something less severe than what was proposed.

Phil Blampied spoke against the Property Maintenance Code. He highlighted many of the enforcement issues and believes it should be voted down.

Maureen Merrill spoke in regards to voting against the proposed budget.

Police Chief Stacy Carter clarified that the proposed Property Maintenance Code does not authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to send people to jail.

Mr. Adley asked the Police Chief to comment on the size of his department relative to the claim that we spend 3 times what other towns spend.

Chief Carter responded with the number of Officers relative to other towns in the New England region.

Jolene Lovejoy spoke about Rumford being a service center community and the impact that has on a town our size.

Fire Chief Robert Chase spoke about the Property Maintenance Code being proposed in response to citizen requests to take action on buildings that are deteriorated and causing neighborhoods to lose value.

Jim Windover questioned the over time budgets for the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments.

The Town Manager provided the figures.

Mitzi Sequoia spoke about the Greater Rumford Community Center and their need for a firewall and hopes that some of the Initiated Article money is spent on making that correction.

Dave Every is opposed to the Building Maintenance Code.

Marie Boudreau spoke about our aging community and supports the Greater Rumford Community Center and the Public Library.

Candice Casey spoke about statistics that reflect on the Police Department.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:17 p.m.

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 16, 2013, 7:00 p.m.**  
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1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 p.m.
2. All present Pledged Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Requests of Citizen's Present

Candice Casey requested that Item L be moved to the top of the Agenda.

Eric Davis requested the amount of money that was saved by removing street lights (street light cost) and if there has been any increase in crime in those areas.

4. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

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Mr. Adley thanked Jim Rinaldo and Tom Carey for the Zip Line at the Lumberjack Festival and noted that the Festival was a success for the town and businesses. We are moving forward with our regionalization meetings with the Town of Mexico. Tractor Supply is looking good and things are coming together for their new business. Oxford Lanes is doing some work and bringing back the mini-golf. Good things are coming to the River Valley. He would like to have the tax-acquired buildings torn down as they are fire and safety hazards to the community.

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

Ms. Lovejoy cited a citizen that she considers a good Samaritan named Mario Papo Rosario, who found the two signs that were stolen from the Paul Bunyan statue and Babe the Blue Ox. Mr. Rosaria was recognized by Jim Rinaldo, who was instrumental in the placement of the signs, along with Police Chief Stacy Carter and Board members, presented a gift certificate to Mr. Rosario to thank him.

#### B. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager reminded citizens to recycle and to clean up after their dogs.

#### C. Department Manager's Report

There were no reports presented at the meeting.

\*\* The Chairperson asked if the Board could enter into Executive Session for the Police Union Contract negotiations (Item 7). The Board members had no objections.

Mr. Adley made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 405 (6) (D) for Police Union negotiations. Vote: 4-0

See Item 7.

### 5. Old Business

#### A. Request from Wowza Zip Lines LLC, to place purchase of Town property on Annual Town Warrant

Tom Carey, of Wowza Zip Lines LLC, asked the Board to act on his request to allow his business to purchase Town property by placing it on the June 2013 Annual Town Warrant as he believes this to be a critical circumstance allowed in the Town Charter.

The Town Manager read a letter from the Town Attorney regarding the legality of placing something else on an Annual Town Warrant that has already been approved and posted in the community.

Ms. Lovejoy asked Mr. Carey to explain why action on this request would be a critical circumstance. Mr. Carey explained that this would help the community due to the current state of our economy and the current business climate.

Ms. Lovejoy commended Mr. Carey and his group for the work they have accomplished and the success they had at the recent festival. She expressed a number of concerns, such as giving Town property to a for-profit business, and how it would impact the snow dump, and the Public Library.

Tom Carey explained their process has been transparent and they can not take the next step without approval.

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Luke Sorensen asked for more information because it will have an impact on the library concerning the park behind the library and parking in the event the business grows.

Ms. Lovejoy wanted to know about the possible impact to the snow dump.

Andy Russell, Public Works Superintendent agreed that the proposed area near Maple Street is centrally located, however, he is unsure of the cost to develop the area and what other issues, such as water, may need to be considered.

Mr. Adley asked about the impact on the current snow dump.

Tom Carey expressed that the Town will still be able to dump snow there, and that's a risk his business would take.

Chris Bourgeois stated the snow melt in the proposed area may have an impact on Spruce Street.

Kelly Gorham suggested other possible locations to dump snow.

Tom Carey asked the Board to approve his request to be voted up or down at the Town's Annual Business Meeting.

Mr. Sterling was concerned about the time needed for a Public Hearing.

Ms. Lovejoy believes more information needs to be provided for voters.

Mr. Adley favors Option 1 suggested by the Town Attorney .

Mr. Adley made a motion to place an Article on the Annual Town Warrant as recommended. Vote: 3-1, Ms. Lovejoy opposed.

There will be a Special Board of Selectperson's Meeting held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 3:30 in the Rumford Falls Auditorium to approve the Addendum to the Annual Town Warrant.

## 6. New Business

- A. Request from Town Manager to Approve Minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of May 2, 2013

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the Minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of May 2, 2013. Vote: 4-0

- B. Request from Town Manager to Approve Town Warrant dated May 17, 2013

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Town Warrant, dated, May 17, 2013. Vote: 3-0-1, Mr. Adley abstained, as he is running for office.

- C. Approval of Hawker's and Peddler's License for Dana Levasseur, dba Mr. and Mrs. Sausage, along with permission for overnight extensions

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the Hawker's and Peddler's License for Dana Levasseur, dba Mr. and Mrs. Sausage, along with over-night permission on May 23-27, June 27 – July 1 and October 10-13. Vote: 4-0

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D. Approval of Liquor License Application and Special Amusement Permit for Le Paresseux Club

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the Liquor License Application and Special Amusement Permit for Le Paresseux. Vote: 4-0

E. Request from River Valley Chamber of Commerce for an Adopt-A-Spot on Town property

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the Adopt-A-Spot on Town property, namely the Chisholm Park Walking Path and Overlook aka the River Walk. Vote: 4-0

F. Request from Mahoosuc Land Trust for in-kind services to assist in constructing a river access in Rumford Center

Mr. Adley made a motion to allow non-resident, Jim Mitchell, to speak. Vote: 4-0

Mr. Mitchell explained that a State grant would pay for fuel, gravel and a silt fence. Mahoosuc Land Trust is requesting the use of Town equipment and manpower for 1-2 ½ days to build a gravel parking lot.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the request by Mahoosuc Land Trust. Vote: 4-0

G. Request from Public Works Department to approve Warm Mix Asphalt Bid

The Town Manager reported receiving the following bids for this Item:

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| 1. | Bruce A. Manzer | \$277,523.10 |
| 2. | Pike Industries | \$310,600.00 |

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to accept the bid from Bruce A. Manzer for \$277,523.10 for the 2013 Warm Mix Asphalt Bid. Vote: 4-0

H. Request from Public Works Department to approve Trench Box Bid

The Town Manager reported receiving the following bids for this item:

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| 1. | Jordan Equipment Company       | \$7,277.00 |
| 2. | New England Positioning System | \$9,100.00 |
| 3. | American Shoring, Inc.         | \$5,130.00 |

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to accept the bid from American Shoring, Inc., for the bid price of \$5,130.00.

Andy Russell, Public Works Superintendent, reported that the Town received a \$2,000.00 grant to replace this item.

Vote on the motion: 4-0

- I. Approval of Victualer and Inn Holder Licenses for: American Legion, Black Mountain of Maine, Blue Iris Motor Inn, Boardwalk Inn, Brian's Bistro, Deluxe Diner, Dunkin' Donuts (DMCP Group), Fraternal Order of Eagles, Gatch's Food & Spirits, Hotel Rumford, Le Paresseux Inc., Linnell Motel, McDonald's Restaurant, Mountain Spring Farm Bed & Breakfast, Route 2 Diner, Rumford Hospital Cafeteria, Rumford House of Pizza, Rumford Lodge of Elks, Sabina Farm

Inn, Sam's Italian Foods, Scoops, Sons of Italy, The Perennial Inn, The River Valley Grill, 49 Franklin

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the above referenced businesses for Victualer and Inn Holder Licenses. Vote: 4-0

J. Appointment of Alternate Animal Control Officer

Police Chief Stacy Carter informed the Board that we currently do not have an alternate ACO. Ms. Jane Clukey is qualified to serve in this capacity.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to appoint Jane Clukey as Alternate Animal Control Officer. Vote: 4-0

K. Request from Police Chief for Approval of School Resource Police Officer Grant

Police Chief Stacy Carter clarified his request to approve the submission of a grant for a School Resource Police Officer. The salary and benefits for 4 years would amount to more than \$125,000 which would mean approximately 2 years funding from the grant and 2 years funding from the Town.

Mr. Sterling asked if the RSU should be paying for this.

Chief Carter spoke with the RSU, however, because of budget constraints, the RSU may be laying off teachers and could not support funding this position.

If the grant is approved, it would be taken to the voters at a Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Sterling asked about RSU's role in placement of the Officer and would the Officer be in Rumford schools only.

The Chief responded that the Officer would be at Mountain Valley High School, Mountain Valley Middle School, Rumford Elementary, and Meroby. Although the schools are not all in Rumford, Rumford citizen's attend those schools.

Ms. Lovejoy asked if we are approved for the grant, could we deny accepting.

Chief Carter answer yes, that we could.

Mr. Adley made a motion to allow the Police Chief to submit a School Resource Officer Grant. Vote: 4-0

L. Request from Voter Registrar to eliminate Evening Hours

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the request from the Voter Registrar to eliminate evening hours with provision that it meets legal review. Vote: 4-0

M. Appointment of Voter Registrar

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the appointment of Jennifer L. Blodgett as Voter Registrar. Vote: 4-0

N. Request from Town Manager to Approve Tax Acquired Property Bids

The Town Manager reported on receipt of the following bids:

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**8 Royal Avenue**

Robert and Sandra Theriault            \$11,101.00  
David Marshall                                \$17,844.00  
Michael Mann                                 \$12,865.00

Recommendation: David Marshall, \$17,844.00

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to accept the bid from David Marshall for \$17,844.00 for 8 Royal Avenue.  
Vote: 4-0

**8 Franklin Street**

John and Gloria Pierce                    \$11,500.00

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to accept the bid from John and Gloria Pierce for \$11,500.00 for 8 Franklin Street. Vote: 4-0

**24 Erchles Street**

William Heller                                \$5,100.00

Mr. Adley made a motion to accept the bid from William Heller for \$5,100.00 for 24 Erchles Street.  
Vote: 4-0

7. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6) (D) for police union negotiations

\*\*This Item was taken out of order after Item C in the Agenda.

Mr. Adley made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6) (D) at 7:48 p.m. with the Police Chief. Vote: 4-0

Executive Session Out at 7:54 p.m.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the Police Union contract.

Candice Casey would like this contract to be deferred to after the State legislature makes their decision on State Revenue Sharing.

Vote on the motion: 4-0

8. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6) (C) regarding economic development

Mr. Adley made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6) (C) at 10:06 p.m. with Jim Rinaldo. Vote: 4-0

Executive Session Out at 10:21 p.m.

No action was taken.

9. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter with Town Manager

Mr. Adley made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6) (A) at 10:22 p.m.  
Vote: 4-0

Executive Session Out at 10:44 p.m.

No action was taken.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Sterling made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 p.m. Vote: 4-0

Carlo J. Puiia  
Town Manager

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