

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING
June 6, 2013, 6:00 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

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

ATTENDEES: Kevin Saisi, Eric Davis, Gayle Sirois, Rick Kent, Len Greaney, Deborah Laurinaitis, Terry Karkos

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

There were no requests presented.

4. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

Ms. Lovejoy commented on an article in the newspaper regarding two Mountain Valley High School students who belong to a group of students that have tackled issues such as sportsmanship with other students from across the State and commended their efforts.

Mr. Sterling spoke about when he joined the Board of Selectpersons with a desire to help change the atmosphere or mood of the political tone. He believes this Board has done a pretty good job and helped create a better climate for business attraction. He believes the Annual Business Meeting will not spoil this, but was disappointed discussion on all warrant articles was cut off. He reflected about the budget process and the public concerns that have been expressed. He also spoke of enjoying working with Brad Adley on the Board.

Mr. Adley reported attending Mountain Valley High School's graduation and commended them. He was disappointed in the attack on the Board at the Annual Business Meeting.

B. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager reported that WVAC will not be present tonight as they were committed to Mountain Valley High School.

The demolition impact studies for 426 and 428 Waldo Street are in progress and we should receive the results back in a few weeks.

The Tractor Supply Store will have a ribbon cutting on June 22 at 8:00 a.m.

The Town Manager attended the Maine Downtown Center Annual Conference to be present when Envision Rumford was recognized as only one of two towns to be accepted as a Maine Downtown Networking Community.

The Park and Recreation Department will be replacing the flag pole in Veteran's Park and will be making a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

The July 4th Committee will be holding their next meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Volunteers are needed and welcome.

At the last meeting there was information requested on the Town's streetlights. The average cost per light is \$161.00 annually and the total annual cost for all streetlights is \$122,000.00. We removed 36 streetlights that saved \$5,800.00 a year and negotiated a new electricity rate with a total savings of \$8,740 a year. Any new street light has a 15 year commitment. Citizens can take over the cost of streetlight for approximately \$15.00 per month. Information was also requested regarding if there was any increase in crime due to the removal of the streetlights. No statistics were available, however, safety concerns have been raised as there are some entry points onto roads or areas with less or insufficient lighting.

Dog owners were encouraged to be responsible for cleaning up dog waste when walking their dogs.

Citizens were also reminded to Reuse, Reduce and Recycle.

C. Department Manager's Report

There were no Department Manager's Reports presented.

5. Old Business

- A. Request from Public Works Superintendent for Approval of Sewer Main CIPP Rehab
(From meeting of April 4, 2013)

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to table this item as there were only three Board members present at the meeting and believes we should wait for a full board. Vote: 3-0

6. New Business

- A. Request from Town Manager to Approve Minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of May 16, 2013, Special Selectperson's Meeting of May 21, 2013 and Special Selectperson's Meeting of May 24, 2013

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve Minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of May 16, 2013, Special Selectperson's Meeting of May 21, 2013 and Special Selectperson's Meeting of May 24, 2013. Vote: 3-0

- B. Request from Town Manager to Approve Town Warrant dated June 7, 2013

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated June 7, 2013. Vote: 3-0

- C. Presentation of the Town Audit by Town Auditor Ron Smith

Mr. Adley made a motion to allow non-resident Ron Smith, Town Auditor, to speak. Vote: 3-0

Mr. Smith spoke at length providing information on the audit process. He again deemed the Town as "rock solid" financially.

- D. Request from Code Enforcement Officer to take legal action for inspection deficiencies

Rick Kent, Code Enforcement Officer, reported that 150 multi family buildings have had inspections completed; however, seven property owners have not responded or cooperated with plans of

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correction. He asked to take the next step in asking for legal action to have the property owners correct the deficiencies.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to support the Code Enforcement Officer and to allow him to proceed to the next level of action. Vote: 3-0

Eric Davis asked about where the codes came from and if they have enforcement action written in them. He was informed that the codes currently being enforced were adopted by a vote of the citizens.

E. Request from Eddie Shurtleff to place Betsy Ross Flags on Rotary Green and Veteran's Park for the July 4th Holiday

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the request from Eddie Shurtleff to place Betsy Ross Flags on the Rotary Green and Veteran's Park for the July 4th holiday. Vote: 3-0

F. Request from Len Greaney to hold a Korean War Recognition Event at Veteran's Park on July 27, 2013

Len Greaney presented his plan to hold a Korean War Recognition event and would like the Board's approval to have this take place in Veteran's Park.

Ms. Lovejoy asked how much money had been raised. Mr. Greaney reported that a few hundred dollars has been raised.

Ms. Lovejoy asked if he is working with a committee or on his own.

Mr. Greaney responded that he is still working on his own, but has contacted local veteran's organizations to make them aware of his proposal.

G. Request for Quit Claim Deed on Tax Acquired Property at 8 Royal Avenue

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the Quit Claim Deed for 8 Royal Avenue. Vote: 3-0

H. Request for Quit Claim Deed on Tax Acquired Property at 52 Falmouth Street

The Town Manager reported that the address should be 51 Falmouth Street and noted that a family member had not been contacted and given the opportunity to pay all back taxes, fees and interest and would like to do so and keep the property.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the Quit Claim Deed for 51 Falmouth Street. Vote: 3-0

7. Adjournment

Mr. Adley made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Vote: 3-0

Carlo J. Puiia
Town Manager

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