

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING
August 15, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

6:00 PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET (ELECTION OF AUGUST 27, 2013)

PRESENT: Vice-Chairperson Jeffrey Sterling, Selectperson Bradford Adley, Selectperson Jolene Lovejoy, Selectperson Frank DiConzo, Town Manager Carlo Puiia.

Absent: Chairperson Gregory Buccina

ATTENDEES: Bromley Cook, Phil Blampied, Robert Chase, Ted Hotham, Thelma Giberson, Deborah Laurinaitis, Roger Arsenault, Andy Russell, Tom Bourret, Stacy Carter, Linnell Geronda, Brad and Mary Gallant, Matt Daigle, Candice Casey, Rick White, Arthur Chappell, Roger Simard, Gary Dolloff, Joe Howe, Norman Baker, Doug Coombs, Richard Coulombe.

The Public Hearing was held at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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

Gary Dolloff requested to set aside \$60,000 to \$100,000 from the Undesignated Reserve Fund for 50 Congress Street for recreation and economic development.

4. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Sterling, Mr. Adley and Ms. Lovejoy did not have a report for this meeting.

Mr. Buccina reminded citizens that the Secret Poll Election Meeting to determine municipal budgets is on August 27, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.

Ms. Lovejoy would like to appoint an alternate Deputy Warden for the next election and asked to have the item placed on the Agenda.

The Town Manager informed the Board that it can be voted upon to discuss an item that is of an urgent nature that is not on the Agenda

B. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager did not have a report for this meeting.

C. Department Manager's Report

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5. Old Business

6. New Business

- A. Request from Town Manager to Approve Minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of August 1, 2013, and Special Selectperson's Meetings of July 29, 2013

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectperson's Meeting of August 1, 2013 and Special Selectperson's Meeting of July 29, 2013. Vote: 4-0

- B. Request from Town Manager to Approve Town Warrant dated August 16, 2013

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated August 16, 2013. Vote: 4-0

- C. Update from MDOT on Haverhill Bridge Project

Mr. Adley made a motion to allow non-resident Doug Coombs, MDOT Project Engineer for Haverhill Bridge Project, to speak. Vote: 4-0

Mr. Adley made a motion to allow non-residents Joseph Howe a contractor for MDOT and Norm Baker, a highway and bridge specialist with the MDOT on this project, to speak. Vote: 4-0

Mr. Coombs explained the reason, time-frame and process to replace the Haverhill Bridge with a roadway as water does not flow beneath the structure any longer. The project is dealing with three entities: Town of Rumford, NewPage Paper and Brookfield Power. The cost of the project is 1.6 million with 80 percent funded with Federal funds, 20 percent with State funds and with no local share. The project will be advertised for bidders in April 2014 and construction should begin in May or June 2014 to be completed by October 2014. The Right-Of-Way issue will be key during the process of the plan in order to stay on schedule.

- D. Request for Approval of Skating Rink Crack Sealing Bid

Mr. Adley made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Vote: 4-0

- E. Letter of Support for Grant Application for Emergency Generator at Mountain Valley High School

Emergency Management Director Richard Coulombe explained that the purpose of applying for the grant would be to purchase a generator to provide back-up power to the entire Mountain Valley High School which is a local emergency shelter and a regional emergency shelter for the State. There is a 75-25 split and the Town's share would be \$20,000 which could be in-kind services. The grant will not be awarded until approximately one year from now and will serve the greater community.

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to provide a letter of support for the grant with the stipulation that we do not have to accept the grant. Vote: 4-0

- F. Request from Voter Registrar to Eliminate Night Time Hours for Election of August 27, 2013

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the request from the Voter Registrar to eliminate night time hours for the Election of August 27, 2013. Vote: 4-0

- G. Request from Envision Rumford to close Exchange Street between Congress Street and River Street for the September 14th Celtic Festival Street Fair

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The Town Manager noted that the Envision Rumford group would like to call the event a Heritage Fair to reflect upon all nationalities, not just Celtic.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve the request from Envision Rumford to close Exchange Street between Congress Street and River Street for the September 14, 2013 Heritage Fair. Vote: 4-0

*** Mr. Adley made a motion to declare an urgent nature to discuss having a Deputy Warden Alternate for the Election of August 27, 2013 in the event that a Deputy Warden is unable to serve.

Ms. Lovejoy noted that the Alternate would only serve if one of the Deputy Warden's could not serve.

Vote to declare an urgent nature regarding the appointment of an Alternate Deputy Warden: 4-0

Mr. Adley made a motion to appoint Jolene Lovejoy as Deputy Warden, Alternate for the Election of August 27, 2013. Vote: 3-0-1, Ms. Lovejoy abstained.

*** Mr. Sterling made a motion to declare an urgent nature to discuss the request from Gary Dolloff to consider placing an amount from the Undesignated Reserve Funds for recreation and economic development.

Mr. Buccina expressed his concern because there have already been two votes taken of the citizens that should be considered. He believes this item should be placed on the next Agenda.

Vote to declare an urgent nature regarding the request from Mr. Dolloff: 0-4

7. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6) (A) for a personnel matter with the Town Manager
Mr. Sterling made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. pursuant to 1 MRS 405(6)(A) for a personnel matter with the Town Manager.

Executive Session in at 7:56 p.m.
Executive Session out at 8:42 p.m.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve an agreement for a term of employment for a 3 year contract with Carlo Puiia as Town Manager. Vote: 4-0

8. Adjournment

Mr. Sterling made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Vote: 4-0

Carlo J. Puiia
Town Manager

CJP/tp