

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING
December 17, 2015 6:30 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

PRESENT: Chairperson Bradford Adley, Vice-Chairperson Jeffrey Sterling, Selectperson Frank DiConzo, Selectperson Mark Belanger, Selectperson Michael Peter Chase, Town Manager John Madigan, Jr.

ATTENDEES: Rick Blanchard, Bruce Farrin, Bob Chase, Terri Palmer, Ruth White, Jeff Koehler, Charles Proffitt

1. Meeting Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Public Hearing: 2015 Taxi Cab License for Mexico Taxi
2016 Taxi Cab Licenses for Mtn. Valley Taxi, Private Taxi, Mexico Taxi, and Veteran's Taxi

There were no comments made by those in the audience.

Mr. Sterling asked if Private Taxi had submitted their Certificate of Liability Insurance. Executive Secretary Terri Palmer explained that she left messages for Private Taxi to bring in their Certificate and that their License would be held until it is brought in.

4. Requests of Citizen's Present

There were no requests made.

5. Reports

A. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Chase wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy and Safe New Years. He also noted it was good to see the tax acquired building at 222 Pine Street removed.

Mr. Belanger was also glad to see 222 Pine Street removed and would like an accounting of the exact costs of the demolition. He also asked if we were assisting the same clients in the General Assistance program every month. He asked how many yards of winter sand are being used and if it can be accounted for to see if it balances out at the end of the year. He believes this would be helpful if we have a mild winter. Mr. Adley noted that we could explore this matter to see if it can be done.

Mr. DiConzo asked if there was any contact made to the dog bite victim. The Town Manager answered that the Police Chief called the victim and told him that the dog was tested and found not to have rabies.

Mr. Sterling had nothing to report.

Mr. Adley noted that the building on 222 Pine Street was a big building and gave the crew an "atta-boy" for the good work done in the demolition. There is another building slated for removal further

down on Pine Street and he wants to keep this progress moving forward. He wished Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

B. Town Manager's Report

Last week we had an environmental contractor do asbestos studies on 251 Pine Street, 163 Route 108 in Smith Crossing, and also the old school in Rumford Point. There is asbestos in the old school on some of the pipes and some in the Route 108 property. The structure on 251 Pine Street is clean and ready for demo as soon as 222 Pine is cleaned up. He noted that the structure at 222 Pine Street required power lines to be removed and the steepness of the driveway required dump trucks to be loaded rather than being able to get a dump trailer in there. There has been an inquiry from a neighbor to purchase the lot to build a garage. In the past we have send letter to the abutters to see if there was interest in purchasing the open lot. Mr. Belanger wanted to be sure we had something in the hopper ready to go. Mr. Chase noted that there have been some complaints on the old Rumford Point School building and asked if that should be a priority.

Chief Chase reported that the Route 108 structure has more imminent danger of collapse at the rear of the building where an addition is pulling away from the main building.

Mr. Belanger wanted to be sure we had buildings in the pipe line ready for demo if there is time for the Public Works Department when there is a lack of storms.

Chief Chase noted that we have the Wells Fargo properties to make decisions on and also to notify the abutters of the properties on Pine Street to see if there is interest in acquiring the lots.

The Town Manager noted that we need to keep some funds available if we get a court order to tear down some nuisance properties, such as the Linnell Motel.

The Town Manager noted that we just received a request from the Maine Department of Transportation requesting a waiver for overload limits to transport equipment for the Upper Canal Bridge project.

The Town Manager noted that we recently sent out thank you letters to Mia Purcell and the two managers of the Hotel Harris and Rumford Island Housing for their help with the downtown grant, the Scarborough Sanitation District for donating the pump motors, and Cliff Harding who made some roof repairs to the Municipal Building and did not charge the Town.

C. Department Manager Reports (as needed)

Chief Chase reported that Santa will be at the Fire Station tomorrow night with cocoa and cookies for the children. The Christmas Parade will hopefully be back next year.

D. Board and Committee Reports (as needed)

None.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

** Mr. Belanger made a motion to declare a state of urgency to take action on the request from the MDOT. Vote: 5-0

The Town Manager read the request from the Maine Department of Transportation for the Construction Over-Limit Permit for the contractor working on the Upper Canal Bridge Project. He noted that the Municipality can require a bond to cover costs of any damages that may occur, however, Route 108 and Route 2 will be the primary travel routes and town roads should not be impacted.

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the Construction Over-Limit Permit request from the MDOT. Vote: 5-0

A. Approval of Minutes from December 3, 2015

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the minutes from the Select Board Meeting of December 3, 2015. Vote: 5-0

B. Approval of the Town Warrant dated December 18, 2015

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated December 18, 2015. Vote: 5-0

C. Approval of Quit Claim Deed for 638 Crescent Avenue

The Town Manager stated that this foreclosure was for sewer liens and everything has been paid to the Town that was owed and will now revert back to Bank of America NA.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the Quit Claim Deed for 638 Crescent Avenue. Vote: 5-0

D. Selection of the Citizen of the Year Award Winner

Mr. Adley made a motion to select Richard Lovejoy as the Citizen of the Year for 2016. Vote: 4-1, Mr. Belanger opposed.

E. Approval of 2016 Taxi Cab License for Mountain Valley Taxi Service

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve the 2016 Taxi Cab License for Mountain Valley Taxi Service. Vote: 5-0

F. Approval of 2016 Taxi Cab License for Private Taxi

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to approve the 2016 Taxi Cab License for Private Taxi, pending receipt of the Certificate of Liability insurance. Vote: 5-0

G. Approval of 2015 Taxi Cab License for Mexico Taxi (New)

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the 2015 and 2016 Taxi Cab Licenses for Mexico Taxi. Vote: 5-0

H. Approval of 2016 Taxi Cab License for Mexico Taxi

See Item G.

I. Approval of 2016 Taxi Cab License for Veteran's Taxi

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the Taxi Cab License for Veteran's Taxi. Vote: 5-0

8. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405(6)(C) for Economic Development (UDAG Loan)

Mr. Belanger made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. pursuant to 1 MRS 405(6)(C) for an economic development matter (UDAG Loan). Vote: 5-0

Executive Session Out at 7:22 p.m.

No action taken.

9. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS 405(6)(D) to discuss the Final Agreement with the Public Works Union and take any necessary action following the Executive Session

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. pursuant to 1 MRS 405(6)(D) to discuss the Final Agreement with the Public Works Union.

Executive Session Out at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. DiConzo made a motion to ratify the Public Works Union Contract and Memorandum. Vote: 5-0

10. Adjournment

Mr. Belanger made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Vote: 5-0

John E. Madigan, Jr.
Town Manager

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