

MINUTES
RUMFORD BOARD of SELECTPERSONS MEETING
June 6, 2019 at 6:30 pm
Rumford Falls Auditorium

Present: Christopher Brennick- Chairperson, Michael Peter Chase-Vice-Chairperson, Mark Belanger-Selectperson, James Windover-Selectperson, John Pepin, Sr.-Selectperson, Scott Cole-Interim Town Manager

Attendees: Dale Roberts, Frank DiConzo, Candice Casey, Steve Dymont, Richard Coulombe, Kevin Saisi, Marc Dupuis, Carleen Dupuis, Chris Reed, Margaret Deane, Gabrielle LeVasseur, Ed Bulger, Stacy Carter, Brie Weisman, Jon Starr, Russell Hoyt, Ken MacFawn, Sally MacFawn, Derek Taber, Bill Porter, Dan Richard, Jennifer Kreckel, George O'Keefe, Jr., Beth Bellegarde, M. O. writing illegible

6:30 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

*Mr. Brennick recognized June 6, 1944-D Day, Normandy, France

3. Adopt Agenda w/ Amendments as Needed

Mr. Brennick made the motion to add the following items to the agenda, after #9:

*Authorize the Interim Town Manager to Enter into a Sidebar Agreement with the Fire Department Union.

*Authorize Quitclaim Deed for 395 Linnell Street

* Authorize Extension of Interim Town Manager's Contract

Seconded by Mr. Windover

Vote-5-0

4. Public Hearing:

A. Victualer's Licenses: American Legion, Black Mountain of ME, Blue Iris Motor Inn, Boardwalk Inn, Deluxe Diner, Dunkin' Donuts, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Gatch's LLC, Hotel Rumford, McDonald's Restaurant, Munchy's Inc., Rumford Hospital Cafeteria, Rumford House of Pizza, Chamberlain's Tap & Table, Sabina Farm Inn, Sam's Italian Foods, Sons of Italy, The Lure, Perennial Inn, Good Karma, LeParsseux and 49 Franklin

NO Comments

B. Hawker's and Peddler's License: Michael Philbrick dba: Danmark Food Concession

NO Comments

5. Approve and Sign Victualer's Licenses for the Above Named Businesses

**Mr. Chase made the motion to approve Victualer's Licenses. Seconded by Mr. Windover
Vote-5-0**

6. Approve and Sign Hawker's and Peddler's License for Michael Philbrick, dba: Danmark Food Concessions

**Mr. Chase made the motion to approve Hawker's and Peddler's License. Seconded by Mr. Windover
Vote-5-0**

7. Comments

- A. Public Comment
- B. Town Manager's Report

*Ongoing work to button-up the Downtown Project for summer; continued discussions with Sargent Corp.

* Explosives at Town Garage- Bomb Squad, State Police detonated those found to be expired and unstable for transport.

- C. Department Heads and Committee Chairs As Needed

None

- D. Selectpersons

Mr. Chase congratulated all the graduates throughout the State

Mr. Windover congratulated the 2019 graduates from MVHS.

He thanked the voters for the opportunity to serve them these past three years and gave appreciation for the opportunity.

Mr. Belanger spoke of State work on Memorial Bridge; abutments and lights that have not been completed.

Interim Town Manager expressed, he would check into it.

Mr. Belanger expressed well wishes to all those running for Select Board seats.

Mr. Brennick expressed congratulations to the graduates of MVHS. He expressed great pride in all the accomplishments of the class of 2019.

He thanked the voters for the opportunity to serve them these past three years and gave appreciation for the opportunity.

He expressed well wishes to all those running for Select Board seats.

He encouraged everybody to vote and take part in the Democratic process.

8. Items for Discussion and/or Action as Needed

A. Approve Minutes of Selectpersons Meetings Held On:

1. May 16, 2019- ERROR-Meeting Minutes were omitted from packets
2. May 30, 2019- ERROR- NO Meeting Minutes

**Mr. Pepin made the motion to TABLE. Seconded by Mr. Belanger
Vote-5-0**

9. Approve Expenditure Warrant

**Mr. Chase made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Brennick
Vote-3-2 Mr. Belanger and Mr. Windover Opposed**

10. Authorize the Interim Town Manager to Enter into a Sidebar Agreement with the Fire Department Union.

Mr. Brennick made the motion to authorize. Seconded by Mr. Belanger

Interim Town Manager explained general information without going into detail, regarding "Sidebar Agreement"

Vote-5-0

11. Authorize Quitclaim Deed for 395 Linnell Street

**Mr. Brennick made the motion to approve the resolution, authorizing the Interim Town Manager to execute on behalf of the Town of Rumford; to discharge tax liens 10 years or older from June 6, 2019. Authorize Interim Town Manager to execute, on behalf of the Town of Rumford a Quitclaim Deed which conveys any interest the Town may have; Tax Map 128, Lot 152, of 20'x25' in dimension, property of Eileen Walker. Seconded by Mr. Belanger
Vote-5-0**

12. Authorize Extension of Interim Town Manager's Contract

Contract expires on June 12, 2019

**Mr. Chase made the motion to extend the contract to July 31, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Pepin
Vote-5-0**

13. Review Status of FY 2019 Budget

For discussion at June 20, 2019 BOS Meeting

14. Rumford Center Historic District Committee- Linda MacGregor

Mr. MacFawn addressed the Board. A proposal to form an Ad Hoc Committee to have village designated as a, Historic District; a Federal designation. He explained valuable historic structures, as far as 1800's: Rumford Center Meeting House 1804-1897, Rumford Center Church, Cemetery circa 1800, Grange Hall, Civil War Monument (canon on the village square), Lufkin School, Homes.

Committee: David Kimball, Ray and Winnie Barker, Maureen Cook, Joey Martin, Linda MacGregor, Will Boyce and Ken MacFawn

Randy Bennett did a comprehensive study quite some time ago.

Mr. Brennick suggested resources to assist the committee through the process: Jennifer Kreckel, Mia Purcell

**Mr. Belanger made the motion to authorize Ad Hoc Committee,"Rumford Center Historic District Committee" Seconded by Mr. Windover
Vote-5-0**

15. Approve Quitclaim Deed for 1360 Route 2

**Mr. Windover made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Belanger
Vote-5-0**

16. Citizen Request for Stop Sign at Bottom of Oxford Avenue- Chief Carter Evaluated Scene-
Recommendation

Mr. Brennick read recommendation by Chief Carter.

**Mr. Chase made the motion to take NO ACTION. Seconded by Mr. Belanger
Vote-5-0**

17. Receive Petition for Stop Signs-Waldo Street-TABLED 5/16/19

Chief Carter gave opinion and recommendation, studies done that prove trying to control speed with stop signs is ineffective; causes more problems. Generally people speed more trying to make up time between signs. Not a large issue with speed in the area, very few accidents in that area. Leave signage as is, do not add more "Stop" signs in that area.

**Mr. Windover made the motion to DENY petition request. Seconded by Mr. Belanger
Vote-5-0**

18. Issue Request for Proposals in Redevelopment of Clough and Pillsbury Property at 109 Congress Street

Interim Town Manager gave a brief synopsis of proposal; possibly forming a subcommittee and TABLING of this item for a later date for the best course of action regarding this property.

Mr. Windover made the motion to TABLE. Seconded by Mr. Belanger

Mr. Chase asked Mr. O'Keefe if there were buyers interested in the property. Mr. O'Keefe responded with six, three very serious, interested buyers. Buyers have looked at building multiple times; one buyer having Eastern Fire come into the property to check for fire prevention services for feasibility to rehab. The building. Mr. O'Keefe explained purchase price with liens for taxes, mortgage, interest%, since 2011. \$10,000 in asbestos abatement needing to be done. Key Bank owns land would require an easement for new owner to obtain from Key Bank.

Mr. Chase supports selling the building.

Mr. Therrien addressed the Board regarding selling some property and or easement; would not directly impact Key Bank. Key Bank offered no resistance what so ever in response to selling land or guaranteeing an easement. He suggests language in any sale agreement that building is not to be torn down.

Selling it with stipulation of Historic District specifications.

Interim Town Manager suggest an RFP for bidders.

Mr. Starr also, suggested preserving the integrity of historic store front/façade

Interim Town Manager spoke of many issues to be addressed very soon to get figured out and move forward.

Vote-2-3 Mr. Brennick, Mr. Chase and Mr. Pepin Opposed

Mr. Chase made the motion for RFP, no price included, Time Frame of 1-1.5 months, Due July 26, 2019), preservation of façade/store front to maintain historic relevance. Seconded by Mr. Brennick

Mr. Bulger came forward with his interest in the building and expressed the desire for the building's use, etc. He would like a short time frame within June.

Vote-4-0 Mr. Windover stepped out of the room

19. Discussion and Action on Citizen of the Year Nominations

Mr. Brennick suggested reviewing after BOS Meeting and keeping results private for now.

20. Authorize Execution of Contract(s) Related to Streetlight Conversion Project

Mr. Carter, from Real Term Energy, addressed the Board and explained entire process, analysis, procedure...presented in the written audit with summary. 78% suggested savings. Currently spending \$124,000 would drop to approx. \$27,000. Proved a number of options for leasing 3.39%-3.49%...

The Board and audience members had concerns addressed.

Time frame early to mid-August approx. 5-6 week project

Mr. Belanger made the motion to authorize Interim Town Manager to execute and sign all documents associated with Street Light Conversion with Smart Controls option. Seconded by Mr. Mr. Windover

Vote-5-0

21. Authorize Posting of Utility Firefighter Position

Mr. Windover made the motion to TABLE until new Board is in place. Seconded by Mr. Belanger

Vote-2-3 Mr. Brennick, Mr. Chase and Mr. Pepin Opposed

Mr. Chase made the motion to approve posting. Seconded by Mr. Pepin

Vote-3-2 Mr. Belanger and Mr. Windover Opposed

22. Discuss Municipal Election Procedure

A. Appoint Election Wardens for June 11, 2019

B. Appoint Ballot Clerks for June 11, 2019

Mr. Brennick made the motion to approve Democratic and Republican Ballot Clerks. Seconded by Mr. Belanger

Town Clerk Treasurer explained and expressed State Law and Charter.

Vote-5-0

Mr. Windover made the motion to nominate Mr. Belanger as Warden and Mr. Chase as Deputy Warden for Election. Seconded by Mr. Belanger

Mr. Brennick included Charter provision and State Law regarding this matter

Many opinions were brought forth and expressed by several people. Lengthy discussion took place.

Mr. Brennick suggests obtaining a clear outside legal opinion on this matter.

Vote-5-0

19. Discussion on Cemetery Planning

Mr. Windover made the motion to TABLE

Vote-5-0

20. Discuss and Approve Bylaws Poland Spring Community Benefits Fund-TABLED 5/16/19

Mr. Windover made the motion to TABLE. Seconded by Mr. Belanger

Vote-5-0

Mr. Dupuis spoke to his proposal for Rumford Seniors

21. ~~Adjourn~~ Recess x 10 min.

8:54 p.m.

23. Enter into Executive Session Town Manager's Office, for the Purpose of Consultation with Attorney by Phone re: Litigation

Mr. Belanger made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Windover

Vote-5-0

24. Return to Open Session

25. Action as May be Needed

26. Adjourn

9:25 p.m.