

**Minutes of Meeting Held on September 19, 2019**

The Board convened in open session at 6:00 pm in the Jury Room, with all members present (Belanger, Brennick, Chase, DiConzo, Pepin).

The Board voted unanimously to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing contemplated litigation with its attorney. The Board returned to open session and took no action.

The Board then went into recess and relocated to the Rumford Falls Auditorium.

The meeting reconvened at 6:30 pm with all members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A meeting agenda was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board following the addition of an item related to posting the position of police chief. The original agenda has been attached to these minutes.

There were no public hearings.

The Board then considered comments from the public, town manager and several Board members concerning various matters of municipal interest.

In particular Board members raised concerns for creation of a committee to look at road resurfacing in 2020, winter snowplowing contracts and blinking traffic lights (rather than timed display).

By unanimous vote, the Board tabled consideration of minutes of the September 5 meeting.

The Board received an update on codification of ordinances from the code enforcement officer. No action was taken.

The Board voted 3-2 (Belanger, DiConzo) to recognize individual designated fund balances totaling \$2,606,483 as of June 30, 2019.

The Board discussed the status of the town's Urban Development Action Grant Program and related outstanding loans. No action was taken other than a call for the town attorney to look into possible modifications to existing or future loan agreements.

By unanimous vote the Board tabled action on a grant application concerning Falls Trail development to September 24 at 6 pm.

By unanimous vote the Board tabled action on a request from the Rumford Water District to purchase surplus granite curbing to September 24 at 6 pm.

By unanimous vote the Board authorized posting of the police chief's position in anticipation of current Chief Stacy Carter's retirement date of December 20.

With CES engineer Nathan Gustafson present, then Board began a discussion of the downtown rehabilitation project. Topics included work completed in 2019, work anticipated in 2020 and how the challenges of underground vaults were being handled by CES. A short conversation also occurred concerning possible installation of natural gas service on the Island and how said utility may be integrated into the 2020 scope of work.

By unanimous vote the Board authorized payment to Sargent Corporation an amount equal to 2.5% of contract value as retainage due, with Mr. Gustafson to certify final dollar amount to be paid.

At 8:08 pm the Board voted unanimously to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing two separate personnel matters.

The Board returned to open session and took no action.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Scott G. Cole  
Interim Town Manager