

Minutes of Meeting Held on November 21, 2019

Present: Christopher Brennick - Chairperson, Frank DiConzo – Vice Chair, Michael Peter Chase – Selectperson, Mark Belanger – Selectperson, John Pepin – Selectperson, Scott Cole – Interim Town Manager.

Attendees: Penni Arsenault, Opal Varnum, John Giambattista, Mitzi Sequoia, Candice Casey, Eric Giroux, Dale Roberts, Kim Sequoia, Jim Theriault, Stacy Carter, Roland Louvat, Richard Coulombe, Lani Bisson, Tom Bourret, Rick Blanchard, George O’Keefe, Cynthia Gallant, Ryan Palmer, Deborah Laurinaitis, Jim Windover, Heather Windover, Mark Hunt. Attendance sheet attached.

6:30pm in Auditorium

1. Meeting was called to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
3. The board voted to adopt the agenda w/ Amendments with Action as needed.
  - a. Consider bid for tax acquired property at 38 Kerr St. - APPROVED
  - b. Motion to add an full time Public Works Employee – APPROVED
  - c. Appointment of Town Manager – APPROVED
4. Public Hearing: Liquor License, The American Legion Post #24  
The board voted to approve Liquor License  
Vote 5-0
5. Comments
  - a. Public:
    - i. Candice Casey expressed multitude of concerns in the appointment of Town Manager.
    - ii. Mitzi Sequoia presented the board with a Citizens Request on behalf of the Festival of Trees, for \$250 for help with decorations.  
Chair suggested the request be added to the December 5<sup>th</sup> BOS meeting.
  - b. Town Managers Report:
    - i. Granite curbing available for purchase. Water district has claim to 400ft any remaining will be made available to private party all will pay \$10/ft.
    - ii. Rumford Point Fire Station roof is nearly finished with repairs
    - iii. Hosmer track, best interest to not remove snow from the track. In lieu of the track the road to the tennis courts will be plowed for utilization.
    - iv. Accounting firm Berry Talbot Royer possible solution to alleviate some of the workload on the Finance Department. Mr. DiConzo and Mr. Chase volunteered to review this option further in a meeting to be held on Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup>.

- v. Cogentrix inquired about an extension of tax increment financing arrangement. To be placed on the Agenda for December 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Department Heads and Committee Chairs as needed.
    - i. Dale Roberts- Public Works - presents Board with equipment lease purchase information. To be placed on the agenda for December 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Roberts continued with some updates on ongoing projects.
      - Groomer to be purchased Board to decide. Motion made to add to agenda. APPROVED. Motion made to purchase. APPROVED Vote 4-0-1 (Chase)
    - ii. Stacy Carter – Chief of Police – presents to the Board the Every 15 Minute program in the works for the spring.
      - Candice Casey presented a question about recent Federal Regulations on Criminal Forfeitures
      - Stacy Carter addressed the question with how it affects our Police Department. Criminal forfeitures are not allowed if disproportionate. The seizures thus far have all been proportionate to the reimbursement. Funds from this program will continue to fund the K-9 Program.
  - d. Selectpersons.
    - Mr. DiConzo welcomed Dale Roberts as the Head of the Public Works Department and congratulated him on a job well done thus far.
    - Mr. Chase welcomed Lani Bisson as Executive Assistant.
      - Mr. Chase also presented with County Budget update. County budget passed with a -0.3% decrease.
6. Approve minutes of select board meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup> and November 14<sup>th</sup>. APPROVED Vote 5-0
  7. Approve Proposed Revisions to Tobacco Free Policy. Motion made to approve. Discussion – NONE. Vote 5-0
  8. Motion made to add Accounts Payable November 21<sup>st</sup> Warrant to the agenda. APPROVED.
  9. Jim Theriault presented request on behalf of the Rumford Riders ATV Club for use of Town Property. Motion made to allow access to the land. APPROVED. Vote 5-0
  10. Execution of Quitclaim Deed in Conveyance of 209 Pine Street to Christine Bassett.
  11. Motion made to approve Town Hall Closure on Thanksgiving Friday November 29, 2019. APPROVED. Vote 5-0
  12. Motion to approve Accounts Payable Warrant. APPROVED. Vote 3-2 (DiConzo, Belanger)
  13. Update on Streetlight conversion project given by George O’Keefe. Discussion ensued, Mr. O’Keefe will continue to see the project through and update the board as needed.
  14. Notice of pending retirement in Police Department. Chris Brennick read letter of resignation by Officer Doug Maifield.
  15. Stacey Carter presented the board with Police Department Staffing Strategies to include sign on bonuses for Graduates from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Would require a reallocation of funds already in the department budget. Motion made to approve. APPROVED Vote 5-0

16. Amend Purchasing Policy to Increase Bid Threshold to \$10,000. Discussion ensued. Motion made to approve the amendment. Motion APPROVED  
Vote 1-4 (DiConzo, Belanger, Pepin, Brennick). Chair asked that this be brought back to the board for more discussion and revision. Board agreed.
17. Approve Bid on property located 38 Kerr Street from John Giambattista. Mr. Giambattista is an abutter to this property. Mr. Brennick made a motion to accept bid for \$1500 with a covenant if Mr. Giambattista plans to build he will have to return to the board at that time. APPROVED Vote 5-0.
18. Motion made to authorize the new full time employee Eric Giroux to the public works department, from full time seasonal status to full time year round. APPROVED Vote 5-0
19. Motion made to hire Scott Cole pending negotiation and background check as the Town Manager, Vote 2-3 (Brennick, Pepin, Chase). Motion made to hire Laisha Tucker under same conditions, Vote 2-3 (Brennick, Pepin, Chase)  
Motion made to appoint Stacy Carter as the Town Manager also pending negotiations and background check. Vote 3-2 (DiConzo, Belanger)
20. Motion to move to executive session. APPROVED for the purpose of discussion of real estate negotiations.
21. Meeting adjourned 8:01pm
22. Executive session adjourned 8:51pm with no decision.