

**RUMFORD BOARD of SELECTPERSONS MEETING MINUTES November 7, 2019 at  
6:30 pm Rumford Falls Auditorium**

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

**Attendees:** Opal Varnum, Pennie Arsenault, Dale Roberts, Eric Giroux, Chris Reed, Ellie Hall, Ryan Palmer, Rick Blanchard, Richard Coulombe, Tony Milligan, Deborah Laurinaitis, George O'Keefe, Stacy Carter.

**6:30pm in Auditorium**

1. Meeting was called to Order at 6:30pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
3. The board voted to adopt the agenda w/ Amendments as Needed Vote 5-0
  - a. Adopt the bid for 209 Pine street
  - b. Adopt Warrant
4. Public Hearing: Liquor License, The Lure Restaurant  
NO Comments  
Action Following Public Hearing  
Approve and Sign Liquor License the Lure Restaurant  
**The Board Voted to Approve Liquor License**  
**Vote 5-0**  
Public Hearing: Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit Black Mountain of Maine  
NO Comments  
Action Following Public Hearing  
Approve and Sign Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit, Black Mountain of Maine  
**The Board Voted to Approve Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit**  
**Vote 4-0-1 (Chase)**  
Public Hearing: Liquor License VFW Post 1641  
NO Comments  
Action Following Public Hearing  
Approve and Sign Liquor License VFW Post 1641  
**The Board Voted to Approve Liquor License**  
**Vote 5-0**
5. Comments
  - a. Public Comments
    - i. NONE
  - b. Town Manager
    - i. NONE
  - c. Department Heads and Committee Chairs as needed
    - i. Mr. Belanger requested that Mr. Roberts gives a statement about how his first week is going. Mr. Roberts explained the different projects that were being worked on at the highway department.
  - d. Selectpersons
    - i. Mr. DiConzo explained how he was at the election on 11/5/19 and how it went very smooth.
    - ii. Mr. Chase also talked about the election and planning committee meeting he attended.

- iii. Mr. Brennick put out a reminder that there is a recreation meeting on 11/12/19 and a dangerous building hearing on 11/14/19.
- 6. Approve Minutes of Select board meeting on
  - a. October 17
    - i. Discussion: on page 2 change “Mrs” to “Mr”  
**The Board Voted to approve the October 17, 2019 Minutes**  
**Vote 5-0**
  - b. September 19
    - i. Discussion  
 NONE  
**The Board Voted to approve the September 19, 2019 Minutes**  
**Vote 5-0**
- 7. Review Proposed Revisions to Tobacco Free Policy w/ Action as Needed
  - a. Mr. Carter suggested there be definitions added to the policy.  
**The Board voted to TABLE to discussion and add definitions to the policy.**  
**Vote 5-0**
- 8. Approve Bid for 209 Pine Street
  - a. Christine Bassett put in a bid to purchase 209 Pine Street, Lot 054 for \$3150.00 Belanger Motioned to accept the offer, Pepin second the motion.  
**The Board Voted to approve the bid offer of \$3150.00 to Christine Basset**  
**Vote 5-0**
- 9. Approve the Warrant
  - a. The Board Voted to approve the Warrant  
**Vote 3-2 (DiConzo, Belanger)**
- 10. Discuss Winter Use of Hosmer Field Tack w/ Recreation Board Members
  - a. Ryan Palmer was the representative for the Recreation Board and explained that the meeting held on 11/11/19 was in place to discuss the use of the track for this winter. Mr. Palmer added that he does not think it’s a good idea to plow the track for winter use going forward but it will be discussed at a later date.
- 11. Authorize \$149,309 In-Lieu Fee Payment to Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program Re Rumford Business Park
  - a. Mr. Chase asked if the funds could be drawn from another account. George O’Keefe explained that a portion of the money is coming from Economic Development and that it is a good move.  
**The Board Voted to authorize \$149,309 In-Lieu Fee Payment to Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program Re Rumford Business Park**  
**Vote 5-0**
- 12. Review Status of FY 20 Budget Expenditures (July 1-September 30, 2019)  
 Reviewed, no discussion
- 13. Review Bids re Annual Town Report Printing w/Action as needed  
**The Board voted Smith and Town Printers to print 300 copies**  
**Vote 5-0**
- 14. Review Bids re Sale of Surplus Car #1 w/ action as needed  
**The Board voted to accept the offer of \$525 for Car #1**  
**Vote 5-0**
- 15. Review Bids re Roof Replacement of Rumford Fire Station w/ Action as needed  
**The Board voted to accept the offer of Jim Cole for \$7650.00**  
**Vote 5-0**
- 16. Review Bids re Replace Fire Truck Tanker #5 w/ Action as needed
  - a. Chris Reed got up and explained the different types of trucks on the market today and what would be best for Rumford.

**The Board voted to approve the bid for \$228,766.00 for Midwest Fire**

**Vote 5-0**

17. Review Bids re Asphalt Recycler and Hot Box Trailer w/ Action as Needed

- a. Mr. Roberts got up and spoke on how if approved Mexico will be paying for half of this piece of equipment. He also explained that this is necessary for the road repairs in the winter, as the piece of equipment will heat up the asphalt and be better for road repairs.

**The Board voted to approve the bid of \$26,000.00 with Viking Cives**

**Vote 5-0**

18. Discuss Police Department Staffing Strategies

- a. Mr. Carter spoke on the fact that a lot of other Police Departments are adding an incentive or a sign on bonus when accepting a job with the Police Department. The Board discussed that they want to think about it and bring it back to the discussion at the next meeting.

19. Approve winter parking Ban

- a. The winter parking ban is now a storm to storm notification, not a whole winter parking ban. No need to vote

20. Amend Purchasing policy to Increase Bid Threshold to \$10,000.

- a. TABLED pending board members to read the whole policy

21. Discussion re Poland Spring Community Benefits Fund Committee

- a. There was discussion whether or not to advertise for a second round of applicants again, and if the members of the Board are involved in the committee or not.

**The Board voted to appoint the two applicants who had already applied and then advertise for 3 more committee members by the end of November 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Vote 5-0**

22. Execute Confirmatory Municipal Quitclaim Deed re 953 Prospect Ave (Porter Estate)

**The Board voted to Execute Confirmatory Municipal Quitclaim Deed re 953 Prospect Ave (Porter Estate)**

**Vote 5-0**

23. Executive Session for the purpose of litigation, Real Estate Negotiations, and Union Contract Negotiations.

**The motion was made at 8:02pm to go into executive session**

**Vote 5-0**

24. Return to Open Session

25. Adjourn

Meeting ended at 10:20pm