

Minutes of Meeting Held on December 5, 2019

Present: Christopher Brennick – Chairperson, Michael Peter Chase – Selectperson, Mark Belanger – Selectperson, John Pepin – Selectperson, Stacy Carter – Town Manager

Attendees: Opal Varnum, Pennie Arsenault, Dale Roberts, Bob and Peg Susbury, Beverly Ann Soucy, Rick Blanchard, Kenneth MacFawn, George O’Keefe, Eric Giroux, Chris and Stephanie Reed, Beth Bellegarde, Lani Bisson, Richard Coulombe. 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 with Amendments with Action as needed.
 - a. Motion was made by Chris Brennick to add a fourth executive session to discuss a separate legal matter. Second by John Pepin. Vote 4-0
4. Public Hearing:
 - a. Taxi Cab License for Vacationland Limousine. No discussion.
 - b. Victualer’s License for Katrina Salmon at 405 Crescent Ave.
Discussion ensued about the type of business, it was confirmed the business will be an AirBnB (lodging establishment).
5. Action following Public Hearing
 - a. Motion made to approve Vacationland Limousine license by Mark Belanger and second by John Pepin. Vote 4-0
 - b. Motion made for Victualer’s License to be given for Katrina Salmon by Mark Belanger, second by John Pepin. Vote 4-0
6. Comments:
 - a. No public comments.
 - b. Stacy Carter updated board with the intent to hold a meeting on Dec.10 at 10am with the Department Heads with CES for the Downtown Project.
 - December 14th the Festival of Trees will follow the Christmas in the Valley Parade at 6:00pm.
 - Berry Talbot and Royer meeting was held for more information on outsourcing some of the accounts payable duties. Further information on the agenda for December 19, 2019.
 - Town Auditor performing audits this week, records are in good condition.
 - Storm damage in winter 2017 on Whipoorwill Rd. and walking trail at Hosmer Field, final State of Maine reimbursement \$10,762 was received and we are expecting another \$52,000 from FEMA that will go into the Public Works

Department for their work during that time. We will apply for \$3500 for administration fees for the time put in by Chief Reed during that time.

-Rumford Point Fire Department roof is completed.

- c. Dale presented to the board an accident involving one of the Public Works vehicles with more information to follow in a later agenda item.
 - Pumping station is underway this week and next week. Progress is going well.
 - List of equipment was given to the board with schedule of runs. Discussion ensued regarding best use of current equipment and some of which has been repurposed and seems to be going well.
- d. Board Comments:
 - Peter Chase commented on the lack of holiday decorations on Congress St. questioning if there is any intent to decorate. Stephanie Reed on behalf of Beautify Rumford spoke about the committee's efforts to vamp up the downtown decorations. Mr. Chase requested this should be included in the Budget for next year possibly with an Initiated Article.
 - Mark Belanger voiced his concern of not being notified of a new business and their ribbon cutting. Would like to have been aware of it. Also would like there to be a policy on social media use. Lastly Mr. Belanger asked that important agenda items not be added last minute.
 - Chris Brennick commented on the Auditorium being used for the RAAPA event being held, glad to have the building rented out to them. Also requesting that the meeting minutes include who makes a motion and who makes a second and the votes.
7. Motion made to approve minutes held on November 21, 2019 by Mark Belanger, second by Peter Chase. Vote 4-0
8. Motion made to approve the Expenditure Warrant #23 made by Peter Chase, second by John Pepin. Vote 3-1 (Belanger)
9. Appointment of three additional members to the Poland Spring Community Benefit Committee
 - a. Motion made to nominate Bob Susbury for a two year term by Mark Belanger, second by Peter Chase. Vote 4-0
 - b. Motion made by Chris Brennick for John Bernard for a two year term, second by Mark Belanger. Vote 4-0
 - c. Motion made by Mark Belanger to nominate Beverly Soucy for a one year term, second by John Pepin. Vote 4-0
10. Rumford Center Improvement Society presented the Board with their requests for some assistance with Building costs. Asking for both operational costs be covered by the Town as well as maintenance costs. Ken MacFawn would like for this to be added to the Town Budget for the coming year. The Rumford Center Meeting House is owned by the town. Discussion ensued about the building needs and future maintenance costs. George O'Keefe brought to the Board his advice to the Society to get the building among others in Rumford Center on the State's Historic District funding. It has been reviewed as a possible Historic District in years past. George feels that it could easily qualify and could

potentially open the doors for some Grant money for improvements while keeping the Historic integrity. The Board asked that Mr. MacFawn bring this back to the Board with a figure of potential costs for restoration as well as a Budget on the daily operational costs before any decision could be made. Mr. MacFawn agreed.

11. Stephanie Reed on behalf of Beautify Rumford brought her request for \$250 donation from the town for the Festival of Trees for decorations. Some discussion was made regarding which account the donation would come from. Mark Belanger made a motion to take the \$250 out of the Economic Development account, second by Peter Chase. Comments of appreciation from the Board Vote 4-0
12. Reallocation of Fire Department Capital Funds in expenses to install the Chemical Extractor, which was gifted to the Fire Department by ND Paper. The costs associated with the installation will be from the plumbing and electrical. Currently capital funds have \$100,000 Chief Reed is asking the Board to approve moving the \$3000 expense from the capital fund early to cover the expense. Peter Chase makes a motion to reallocate \$3000 to operational expenses, second by Mark Belanger. Vote 4-0
13. Authorize Lease Purchase on a Sweeper. The purchase and lease agreement includes a trade on the 1996 Sweeper (\$3000) and the 2006 Sweeper (\$10,000) making the total purchase price \$252,164 Dale Roberts advising a 7 year term to keep immediate costs affordable for the Public Works Department. Dale plans to have only two trained operators on this equipment, a primary operator and a back-up. Vacuum component on this Sweeper usually produces better results. Calculations for the difference in the interest over a 7 year period as opposed to 5 year, \$8700 was calculated as the overall difference. Motion made to approve the Lease/Purchase of 2017 Vacuum Sweeper for \$252,164 over a 7 year term by Peter Chase, second by Chris Brennick. Vote 3-1(Belanger)
14. Proposal by Dale Roberts for the replacement of Truck #4 after the accident where the truck rolled on its side. It is unclear if the engine is salvageable. The insurance company has not yet made the decision whether to total the truck or pay for the fix. The proposed purchase cost for the replacement truck \$175,395 with a 5 year term. If the insurance totals existing Truck #4 it will pay off the cost of this proposed amount. Motion to approve the Purchase under a 5 year term by Peter Chase, second by Mark Belanger. Vote 4-0.
15. Discussion on Miscellaneous Situations Repair and Reimbursement.
 - a. David LaFleur requesting reimbursement on the clean-up from sewer back up. As well as the cost to camera the sewer line. Dale recommends reimbursement only for the clean-up as that is the responsibility of the town but to camera a line is at the discretion of the homeowner. Motion made to cover the \$525 cost for clean-up of the sewer to the homeowner made by Peter Chase, second by Mark Belanger. Vote 4-0
 - b. Holy Savior School sewer damage costs. There is an approximate cost of \$20,000 damage due to the line that backed up and flooded the basement of the school. This is still under investigation by the insurance adjuster, they Catholic Diocese is going to pay but is looking for reimbursement from the town once the insurance adjuster approves.

- c. Dustin Farnum requesting replacement of retaining wall on 216 Penobscot St. Upon investigation of the request Dale states the wall is located on the right of way of the road and it looks to be in fairly good condition. It is not on town property therefore the Board feels there is no action necessary.
- 16. Confirm a date to meet with Cogentrix is scheduled for December 12, 2019 at 6:00pm
- 17. Consider request for handicap parking spot at 123 Washington St. Throughout the town there are no allotted handicap spots on the road for a private residents. The board will not approve the request for private residency. Handicap spots are generally reserved for a class of people not for individual tenants. This seems to be more of a tenant/landlord issue. Motion made by Chris Brennick to deny the request, second by Mark Belanger. Vote 4-0.
- 18. Execute Quitclaim Deed in Conveyance of Parcel at 38 Kerr St. Signed and Notarized.
- 19. Motion made to move to executive session to discuss Real Estate Negotiations by Mark Belanger, second by John Pepin. Vote 4-0
- 20. Meeting adjourned 7:58pm
- 21. Convene open session at 8:30pm
- 22. Motion made by Chris Brennick to Authorize the Town Manager to sign 2 letters of Intent for Purchase of 1 Railroad St and vacated portion of Railroad St Right of Way to Dunham group, second Mark Belanger. Vote 4-0
- 23. Motion made to enter executive session by Mark Belanger, second by John Pepin. Vote 4-0
- 24. Enter executive session 8:31pm.
- 25. Convene open session 8:49pm with no action.
- 26. Motion to adjourn made by Mark Belanger, second by John Pepin. Vote 4-0. Meeting adjourned 8:50pm.