

**Town of Rumford Website Update**  
**06 22 2016**

The Board of Selectpersons has heard some citizen concerns about the new website regarding timeliness of information posted and the unfinished content. Visitors to the website may find strange language (Lorem ipsum) in some areas that is used as a fill-in text until the final text is ready to publish. Although the website is not complete at this time, we decided to move forward with the content that we had thus far to give information to our visitors, rather than wait until everything was finished. The very nature of a website is that is always changing and it will continue to change with new information and improvements as time goes on.

Something else that is new about the website is that Town employees are now managing it on their own without a webmaster as was the case on the old website. We believe that this will help the website to be more flexible for our needs and to allow us to respond to our visitors. The website can become many things and many people would like to see it designed and maintained to accomplish those things, however, it does take a significant amount of time to keep a site up-to-date and we currently do not have any extra time budgeted into our work schedules to accomplish this. The Town of Rumford Offices are busy places and getting busier with new economic opportunities on our doorstep. Exciting times for our community that are breathing new life into our area. We hope the website will become an avenue in that direction.

With all that said, we are quite pleased with the new design and the creative work that was put into the site from a local website designer that our town is fortunate to have in its midst.

We ask for your patience with us during this process. Please email [town@rumfordme.org](mailto:town@rumfordme.org) with any positive feedback or encouragement. It would be welcomed.

Please note that the Agenda for the Select Board's Meeting is always posted in the Town Hall as has been the practice for many years. The meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of every month in the Rumford Falls Auditorium and the public is encouraged to attend. (Please remember to use the River Street entrance to the building for these meetings.) We post the Agenda on the website as a courtesy to those who are not able to visit the Town Hall. On a few occasions it was not posted and we will work to improve in that area.

Please feel free to contact us at 364-4576 x212 or at the above email address with any concern or question you may have. We would be glad to assist you. The "How Do I" section of the website is full of answers to many questions on a 24/7 basis.

Thank you.

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Executive Secretary