

TOWN OF RUMFORD BOARD *of* SELECTPERSONS MINUTES

August 5, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Municipal Building Auditorium

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Special Presentation or Award:
4. Public Hearing: Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for 49 Franklin and Hotel Rumford. Also Taxi Cab License for River Valley Taxi
5. Action following Public Hearing: Discuss/Approve Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for 49 Franklin and Hotel Rumford. Also considered Taxi Cab License for River Valley Taxi

Motion by Brennick and seconded by DiConzo to approve all 3 Licenses. Vote 5-0 in favor.

6. Adopt Agenda  
Adjustment to the agenda to add extension for Liquor License for Eagles Club for one day.

Motion to approve the agenda add and approve Liqueur License Extension for Eagles Club for 8/21 to 8/22 by DiConzo and seconded by Theriault. Vote: 5-0 approved.

7. Comments
  - a. Public Comment: None.
  - b. Town Manager's Report

Carter noted that the State has asked for 2<sup>nd</sup> Extension on disbursement of ARPA money and it is now delayed until September.

Senator Collins announced that the FY22 funding bills advanced by the Appropriation Committee and contained six of her Congressionally Directed Spending Request to include 1 million dollars for the new fire station. We will know by November before the Fire station project goes to ballot. These were submitted in the Agriculture, Rural Development and FDA appropriations bill. They have gone to the full Senate for consideration. Carter stated that the sewer extension is underway for the VA Clinic on Railroad Street. VA is looking at Sept 20, 2021 for ground breaking.

Carter stated that Officer Ashley Rich has resigned from Rumford Police Dept. but has agreed to stay on as a Reserve Officer. A position opened from Nicole Baltrus' resignation has been filled by a Rumford resident and is expected to start August 16, 2021.

Carter noted the His Hands Ministry Church (Chris Shaw) will be holding a Gospel Concert on August 13 with a rain date of August 27 at 6:30 and requested to use Veterans Park. There was no objection by the board or citizens.

c. Department Heads and Committee Chairs

O'Keefe from Economic Development stated that the Forest Product Industry is picking back up. He also noted the Outdoor industry is doing better and they have had a good year.

d. Select Board

Brennick noted the County Commissioner will elect members on Aug 18, 21. Will meet with Mexico Town Manager on Sept 21, 2021 at 6 p.m. to discuss Joint Ladder Truck.

Brennick also wanted to comment Carter and O'Keefe regarding their work trying to acquiring Federal Monies.

8. Approve Minutes July 15, 2021

Motion by DiConzo and seconded by Theriault to approve the minutes from July 15, 2021. Vote 4-0-1 (Chase) Motion passes.

9. Approve Warrant # 6

Motion to approve Warrant # 6 by DiConzo and seconded by Chase. Vote 5-0 in favor. Warrant approved.

10. Approve Scaffolding bid for clock tower repair/painting.

Brennick noted two bids received.

Diconzo made a motion, seconded by Theriault to accept the bid as submitted from Seacoast Scaffolding for \$72,080.95. Discussion. Vote 5-0 in favor.

11. Discuss/Approve Board Seats:

Brennick noted open positions.

Motion by Brennick and seconded by DiConzo to appoint Derek Tabor to the planning board for a three year term. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Motion by Theriault and seconded by Brennick to appoint Beverly Soucy to the Poland Spring Committee for a three year term. Vote 5-0 in favor.

12. Discuss New Fire Station Project

Carter discussed Falmouth Street and Essex Avenue site. Carter noted they were not able to come to agreement about purchasing the garage. Mr. Chaisson however did call because he does want the station there and feels like it would benefit the area. He offered to sell back the extra lot that he purchased from the Town of Rumford. Carter states they have discussed closing Essex Avenue and turning the bays to that street. Carter noted he thinks this a better option, keeping costs down, space needed and keeping the project reasonable for approval when it goes to vote by citizens. Carter said the next step would be a site evaluation. Questions asked and answered.

Motion by DiConzo and seconded by Theriault to move forward with the Falmouth Street Location work and road discontinuance of a portion of Essex Avenue. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Motion by Brennick and seconded by DiConzo to put out to RFP Architectural Engineering for evaluations related to the Fire station. Vote 5-0 in favor.

13. Discuss/Approve Stair Tread Bid

No bids received.

14. Discuss/Approve Town Attorney appointment

Motion by Brennick and seconded by DiConzo to appoint Jennifer Kreckel as Town Attorney for an additional year. Vote 5-0 in favor.

15. Discuss T-Mobile Grant application

O'Keefe discussed the application to fund a splash pad at Stephens Site.

Motion by Diconzo and seconded by Brennick to approve request to apply for the grant pending Parks Department Board approval. Discussion. Vote 5-0 in favor.

16. Discuss / Approve 1 Railroad St proceeds to Sewer Extension

Carter noted the project cost is \$89,660 and the proceeds from 1 Railroad Street are \$27,987.50. The sewer extension account currently has \$179,686.00.

Motion by Chase and seconded Diconzo to approve using the proceeds for the Sewer Extension. Vote 5-0 in favor.

17. Discuss/Approve Pole Permit Corner of Waldo Street and Rumford Avenue.

Motion by Brennick and seconded by DiConzo to approve the Pole Permit that is located at the corner of Waldo Street and Rumford Avenue. Vote 5-0 in favor.

18. Executive Session ref Economic Development matter 1 MRS 405 (6) C  
Motion to go into executive session was made by DiConzo and seconded by Theriault. Vote 5-0 in favor in session at 7:15 p.m.  
Out of Session at 7:49 p.m.

19. Adjourn

Motion by DiConzo and seconded by Brennick to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Vote 5-0.  
Adjourned.