

TOWN OF RUMFORD BOARD *of* SELECTPERSONS MEEING

February 17, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

5:30 p.m.

Public Workshop on Ordinance and Charter amendment

Discussed Chapter 19-Parking Ban

Discussed current ordinance and the possibility of amending the hours of the current ordinance. Carter discussed the hardship of the citizens finding places to park and business' letting their patron's park.

Discussed Cost Recovery Ordinance

Draft Ordinance of Sale of Paraphernalia

Discussed future ordinance for some setbacks for business' selling paraphernalia.

Ordinance language to adopt new codes for manual from codification process.

Posted Road Ordinance Language.

Ordinance's listed discussed by the board and Town Manager. Discussion that only medical marijuana is allowed to be sold in Rumford an addition of recreational marijuana would require a change in ordinance. Questions asked and answered.

Workshop ended at 5:49 p.m. Chase absent.

6:30 p.m. (Brennick absent joined at 6:50p.m.)

1. Call to Order
Diconzo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Special Presentation or Award: None
3. Public Hearing: Extension to Industrial Park Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing Development Program.

Stacy discussed request for extension of TIF which is the power plant down on Industrial Park Road. TIF expires in March and was previously approved in 1997. They have had TIF for 20 years from their start of operation. The law allows them to have it for 6 more years. Over the last 20 years they have paid a 3 percent increase

each year. They started at \$500,000 and has increased 3% annually and their current tax rate for this year is \$876,751. The proposal is to continue that 3% increase each year and in addition pay a sum of money that would equal the amount of \$1,200,000.00 in totality for each year. \$1,358,680 would be received in which we hope to put towards a project in town that would go towards our fire station. The monies would be held in an account until which time that project would be ready to move forward. They are currently being assessed at their initial evaluation. It was looked at where they were at 20 years later and the best assessment is 75,000,000.00. Carter noted he believes that this agreement is in the best interest in the town and the business. With the agreement the business can plan future decisions to be viable and the town is assured the additional funds. Carter opened the discussion for public comments. Representatives from the company answered questions.

Questions asked and answered by the board and citizens present.

4. Action following Public Hearing:

5. Adopt Agenda

Agenda adopted with a change to #9 to change address to 109 Congress Street.

6. Comments

a. Public Comment: Noted Public Works Department are doing an excellent job.

b. Town Manager's Report

Stacy Carter reported the new website is up and running. Carter noted that additional forms will be added to make it easier for Citizens usage. Carter also stated they have added Real Estate Online Tax Records that are searchable.

c. Department Heads and Committee Chairs

Roberts from Public Works noted that Hancock Street cables should be off all the poles today.

O'Keefe from Economic Development discussed effects of pandemic but seeing improvements.

d. Select Board

Theriault noted highway doing a good job.

Diconzo also noted Robert's good work as well as O'Keefe's work in Rumford.

7. Approve Minutes from January 27, 2021 and February 3, 2021
Motion by Chase and seconded Theriault to approve the minutes. Vote 5-0 in favor.
8. Approve Warrant # 37
Motion to approve Warrant #37 by Mclean and seconded by Theriault. Vote: 3-0-2 (Brennick and Chase abstain) Motion passes.
9. Approve Quit Claim Deed and Discharge of Mortgage 109 Congress Street
Motion to approve Quit Claim Deed and Discharge of Mortgage for 109 Congress Street was made by Mclean and seconded by Diconzo. Vote: 5-0 in favor.
10. Approve Public Hearing date for new Fire Station
March 25th, 2021 at 6:00p.m. was set for a Public Hearing for the new Fire Station.
11. Discuss/Approve EV Charge Site funding
Motion by Brennick and seconded by Diconzo to table approval of EV Charging Site Funding. Vote: 5-0 in favor.
12. Executive Session ref Economic Development matter 1 MRS 405 (6) C
Motion Diconzo and seconded by Chase to go into Executive Session. Vote 5-0 in favor. (Out at 7:41p.m.)
13. Executive Session ref Labor Negotiations 1 MRS 405 (6) D
Motion Diconzo and seconded by Mclean to go into Executive Session. Vote 5-0 in favor. (Out at 8:04 p.m.)

Motion to adjourn by Chase seconded by Theriault. Vote 5-0 in favor Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.