

# TOWN OF RUMFORD BOARD *of* SELECTPERSONS MINUTES

March 18th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

5:30 p.m.

1. Executive Session ref Legal matter 1 MRS 405 (6) E  
Motion to go into Executive Session by Diconzo and seconded by Theriault. Vote 4-0 in favor (Chase absent)

Out of Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Brennick and seconded by Theriault to approve Town Manager to expense money to support ongoing litigation. 5-0 in favor.

6:30 p.m.

2. Call to Order  
Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.
3. Special Presentation or Award: None
4. Public Hearing: None
5. Action following Public Hearing: None
6. Adopt Agenda

Motion to adopt agenda after removing #10 Grant application for Violence against Women and add to agenda to discuss Road Discontinuance Notices to Abutters made by Brennick and seconded by Diconzo. Vote 5-0 in favor.

7. Comments
  - a. Public Comment: None.
  - b. Town Manager's Report  
Carter stated he got an email about The American Recovery Act that the President has approved. Money is available for helping businesses replace lost revenue, investing in Town infrastructure and other potential categories. Carter is looking into guidance on how the money is allowed to be spent. Money is expected to become available 90 days after being signed by the President. Carter stated the roofing company has found a lift that can get them up to the clock tower and are expected to start repairs on March 31, 2021. Carter reminded there is a Public Hearing the 25<sup>th</sup> in the Auditorium for discussion on proposed Fire Station. Carter discussed the importance of

getting information out to the citizens and ask questions. Carter also advised that a firefighter has resigned.

c. Department Heads and Committee Chairs

George O'Keefe noted that the Federal Stimulus coming in to citizens and vaccinations are helpful for local businesses. Brennick noted it is very positive to see new business' opening downtown during a pandemic.

d. Select Board

Frank Diconzo citizen letter he received. Diconzo noted the deteriorating of the sidewalks.

Brennick thanked Roberts for the snow cleanup of roads and sidewalks this winter. Brennick states on next agenda he would like to review board goals and revise goals if necessary. Brennick noted they will be going back to in person meetings barring uptick in Covid in our area.

8. Approve Minutes from March 4, 2021

Motion by Diconzo and seconded by Theriault to approve the minutes form March 4, 2021. Vote 5-0 in favor.

9. Approve Warrant # 42

Motion by Theriault and seconded by Mclean to approve Warrant #42. Vote 5-0 in favor.

10. Discuss Road Discontinuance Notice to Abutters.

Attorney Kreckel discussed the legality of the public road as it relates to the Abutters. Questions were asked and answered.

11. Discuss/Approve Contract with RSU #10 for Hosmer Field

Motion by DiConzo and seconded by Theriault to approve a 2 year contract with RSU #10 for \$30,000 each year. Vote 4-0-1 in favor. (Brennick abstaining)

12. Approve Pole Permits

Motion to approve pole permits at Porter Ave. West and at Hancock St. made by Brennick and seconded by Diconzo. Vote 5-0 in favor.

13. Discuss/Approve Spring Clean Up Weeks

Motion by Diconzo and seconded by Brennick to approve Spring Clean-up weeks from April 20<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Vote 5-0 in favor.

14. Discuss/Approve Parking Passes for Peak a Week Hiking Club at Info Booth

Motion by Diconzo and seconded by Theriault for parking passes for the Peak a Week Hiking Club at Info Booth. Vote 5-0 in favor.

15. Budget vs. Actual

Carter noted things are looking good.

16. Discussion and Action on Ordinance Requests and Charter Amendments for 2021  
15 ordinance requests and amendments that will be placed on ballot in June reviewed.

Motion to put a Cost Recovery Ordinance on Warrant by Diconzo and seconded by Theriault. Discussion 4-1 in favor. (Chase opposed)

Extended discussion on Ordinance Chapter 54-I with Attorney Kreckel.

Motion to not include Ordinance Chapter 54-I Amendment to Warrant. Add non-binding straw poll question on allowing Retail Marijuana Establishment to Warrant. Discussion. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Diconzo made a motion to approve the Charter Amendments 1-15 and seconded by Chase. Discussion. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Motion by DiConzo and seconded by Theriault to approve adding revised and codified ordinance to warrant. Discussion Vote 5-0 in favor.

Motion to go into Executive session ref Economic Development matter 1 MRS 405 (6) C by DiConzo and seconded by Theriault. Vote 5-0 in favor. In session at 7:42 p.m.

17. Executive Session ref Economic Development matter 1 MRS 405 (6) C

Motion by Brennick and seconded by DiConzo to UDAG loan to 60 Lowell Street LLC for \$40,000 at 3 percent interest for 25 years. Vote: 4-1-0 (Chase) Motion passes.

18. Motion by Diconzo and seconded by Chase to go into Executive Session for a Personnel matter. Vote 5-0 in session at 8:10 p.m. Out at 8:24 pm, No action taken.

19. Executive Session ref Legal matter 1 MRS 405 (6) E

Motion by DiConzo and seconded by McLean to go into Executive Session for a Legal matter. Vote 5-0, in session at 8:24 p.m. Out at 8:43 p.m., No action taken.

20. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn at made by DiConzo and seconded by Theriault to adjourn. Vote 5-0 in favor. Adjourned at 8:46 p.m.