

# TOWN OF RUMFORD BOARD *of* SELECTPERSONS MINUTES

January 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:30p.m

2. Special Presentation or Award: None.

3. Public Hearing: None.

4. Action following Public Hearing: None

5. Adopt Agenda

6. Comments

a. Public Comment: None

b. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Carter states the website is nearly complete, from what he has seen it looks really nice including amazing imagery a big step up from what we have currently. He noted it should be released soon.

Carter discussed that the budget process has been started. Carter will meet with Dept. Heads 1<sup>st</sup> week of February. Finance committee will receive proposed budget by February 12, 2021. Carter also stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing for Ordinance/Change Submitters can drop amendment requests off at the Town Office. Also, a reminder that there is a workshop on January 27, 2021 at 6PM to discuss Cost Recovery Ordinance.

c. Department Heads and Committee Chairs

George O'Keefe Economic Director noted that the stimulus has made its way into the community. Small businesses are holding their own due to support programs. He also discussed that the Energy Projects were moving forward with significant interest. Carter noted how much work they are getting done with very quick progress. O'Keefe also noted there is also a small battery company growing at the same time. O'Keefe noted a lot of new value from these business' and it will help a lot.

d. Select Board

Chase discussed that Black Mountain online sales have been taking off and that the Mountain has been very busy.

Diconzo thanked Dale Roberts for helping Marcus with the walking trail. Diconzo noted that the plows are really having to work around parked cars and the situation is horrible. Would like to come up with a better plan for next year. Carter noted it would have to be an Ordinance change.

McLean noted a great job by Public Works on Storm cleanup, clearing the streets and a quick turnaround cleaning off the side streets and fire hydrants.

Brennick requested update on multi-unit inspections are going. Carter states he will have them update at next meeting but it was going well.

7. Approve Minutes from January 07, 2021.

Diconzo made a motion and seconded by Theriault to approve the January 7, 2021 minutes with an adjustment to the meeting time from a.m. to p.m. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

8. Approve Warrant # 31

Motion by Diconzo and seconded by Theriault to approve Warrant #31. Vote 5-0 in favor.

9. Update from Sewer District Board

Arsenault noted the rate increase to qualify for the Grant which is a 21% increase. Arsenault states 2019 was the first time the budget was \$561.00 in the black. 2020 will leave money in the reserve for projects that need to be done. For 2021 he noted the roof at the Dix Avenue facility is redone and the Rumford PT Control Building roof needs to be redone. Arsenault discussed manhole needs to be lifted under the bridge, the accounting software was hacked and that the Falls Hill Pump Station needs to be rebuilt. Arsenault also discussed inspections and violations. Arsenault said that his computer system was hacked and he is working with law enforcement on that issue. He discussed board members and positions available. Brennick thanked Arsenault for his efforts getting the Sewer District in the black and getting to a place where they would qualify for grant money. Arsenault noted two sheets of repairs his 5 man crew has done and has saved the community a lot of money through their hard work.

10. Approve Quit Claim deed for 18 Holyoke Ave.

Motion by Brennick and seconded by Diconzo to approve Quit Claim Deed for 18 Holyoke Avenue. Discussion: Property is in foreclosure and they owe on sewer. Requires Quit Claim Deed rather than discharge. Carter noted it was paid in full. Vote 5-0 in favor.

11. Appoint Maine Service Center Coalition Voting Delegate Representative and Alternate

Motion by Brennick and seconded by Theriault to have Stacy Carter be the Representative and Frank Theriault to be the Alternate. Vote 5-0 in favor.

12. Re-Appoint Voter Registrar

Motion by Brennick and seconded by Diconzo to re-appoint Voter Registrar Pam McInnis Kaubrais. Vote 5-0 in favor.

13. Discuss/Approve Charter Commission

Motion by Diconzo and seconded by Theriault to put Membership of Charter Commission on the June Ballot for Elected Members. Discussion 6 elected and 3 appointed. Vote 5-0 in favor.

14. Discuss/Approve Historic Rumford Island Directional Signage

Motion to approve Historic Rumford Island Directional Signage by Brennick and seconded by Diconzo. Discussion. O'Keefe answered questions about placement. Vote 5-0 in favor.

15. Discuss/Approve removal of Electronic Sign

Motion by Brennick and seconded by Diconzo to approve removal of sign. Discussion. Carter stated \$25,000 to \$30,000 would be an estimate to replace. The current broken sign cannot be fixed. Carter noted urgent messaging could be put on the Park's Department Sign. Carter also noted that if the board wanted to discuss the sign replacement the old one should be left in place to save money as the new company would remove and haul off saving costs. Diconzo rescinds Motion and makes a New Motion to table removal, seconded by Chase Vote 5-0 in favor of tabling removal.

16. Adjourn

Diconzo made a motion and it was seconded by McLean to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Vote 5-0 in favor. Adjourned