

TOWN OF RUMFORD BOARD *of* SELECTPERSONS MEETING

November 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adopt Agenda

4. Comments

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

Town Manager Carter stated they have been working with Brookfield to get Rumford Falls trail re-opened. Carter stated it was closed due to some rock outcrops that became unstable and had pieces falling from them. Brookfield has looked at an alternative path that goes around the area of concern but still give a good view of the falls. They are working with an abutting landowner to get an agreement signed and that is progressing.

Carter noted they will be having a workshop soon regarding the new fire station. He has spoken to the architect and a zoom meeting was set up.

Carter also stated Sargent will be back Monday to do some paving of entrances and that should put the project behind us.

Carter brought from the planning board to the Selectpersons to appoint comprehensive plan committee. They are recommending a 7 member board. He noted 3 planning board members are interested and that includes Kevin Saisi, Jon Starr and Derek Taber. Carter note it will be on future agenda.

c. Department Heads and Committee Chairs

O'Keefe stated we have a tight labor market but compared to other areas it doesn't seem as bad in Rumford. He notes some small business' are reducing hours but doesn't seem to be shutting down businesses. O'Keefe noted with children being able to get vaccinated of late it may add to the workforce as parents feel more comfortable returning to work.

d. Select Board

Chase thanked Jim Theriault for filling in at Election.

DiConzo noted no problems at election.

Brennick also thanked DiConzo and Theriault for working the Election.

Brennick noted he appreciated the board has moved to zoom with the Covid rates being so high lately.

5. Approve Minutes October 21, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of October 21, 2021 by DiConzo and seconded by Theriault. Vote 5-0 in favor.

6. Approve Warrant number #19

Motion by DiConzo and seconded by Chase to approve the Warrant number 19. Vote 5-0 in favor.

7. Discuss/Approve Rumford Police Department request
Of Transfer of Forfeiture of Assets.

Motion to sign request to Transfer of Forfeiture of Assets to Rumford Police by DiConzo and seconded by Chase. Discussion. Brennick questioned how it is decided who gets money. Carter explained when there is several agency's there is equitable sharing. Carter also explained how forfeited property is handled. Motion is amended by DiConzo and seconded by Chase for the Town Manager to sign the request for forfeited assets. Vote 5-0 in favor.

8. Discussion on updating processes with Technology.

Brennick discussed handout on increasing technology in the Town of Rumford.

Brennick stated it would be wise to have someone come in and give advice what can be done to stop mundane tasks and increase the Town's technology. Carter spoke on a gentlemen who came in to discuss Town Clouds and some of its capabilities. Carter noted he could request for him to come in to discuss what is out there and costs.

9. Discuss/Approve Pole Permit for Pole 021 Wyman Hill Road

Motion to approve Pole Permit for Pole 021 on Wyman Hill Road made by DiConzo and seconded by Theriault. Vote 5-0 in favor.

10. Discuss/Review Board Goals

Carter reviewed board goals and noted some were still works in progress and their current statuses. Brennick stated he would like to add increasing technology as a goal and this would free our people up to do other tasks. Chase discussed codification process and fee statuses and finishing up the process. Board discussed having a meeting a fee schedule the second week of January and tentatively scheduled a workshop for January 13, 2022.

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

Motion by Brennick and seconded by DiConzo to go into executive session at 6:59 p.m. Vote 5-0 in favor. Out of session at 7:32 p.m.

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Theriault and seconded by DiConzo. Vote 5-0 in favor. Adjourned at 7:33 p.m.