

TOWN OF RUMFORD  
BOARD *of* SELECTPERSONS MINUTES

September 01, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Municipal Building Conference Room

6:00 Workshop with Board of Assessors

1. Call to Order

Chris Brennick spoke on the life and contributions of Michael Peter Chase to the town of Rumford. The Board of Selectpersons and Town Manager held a Moment of Silence in honor of Michael Peter Chase.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adopt Agenda

Motion by Brennick and seconded by DiConzo to Add/Discuss Electric Supply Contract. Vote 4-0 in favor. (Add after number 10)

4. Public Comment

a. Public Comment:

Gary Dolloff requested Street Closure for Sept 24<sup>th</sup> for Street Dance for Middle School age students.

Motion by Brennick and seconded by DiConzo to add Street Closure for Sept 24, 2022.

5. Special Presentation or Award

None

a. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager also spoke on the loss of Michael Peter Chase. Carter noted that his son Bob Chase was very appreciate of the Towns Support. Carter and Brennick also thanked the Fire Department for their support of the family and to Auburn and Jay Fire Departments for town coverage during the Services for Michael P. Chase.

Carter noted that the Best Western Grand Opening for Sept 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. Carter noted that Nexamp will have their ribbon cutting Sept 14 at 11 a.m. Carter discussed that the Poland Spring Committee has met and applications are

available for requesting funds for projects. Deadline for submitting applications is Sept 29<sup>th</sup>.

Carter stated that although Concerts in the Parks have had a couple of rain postponements the Concerts held have been successful with decent crowds. The Town is looking to get some electricity at Stephens Park possibly through grant funding to make improvements and add another venue that would not disrupt traffic as often. Brennick asked Carter if we could move forward with the Gazebo dedication during the upcoming Concert in the Park.

Carter stated the Town was getting close to Commitment for tax rate in the next couple of weeks it should be complete.

b. Department Heads and Committee Chairs

Chief Milligan spoke on homelessness and drug use by the river. Chief Milligan also spoke on an Officer involved shooting and an increase in these type of violent type calls and incidents. Chief Milligan stated we had two gun related called yesterday. The second call resulted in two Officers firing their weapons. Chief noted that the subject is expected to fully recover.

c. Select Board

DiConzo noted that Selectperson Michael Peter Chase's funeral was well attended.

Therault stated he was very pleased with the turnout at the Funeral.

Brennick stated Thanks to Firefighters and Public Works for their efforts with the Funeral. He also noted that Hosmer Field looks really nice. He stated that the bleachers could be power washed looks like a sand storm blew through.

6. Approve Minutes of August 18, 2022

Motion by DiConzo and seconded by Therault to approve the minutes of August 18, 2022. Vote 4-0 in favor

7. Approve Warrant number 10

Motion by DiConzo and seconded by Therault to approve Warrant number 10. Vote 4-0 in favor

8. Discuss resignation of Police Officer. Discussion/Action on Hiring a new Police Officer.

Chief Milligan announced the resignation of Patrolman Amos Abbott on Sept 13, 2022 and requested to hire Seth Pond.

Motion by Theriault and seconded by DiConzo to hire Seth Pond. Vote 4-0 in favor.

9. Discuss/Approve Street Closure for Sept 24, 2022 4pm to 10 pm. For GRCC Street Dance. .

Motion by Brennick and seconded by DiConzo to approve Street Closure for Congress/Exchange Street to Bridge Street for Sept 24 from 4pm to 10 pm. Vote 4-0 in favor

10. Discuss/Approve Electricity Rate.

Carter discussed options for Electric rate contracts. Questions asked and answered.

Motion by McLean and seconded by Theriault to approve the standard rate offer.  
Vote 4-0

11. Discussion / Action on properties with unclear Titles

Motion by Brennick and seconded by McLean to table number 12. Vote 4-0 in favor.

12. Approve Homecoming Parade permit

Motion by Brennick and seconded by DiConzo to approve the Homecoming Parade Permit. Vote 4-0 in favor.

13. Discuss/Action Sewer Abatement 1373 Route 2

Discussion was held on abatement request. Questions asked and answered. Motion by McLean and seconded by Theriault to abate \$1420. Vote 4-0 in favor.

14. Discuss/Approve use of Cable Franchise money

Motion by McLean and seconded by DiConzo to earmark Cable Franchise money to cover overage in the Police Dept. Vote 4-0 in favor.

15. Discuss/Approve Quit Claim deed for 641 Crescent Avenue

Motion by Brennick and seconded by DiConzo to approve the Quit Claim deed for 641 Crescent Avenue. Vote 4-0 in favor.

16. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by DiConzo and seconded by Theriault. Vote 4-0 in favor. Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.