

TOWN OF RUMFORD
BOARD of SELECTPERSONS MINUTES

October 04, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Rumford Falls Auditorium

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

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- a. Public Comment: None
- b. Town Manager's Report
None
- c. Department Heads and Committee Chairs
None
- d. Select Board
None

5. Workshop with Board of Assessors

Select Chair Brennick notes they have an updated sheet with 4 different options for taxes. Town Manager Carter requested the Assessors give an update of the changes seen in evaluations and the pluses and minuses with evaluation. Tax Assessor Gironda spoke on major tax gains and losses. Town Manager Carter noted because we have increased revenue it is possible to stay the same or go down in taxes. Carter noted normally 3 options are offered but he asked for 4. Questions were asked and answered by the board and explanations given by Town Manager and Tax Assessor.

Town Manager Carter states his recommended option 2 which would provide a small amount of relief for taxpayers. Carter expects with projects projected to come in this year and revenue sharing he hopes to be in the same position for taxpayers next year. Carter noted the Finance Director is in favor of keeping it the same to be cautionary. Carter noted even the lower amount, Rumford will retain more than in the prior year. Finance Director Laurinaitis spoke on her thoughts on keeping the tax rate the same.

Manager Carter was questioned on what businesses were coming in that would provide revenue. Carter replied business' coming in this year include the VA Clinic which is currently being built, another Solar Farm, a Battery Storage Unit which are all worthy projects that help the tax base.

Select Chair Brennick states for public record he credits Town Manager Stacy Carter's vision in bringing in new business in to grow Rumford and through his vision and the Economic Director O'Keefe and also Richard Coulombe who works hard in Code Enforcement to move things forward. Brennick described a new

narrative for Rumford that taxes are going down because we have invested in our town. Brennick notes for that reason he is in favor of 2 as well to show during a time of inflation we are able to lower our tax rate by investing in Rumford.

6. Recognize Individual Designated Fund Balances at June 30, 2022

Motion by Chris Brennick makes a motion seconded by Eric Mclean to approve Individual Designated Fund Balances. Discussion: Amounts read by Brennick. Vote 5-0

7. Discuss / Approve mil rate

Motion by Brennick and seconded by Theriault to approve option number 2 to set the MIL rate at \$22.18 per \$1,000. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Brennick made a motion to set the date for taxes to be due to Nov 15st and April 1st with interest following the date after the due date at 4% as voted on at Annual Town Meeting. Selectperson Pepin seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 in favor

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Brennick seconded by Theriault. Vote 5-0

Adjourned at 6:28 pm