TOWN OF RUMFORD

BOARD *of* SELECTPERSONS MINUTES

January 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Rumford Falls Auditorium

(Mclean Absent)

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

Brennick noted adjustments to agenda to include under public hearings That Place LLC is tabled. Brennick noted it will come back before the board they just needed a little more time.

Motion made by Brennick and seconded by Theriault to table number 17 (Executive Session) will be tabled as well.

Brennick made a Motion to table that hearing seconded by Theriault. Vote 4-0

1. Public Hearing on Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit Applications: MPDT dba Hotel Rumford 65 Canal Street Rumford Maine. Action following Public Hearing. No Comments

Public Hearing on Taxi Licenses for Gloria Vinson dba Mom’s Taxi 110 South Rumford Road, Rumford and Estate of Brian Elliott dba Peg’s Taxi 242 Waldo Street, Rumford. No Comments

Action following Public Hearings:

Motion made by DiConzo and seconded by Theriault on Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit Applications: MPDT dba Hotel Rumford 65 Canal Street Rumford Maine. Vote 4-0 to approve license.

Discuss/Approve Taxi Licenses for Gloria Vinson dba Mom’s Taxi 110 South Rumford Road, Rumford and Estate of Brian Elliott dba Peg’s Taxi 242 Waldo Street, Rumford.

Motion to approve Taxi Licenses for Gloria Vinson dba Mom’s Taxi 110 South Rumford Road, Rumford by DiConzo and seconded by Theriault, Vote 4-0 in favor.

Motion to approve Taxi Licenses for Estate of Brian Elliott dba Peg’s Taxi 242 Waldo Street, Rumford by DiConzo and seconded by Theriault, Vote 4-0 in favor.

1. Special Presentation or Award: None
   1. Public Comment: None
   2. Town Manager’s Report

Town Manager Carter spoke on the two severe storms since the last meeting with unprecedented snow amounts and then heavy rain. Carter discussed people rescued had no loss of life and no serious injuries. Carter noted that Town Departments did a phenomenal job during and after these storms. Carter stated the town was waiting on word if Winter Storm Elliott will be declared a disaster which would open up funds for reimbursement.

* 1. Department Heads and Committee Chairs

Public Works Director Roberts spoke about Departments working together during storm with also an assist from DOT on Christmas.

Economic director spoke about forward progress on Bag Mill at 60 Lowell Street. O’Keefe noted relative stability in this economy.

* 1. Select Board

Selectpersons Diconzo and Theriault and Brennick echoed the thanks to all the Departments for storm work.

1. Approve Minutes of December 15 and 21, 2022

Motion by DiConzo and seconded by Theriault to approve the minutes of December 15 and 21, 2022. Vote 4-0 in favor.

1. Approve Warrant number 28

Motion by DiConzo and seconded by Pepin to approve Warrant 28 Town. Vote 4-0 in favor.

1. Update from Med Care Board

Bob Chase updated the board on the status of Med-Care’s organization. He noted they were stable with work challenges. Med-Care is currently fully staffed and has signed their second contract. He noted they always could use per-diem. Chase noted the board was happy with the new director, that the fleet continues to age, grants received and a Citizen EMS Academy.

1. Discuss/Approve Warrant for Special Town Meeting

Motion by DiConzo and seconded by Pepin to approve Warrant for Special Town Meeting. Vote 4-0 in favor.

1. Discussion on Substance Abuse in Community and need for Community forum.

Glenn Gordon and Kathy Williams were present to discuss the need for a Community Forum

1. Discuss/Approve Sewer abatement 105 Congress Street

Motion by Brennick and seconded by DiConzo to abatement for 105 Congress Street for $1,181.82. Vote 4-0 in favor.

1. Discuss/Approve appointment of Finance Committee member

DiConzo discussed keeping 9 members until June election. No action taken.

1. Discuss Wage increase for non-union personnel

7% raise was discussed for non-union personnel. Town Manager discussed that it is becoming very difficult to hire based on other salaries in town. Carter presented information on what that change would do to the budget. Carter noted that last year was 53 weeks and so it would not change the budget a lot because of one less week.

Brennick discussed the importance of keeping competitive when hiring. DiConzo discussed the figure Carter presented was a good one and think it is justified to present to the finance committee.

1. Executive Session ref Personnel matter per 1 MRS §405(6)(A)

Motion to table made by Brennick and seconded by Theriault. Vote 4-0 in favor of tabling.

1. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by DiConzo and seconded by Theriault. Vote was 4-0. Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.