TOWN OF RUMFORD

BOARD *of* SELECTPERSONS MINUTES

January 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Rumford Falls Auditorium

(McLean Absent)

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

Motion by DiConzo and seconded by Theriault to add Executive Session for Economic Development 405 (6) (c) Vote 4-0 in favor to add.

1. Public Hearing on Lease of Rumford Center Meeting House and Lease of Land behind Rumford Public Works for Solar Farm.

Mr. McFawn spoke on request.

Public Hearing on Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit Applications: Deidra Gallant dba The Lure and Seahorse 105 Congress Street, Rumford

No Comments.

Public Hearing on Medical Marijuana License for Rebecca and Nathanial Rogers dba 123 Hall Hill Rumford, Maine.

No Comments

Public Hearing on Taxi License for Christopher Benoit dba Family Cab 63 Old County Road Bryant Pond, Maine.

No Comments

1. Action following Public Hearing:

Discuss/Approve Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit Applications:

Deidra Gallant dba The Lure and Seahorse 105 Congress Street, Rumford also;

Medical Marijuana License for Rebecca and Nathanial Rogers dba 123 Hall Hill Rumford, Maine. Also; Taxi License for Christopher Benoit dba Family Cab 63 Old County Road Bryant Pond, Maine.

Motion by Brennick and seconded by Pepin to approve Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit Applications:

Deidra Gallant dba The Lure and Seahorse 105 Congress Street, Rumford. Vote 4-0 in favor

Motion by Brennick and seconded by DiConzo to approve Medical Marijuana License for Rebecca and Nathanial Rogers of 123 Hall Hill Rumford, Maine. Vote 4-0 in favor.

Motion by Theriault and seconded by Pepin to approve Taxi License for Christopher Benoit dba Family Cab 63 Old County Road Bryant Pond, Maine. 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 Town being deeply saddened by the closure of Rumford Mardens. He expressed he wants citizens to know that we are working very hard at keeping them here in Rumford. There has been regular contact with the property owners and Marden’s Corporate as well as the Managers of all the remaining businesses in the plaza. The Town of Rumford made immediate arrangements with Department of Labor and offered the use of the auditorium for DOL to assist those employees affected.

Carter also noted a Special Town Meeting Tuesday January 24at 6 pm in regard to the lease of land behind Public Works and a Lease of Rumford Center Meeting House.

* 1. Department Heads and Committee Chairs

None.

* 1. Select Board

Selectperson Theriault spoke that the town should be doing all we can to help Marden’s out.

Select V Chair Diconzo spoke on the negative comments on Facebook in regard to the Mardens closure.

Select Chair Brennick Echoed others statements on Marden’s and also thanked Stacy Carter and George O’Keefe for their efforts in trying to retain that business in Rumford and support employees. Brennick also thanked Roberts for Public Works efforts in the snowstorm.

1. Approve Minutes of January 5, 2023

Motion by DiConzo and seconded by Theriault to approve minutes from January 5, 2023. Vote 4-0 in favor.

1. Approve Warrant number 30

Motion by DiConzo and seconded by Brennick to approve the Warrant #30. Vote 4-0 in favor.

1. Discuss/Accept bid for Falmouth St. lot 308 Map 113

Motion by DiConzo and seconded by Pepin to accept bid from Kara Wilber. Vote 3-0-1 (Theriault)

1. Discuss grant received from Firehouse Subs for Police radios

Chief Milligan was there to accept a Grant for $17,201.00 from Firehouse Subs for Police Radios.

Motion to go into Executive Session for Labor Negotiations per 1 MRS §405(6)(D) made by Brennick and seconded by DiConzo. Vote 4-0 in favor. In session at 6:38 pm. Out of Session at 7:00 PM.

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

Motion by Brennick and seconded by DiConzo to defer UDAG payment for Port to Port for 6 months. Vote 4-0 in favor.

Motion to go into Executive Session ref Personnel matter per 1 MRS §405(6)(A) by Pepin and seconded by DiConzo. Vote 4-0 in favor. In session at 7:14 pm.

1. Executive Session ref Labor Negotiations per 1 MRS §405(6)(D)

Out of Session at 7:52 pm.

Motion by DiConzo and seconded by Theriault to open Public Works Contract for Wages only. Vote 3-1 (Brennick) Motion passes.

1. Executive Session ref Labor Negotiations per 1 MRS §405(6)(D)

Out of Session at 7:52 pm.

Motion to extend Town Manager’s contract for one year from 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024 with 3 % increase and 240 hours of vacation time starting 7/1/2023. All other terms stay the same. Vote 4-0 in favor.

1. Adjourn

Motion by DiConzo and seconded by Theriault to adjourn. Vote 4-0 in favor. Adjourned 7:53 pm.