TOWN OF RUMFORD

BOARD *of* SELECTPERSONS MINUTES

February 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Rumford Falls Auditorium

(McLean absent)

6:00 PM Public Workshop on Ordinance and Charter amendments

Select Vice-Chair spoke on Section 5 procedure for Initiated Articles discussion on whether there should be an addition or amendment. (Carter noted it would be an amendment to set a limit of what can be requested) Attorney Kreckel offered guidance that this would be amendment for a fine tuning of how it is written. Brennick discussed for clarity that they discussing a cap on what can be requested. DiConzo stated he would suggest a cap of $50,000 per agency. DiConzo noted that we are getting an increase of requests from 501 3C’s. DiConzo noted the town is sharpening their pencils to get the Town budget out and the nonprofits may need to do the same. DiConzo noted that the nonprofits could fund raise moneys through other methods. Discussion was held by Selectboard, Town Manager and Town Attorney Kreckel. Carter explained the language would have to be changed to state that the Town of Rumford could offer a lower amount than requested if the Town decided to do so. Brennick discussed possible language which would include a provision for a one time amount that might be over $50,000 for a special need in that given year. Brennick discussed possibly a pool of money that would be capped between agencies determined by the Finance Committee. Pepin spoke on concerns about a limit as opposed to a limit of a pool of money and that would give the Finance Committee something to work with to distribute fairly. Town Attorney Kreckel spoke on what the Committee could do now legally and what would require revisions. Select-Chair requested that Vice-Chair DiConzo write up a proposal for the board to discuss next Thursday.

Chairman Brennick noted no decisions would be made tonight this is bringing it up for a discussion and would be voted on at a later date.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adopt Agenda
4. Public Hearing on Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for Fraternal Order of Eagles 129 Rumford Ave Rumford Maine and Black Mountain of Maine 39 Glover Road, Rumford Maine and American Legion 184 Congress Street Rumford, Maine

No Comments

1. Action following Public Hearing:
2. Public Hearing on Liquor License for Fraternal Order of Eagles 129 Rumford Ave Rumford Maine and Black Mountain of Maine 39 Glover Road, Rumford Maine American Legion 184 Congress Street Rumford, Maine

Motion by Brennick and seconded by DiConzo to approve all licenses. Vote 4-0 in favor.

1. Special Presentation or Award: None
   1. Public Comment:

None

* 1. Town Manager’s Report

Town Manager Carter noted it is a busy time at the Town of Rumford. Carter stated budget season is in full swing, the first ordnance hearings are tonight, Tuesday the finance Committee will hold a workshop with Department Heads and Thursday Feb 23rd will be the second Ordinance Hearings.

Carter noted he will be meeting with Nine Dragons on Wednesday to talk about their roof drains. Carter noted CEO Coulombe will attend the meeting as well.

Carter stated that on March 1st and March 8th there will be a meeting for Initiated Articles.

* 1. Department Heads and Committee Chairs

No comments

* 1. Select Board

No Comments

1. Approve Minutes of February 2, 2023

Motion by DiConzo and seconded by Theriault to accept the minutes of February 2, 2023. Vote 4-0 in favor.

1. Approve Warrant number 34

Motion by DiConzo and seconded by Pepin to approve warrant number 34. Vote 4-0 in favor.

1. Update from Parks and Rec Commission

No member present to update board.

1. Discuss/Approve Lease of Rumford Center Meeting House

Motion 1 was made by Brennick and seconded by DiConzo to lease the Rumford Center Meeting House at 135 US Route 2 for a period up to 99 years for $1.00 a year payment with consideration given of improvements and restoration to bring the building into code and compliance. Vote 4-0 in favor.

Motion 2 made by Brennick and seconded by Diconzo moved to allow Stacy Carter the Town Manager to sign the lease on behalf of the Town of Rumford. Vote 4-0 in favor.

1. Discuss/Set Sewer due dates and interest

Motion by Brennick and seconded by Pepin to set the Due dates for 3/15/23 and 8/15/23 with 4% interest added for late payments after August 15th 2% savings for overpayment.

1. Executive Session ref Legal Matter per 1 MRS 405 (6)(e)

Motion by Brennick and seconded by DiConzo to go into Executive Session ref Legal Matter per 1 MRS 405 (6) (e). Vote 4-0 in favor. In Session at 6:37 pm and out of session at 7:06 pm.

1. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by DiConzo and seconded by Pepin. Vote 4-0 in favor. Adjourned at 7:07 pm.