

TOWN OF RUMFORD  
BOARD of SELECTPERSONS MINUTES

June 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Rumford Falls Auditorium  
(John Pepin Absent)

6:00 Executive Session ref Economic Development matter 1 MRS §405(6)(C)  
Jury Room

Motion to go into Executive Session made by Theriault and seconded by Brennick for Economic Development ref 1 MRS §405(6)(C.) Vote 4-0 in favor. In session at 6:01 pm. Out of Session at 6:23 pm.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adopt Agenda
  
4. Public Hearing.  
Discuss/Approve Hawkers and Peddling License for Roger and Rowena Alexander dba 4 J's BBQ of Mexico.

Selectperson Theriault noted they make excellent food.

Action Following Public Hearing: Discuss/Approve Hawkers and Peddling License for Roger and Rowena Alexander dba 4 J's BBQ of Mexico.

Motion by Theriault and seconded by Brennick to Approve Hawkers and Peddling License for Roger and Rowena Alexander dba 4 J's BBQ of Mexico. Vote 4-0 in favor.

5. Special Presentation or Award:
  
6.
  - a. Public Comment:
  - b. Town Manager's Report  
Town Manager Carter stated that Rumford had a low voter turnout but all budgets passed at the same approval rate as when we have a higher voter turnout of 70-80%.

Carter welcomed back Selectpersons Jim Theriault and John Pepin and welcomed new Selectperson Theresa Sax. Carter also thanked Outgoing Selectperson Eric McLean for his service.

Carter noted we are moving in the right direction with new growth. The board is working very well together and Carter states he is hopeful that this continues and we see the Town of Rumford grow and prosper.

Carter stated the Fire Station is coming along well, footers are nearly completed and the frost walls are being poured. The metal building for bay area is due to be delivered 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July.

c. Department Heads and Committee Chairs

Public works Director Roberts's states all crosswalks are all painted on Route 2. Raymond Avenue's water line is in and storm line is going in. Porter Ave will be grading and paving after a resident completes his sewer line expected to start July 1<sup>st</sup>.

CEO Coulombe states he has been working on Vacant Buildings. He has identified 66 buildings. Coulombe discussed erosion on the river bank at Hosmer Field and met with DEP and Army Corps of Engineers.

Coulombe noted a meeting for Community Forest Planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month and local residents are invited. Planning Board is inviting selectpersons to July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for Comprehensive plan.

Economic Director O'Keefe noted that the new VA Clinic is in regular use. O'Keefe reported that Key Bank closed and that property is for sale. He states he has spoken to developers who have expressed interest.

O'Keefe stated that the Bag Mill Project is moving forward with 33 rooms and some food and beverage options.

d. Select Board

DiConzo and Theriault welcomed Theresa Sax to the board. Sax stated she was happy and proud to join the board. Brennick also welcomed Sax and Pepin and Theriault back for another term.

Brennick thanked Jeff Sterling, Sherry Milligan, Beth Bellegarde, and the ballot clerks for their efforts with the Towns Election.

Brennick proposed goal setting workshop on July 13, 2023 at 6pm.

7. Approve Minutes of June 01, 2023  
Motion by Theriault and seconded by Sax to approve the minutes of June 1, 2023.  
Vote 4-0 in favor.
8. Approve Warrant number 51  
Motion by Theriault seconded by Brennick to approve Warrant number 51. Vote  
4-0 in favor.
9. Discuss/Approve Pole Permit Rumford Ave.  
Motion by Theriault and seconded by Sax to approve Pole Permit for Rumford  
Avenue. Vote 4-0 in favor.
10. Discuss/Approve ATV access to Business Island  
Motion by Brennick and seconded by Sax to grant ATV access on both sides of  
the Business Island until January 1, 2024. Vote 3-0-1 (Theriault)
11. Discuss/ Approve Tax Acquired property bid, 254 Route 108 and also 455 High  
Street.  
  
Motion by Brennick and seconded by Theriault to accept \$3,000 bid with demo  
and clean-up to be done in 90 days of revisionary clause. Vote 4-0 in favor.  
  
Motion by Brennick and seconded by Theriault to accept bid of \$100.00 for 455  
High Street from Clarence Crews with Covenant to Clean up property in 60 days.  
4-0 in favor.
12. Discuss/Approve street closure for Oktoberfest, Oct 14, 2023  
Motion by Theriault and seconded by Sax to approve street closure for  
Oktoberfest, Oct 14, 2023. Vote 4-0 in favor.
13. Executive Session ref Labor Negotiations 1 MRS 405 (6) (D)  
Motion to go into Executive Session for Labor Negotiations 1 MRS 405 (6) (D)  
by Brennick and seconded by Theriault. Vote 4-0 in favor in session at 7:20 pm.  
  
Executive Session ref Economic Development matter 1 MRS §405(6)(C)  
Motion by Brennick and seconded by Theriault to go into Executive Session ref  
Economic Development matter 1 MRS §405(6) (C). Vote 4-0 in favor. In  
session at 7:26 pm.  
  
Motion by Brennick and seconded by Theriault for a UDAG loan for Cindy and  
Scott Grassetto for 50,000 with terms of 3% interest over 10 years. First payment  
due in 2 months. Vote 3-0 in favor. Vote 3-0 (DiConzo Absent)

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

Motion to go into Executive Session for Labor Negotiations 1 MRS 405 (6) (D) by Brennick and seconded by Theriault. Vote 3-0 in favor in session at 7:20 pm.

Motion by Brennick and seconded by Sax to approve Fire Dept. contract. Vote 3-0 in favor.

Out of Session at 8:09

14. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Theriault and seconded by Brennick. Vote 3-0 in favor. Adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Approved 7/6/23 meeting minutes  
Vote 3-0-1 (Pepin absent)