TOWN OF RUMFORD

BOARD *of* SELECTPERSONS Minutes

January 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Rumford Falls Auditorium

Theriault Absent

6:00 Workshop for Sewer rate

Town Manager stated we are trying to work on the new sewer rate for 2/1/24, the new ordinance that passed changed from a biannual to a quarterly billing. Using a different method, by water usage amount. There will be a flat rate amount and there will be a cubic amount set if you go over the amount. We have been working closely with the Rumford Water district as well as ND paper. We don’t have the data that we need as this point. The recommendations will be to set a unit rate in the past based on the new assessment from the sewer district and gather the data from ND Paper and Rumford Power that have flow meters and contribute the most to the sewer system. We will be prepared with data and be able to transition to the new formula with data usage. We do know we will have to replace some of the sewer pumping stations. Unit cost would be $600 currently we are at $490. We will be providing 3 options to decide from. The rate will go up for the first half, but once we are able to get the data from the large users, in the second quarter, we can select a rate. We do not want to be underfunded. The sewer rate is expected to go up.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adopt Agenda
4. Public Hearing:

* Liquor License – Hotel Rumford – 65 Canal Street

Melissa Porter and Derek Taber

No Comments

* Liquor License, Special Amusement Permit, Victualer’s License –

The Lure restaurant & Seahorse Lounge – 105 Congress Street

Deirdra Gallant

No Comments

Action Following Public Hearing:

* Discuss/ Approve Liquor License – Hotel Rumford – 65 Canal Street

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DiConzo motioned to approve and seconded by Pepin

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DiConzo motioned to approve and seconded by Pepin

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1. Special Presentation or Award:
   1. Public Comment:
   2. Town Manager’s Report
   3. Department Heads and Committee Chairs: Public works is out cleaning sidewalks, we have done Main street, Knox, around the church and working on the rest.

Over the last 5 storms we got about 32’ of snow. Bear with us.

* 1. Select Board: DiConzo stated Thank you to the Town Crew and keeping the streets safe.

Sax stated she has an update on Envision Rumford, Sat Jan 20th is the fundraiser. We have raised so far over $10,000

Our next meeting will be Wednesday the 24th. We are currently working on how to distribute the funds.

1. Discuss/Approve minutes from 1/4/2024

DiConzo motioned to approve and seconded by Pepin

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1. Discuss/ Approve Warrant #31

Brennick motioned to table and seconded by DiConzo

Vote 4-0

1. Update from Parks and Public Works Superintendents on flood damage

Marcus Palmer stated that the complex took a huge hit from the big storm. Every piece of our equipment was ruined. We have been working with the insurance company. They have determined the truck is totaled. We also had Serve Pro come into the snack shack and the office.

Public works did go down and fill the massive hole in front of the garage that was created. We are working on getting the equipment out. Still waiting on an adjuster to come out to look at the Kubota lawn mower and John Deere that was in the garage.

Sports fields were hit pretty hard, the baseball field is bad. The total $130,000 to get the field back playable. They will have to excavate a 200 by 200 has to be dropped by a foot, to make it safe and playable. Also look at $180,000 if you include 3 fields with the damages over there.

If we have to drop the field we also have to look into the arrogation system. The track we are not sure the complete damages, due to the amount of dirt build up and also the snow. Going to need heavy equipment to remove all the dirt, we won’t know until spring, this also includes the tennis courts. The spot where we had issues on the walking trail, it is gone, closer to the tennis courts. Rob Prue said he would come back in the spring and survey it.

Carter stated this is all still work in the progress. We have not heard back yet from FEMA. We have made all our claims to the insurance company. We are waiting for a engineer to come on Monday to look at a couple of buildings. As far as FEMA they are pretty good about covering public infrastructure that is not covered by our insurance to be able to take care of that. We have bids ready for spring.

DiConzo suggested moving the snack shack up by the bleaches onto a slab of cement, we hope this can get brought up for discussion. The equipment within the snack shack is covered under insurance.

1. Update from Code Enforcement on Multi Unit Inspection and vacant buildings

Coulombe stated he identified 91 buildings. From last year I had about ½ the people register their buildings. Rule 80K is the only way he can take them to court. Brennick stated that he is requesting an update in April to be able to keep track of these buildings.

1. Discuss/ Approve Parks and Rec office buildings

Brennick motioned to approve and DiConzo seconded to authorize moving office, to lot by brown garage

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1. Discuss/Approve new sidewalk at 101 Hancock Street

Dale Roberts provided estimate 50% to be paid by developer

DiConzo motioned to approve and seconded by Brennick

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1. Discuss Charter Commission

Brennick motioned to approve and seconded by DiConzo to put on warrant for June, authorization to start Charter Commission

Vote 4-0

1. Adjourn

DiConzo motioned and seconded by Brennick at 7:14pm

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