TOWN OF RUMFORD

BOARD *of* SELECTPERSONS Minutes

March 21st at 6:00 p.m.

 Rumford Falls Auditorium

6:00 PM Executive Session ref Labor negotiations 1 MRS §405(6)(D)

 (Jury Room)

Brennick motioned to enter session at 6:01 pm and DiConzo seconded

 Exit session 6:09 pm

DiConzo motioned to approve Public Works Contract and seconded by Theriault

Vote 5-0

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

Taxi License for Peg’s Taxi

No Comment

 Action Following Public Hearing:

 Taxi License for Peg’s Taxi

 DiConzo motioned to approve and seconded by Theriault

 Vote 5-0

1. Special Presentation or Award: Life Saving Awards - RFD
	1. Public Comment:
	2. Town Manager’s Report: We need to schedule a meeting for next week, Wednesday 3/27 at 6pm to discuss legal review contracts and an executive session & also 1 item to redeem a tax acquired property.
	3. Department Heads and Committee Chairs: Roberts stated the sweeper has been out a couple times and now we put it back up for winter. Everything is going well, getting ready to replace the water line at the town garage as the water flow is very minimal. Mid-April Community Energy will be beginning the project to put the new heating system in.

O’Keefe stated that the preliminary design is now engaged at Rumford Elementary School, and they will be going in after hours to get full measurements of the school. Also, the Rumford Community Forest is now permanently reserved and add activities for the town. A public hearing was done earlier this week for a wind project, and we seem to be in a good place with this project as well.

* 1. Select Board: Community Forest meeting and Brennick stated he did attend, and they are working on writing their recreation plan. Their last meeting will be 3rd Wednesday in May. There is marked trail in there if you want to go out and check out the area.

Brennick stated that Jobs for Maine Graduates, April 26th all high school students will be going to Hosmer field to help and dedicated time to try and get Hosmer field back and running. We will be working with Marcus on that.

1. Discuss/Approve minutes from 3/7/2024

DiConzo motioned to approve and seconded by Pepin

Vote 5-0

1. Discuss/ Approve Warrant #40

DiConzo motioned to approve and seconded by Brennick

Vote 5-0

1. Presentation of SBA loan program: We offer long term loans with low interest to help those citizens that were affected by the disaster that happened back on 12/18/23. No payments due for the first year and no interest for the first year. We are here along with FEMA to help the citizens. We help citizens that do not have coverage through their insurance company. The deadline is coming up on April 1st. No cost to apply, we want people to have options available if needed. We are open Monday through Saturday 9-5. We had a very successful event at MVHS to be able to learn what was available to citizens and small businesses. Any business owners we will be having a meeting on April 11th from 4-6pm to ask any questions that they may have.

Public Comment:

Mia Purcell is here from Community Concepts to discuss Free Tech Help for Oxford County Residents. This is a grant program to help citizens get one on one support by connecting to the internet, using social media, email accounts, video meetings with doctors, etc. We will be located at different locations and days of the week in different parts of the county. This has been extremely helpful to seniors. We will be meeting at the Rumford Public Library 9:30 am – 11:30 am and when the Rumford Library is closed, we will be located at Oxford County Mental Health.

1. Discuss Budget vs. Actual

Carter stated we should be at 66.67% we were only a little over by 67.64%. There is a couple departments that went over and due to they pay some things 100% early on or paid ahead of time, this can cause rise in the percent. Summer roads and Winter roads seems that the equipment amount is higher, as it is hard to determine. Bridges is up due to the Stream crossing on the Isthmus road, what doesn’t show is the $125,000 that we received from a grant. General Assistance is up due to paying several rents and the cost of rents have increased. There is nothing of major concern.

1. Discuss/Approve Certification of Ordinance changes

Proposed Amendment of Charter Article XVIII Town Manager – after considerable discussion change to One Hour

Brennick motioned to approve change to one hour and seconded by Theriault

Vote 5-0

Board of Selectpersons Ordinance – Chapter 83 - Tax Acquired Property

Theriault motioned to approve and DiConzo seconded

Vote 5-0

Property Maintenance Ordinance- Chapter 189 – Damaged Property

DiConzo motioned to approve and seconded by Theriault

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Property Maintenance Ordinance – Chapter 189 – Maintenance standards for premises and yard areas

Theriault motioned to approve and DiConzo seconded

Vote 5-0

Sewer Ordinance – Chapter 205 – Assessment of Rates

Sax motioned to approve and DiConzo seconded

Vote 5-0

Wind Energy Ordinance – Chapter 308 – License and Inspection

DiConzo motioned to approve and seconded by Theriault

Vote 5-0

Solar Energy Ordinance – Chapter 311- License and Inspection

DiConzo motioned to approve and seconded by Sax

Vote 5-0

1. Discuss Warrant Articles

Carter stated that besides the ordinance changes there is several other items that will be going on the warrant. We will be voting on that on April 4th. There will be an article to give Rumford Water District an easement to their property on Mountain View Annex Road. There will also be an article to add for Charter Commission and article to accept and expend designated funds all set of programs that we get money from. There is several new programs that have come about that we want to make sure we include them. There will be an article to sell or lease the old fire station on Congress Street. There will be an article regarding lease space for electric vehicle charges on River Street. There will be a article to accept the Rumford Elementary School building and the discontinuation of its use.

1. Discuss/Approve Asbestos Abatement bid

Theriault motioned to approve the bid from Atlantic Environmental Contractors, Inc. for the amount of $23,400.00 and seconded by Pepin

Vote 5-0

1. Discuss/Approve Library flooring bid

No bids received, will go back out to bid.

1. Discuss/Approve Garage Overhead door bid

Pepin motioned to approve Overhead Door company for the amount of $23,090.00 and seconded by Brennick

Vote 5-0

1. Discuss/Approve Spring Clean-up dates 4/16-4/26

DiConzo motioned to approve dates and seconded by Theriault

Vote 5-0

1. Discuss/Approve ATV Island Access & Wyman Hill Rd access

Brennick motioned to approve and seconded by DiConzo to approve Island access. Table the Wyman Hill Rd because we want to discuss further with Public Safety

Vote 4-0-1 (Theriault)

1. Discuss/ Approve Peak a Week Hiking Club Parking Pass Every Wednesday at the Information Center

Brennick motioned to approve and seconded by DiConzo

Vote 5-0

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

Brennick motioned to enter session at 7:51 pm and seconded by Sax

Exit Session at 8:42

Vote 5-0

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

Brennick motioned to enter session at 8:43 pm and seconded by DiConzo

Exit Session at 8:58 pm

Vote 5-0

1. Adjourn

Brennick motioned to adjourn and seconded by Theriault

Vote 5-0