TOWN OF RUMFORD

BOARD *of* SELECTPERSONS Minutes

April 18th at 5:30 p.m.

Rumford Falls Auditorium

5:30 PM Public Hearing for Budget and Warrant Articles

Annual Town Meeting Monday June 3rd

Secret Ballot is on Tuesday June 11th at the American Legion

1. Vote to select a mediator
2. Accept the Town report from the previous Fiscal year
3. Collect Taxes on semiannual basis with the Select Board setting those dates
4. Charge interest on all taxes and interest to be paid on over payments
5. Set salaries for the Selectboard, the Assessors, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Moderator
6. Establish the Rumford Tax club (8-month payment plan)
7. Easement across land owned by the Town on Mountain View Annex, Town owned land by the Water District
8. Accept a gift of land from Regional School unit #10 (Rumford Elementary School)
9. Selling or leasing the existing Fire station
10. Selling or leasing land in Rumford Point (Old Bridge Road)
11. Establishing a charter commission
12. Long term leasing of land for EV Chargers
13. Election of municipal officers and school board
14. Town Budget
15. Ordinance Changes

Brennick called to order and begin the official meeting

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

Discuss/ Approve Hawkers and Peddlers License – Mr. and Mrs. Sausage – Dana Levasseur

No comment

Discuss/ Approve Hawkers and Peddlers Festival Event License – Envision Rumford – Rumford Falls Fair – May 18th, 2024

No comment

Discuss/ Approve Hawkers and Peddlers License – Danmark Food Concessions – Michael Philbrick

No comment

Discuss/ Approve Hawkers and Peddlers License – 4 J’s BBQ – Roger and Rowena Alexander

No comment

Action Following Public Hearing:

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All licenses approved motioned by DiConzo and seconded by Theriault

Vote 4-0-1 (Sax)

1. Special Presentation or Award: Awards – Rumford Police Department
   1. Public Comment:
   2. Town Manager’s Report: Carter stated that he met with FEMA at the Parks Department. They came in to do a site inspection of the damage’s that took place. The three fields, Hosmer football field. They will also be looking at the 10 roads that were damaged in the storms on 12/18/23. This is a huge step forward. We have been working with insurance and getting things moved along.
   3. Department Heads and Committee Chairs: Roberts stated that spring clean up is on the way. We still have some lawns to fix after the snow was pushed up. Roberts stated that we have started looking into a salt/ sand shed. Town of New Gloucester stated that we could have their old Salt Shed, they will be donating it to the Town. We are working on estimates to see what it will cost to get the building torn town and put back up at the Town Garage.

Milligan stated with the recent solar eclipse we were really pleased everyone was appropriate and behaved, and we didn’t have to arrest anyone or significant incidents. We also have new radar signs that are actively collecting data. We have 3 signs that are in place on Route 2 to get people to slow down coming into town. On the solar eclipse day, the sign that is installed on Route 2 by Royal Ave counted 2,741 cars inbound to Rumford.

* 1. Select Board: DiConzo to remind people the election is coming up in June. Make sure to get out and vote. The most important thing to the Selectboard that the distance to find a Town Manager to change the range to live within an hour of the Municipal Building.

Sax stated that she received a call regarding the ATV access on Wyman Hill Road and Carter stated that we will be discussing that at the meeting tonight.

Brennick stated that the Community Clean up is this Saturday the 20th.

1. Update from RSU #10 Supt.

This year we have the most challenging time for budget season. The money we are receiving from the state is much less than in the previous year. As most of you know prices have gone up and also wages are going up. With prices continuing to grow and not receiving more money it is hard. The enrollment overall didn’t go down, but they took a average and it seems it has gone down slightly by maybe 20 students. The evaluations done in town have gone up and that contributes. Assessment sheet was given to the Selectpersons. The budget amount is being asked to raise a total of $34,580,000.00 that is 3.5% more than last year. We’re looking at a 3.9% budget however but that an assessment to the town that is overall 7.65%. Each town is a little different, some towns are very different. The Town of Rumford is up 8.06% based on the school budget.

On a good note the new school Mountain Valley Community School. They are putting the steel up and they have 5 wings called A, B, C, D, E. They also have foundations going in as well. They were able to work through the winter months and very excited to all the work that is getting done. We were told that the work is still on course. We are looking for December 2025 or January 2026 to open the building. The ceiling tiles that kids over several years have decorated we will be doing something with them once it becomes time. May 29th is the Annual Budget meeting at MVHS. On June 11th there will be a vote to validate the budget.

1. Discuss/Approve minutes from 4/04/2024

DiConzo motioned to approve and seconded by Pepin

Vote 5-0

1. Discuss/ Approve Warrant #44

DiConzo motioned to approve and seconded by Pepin

Vote 5-0

1. Discuss/Approve ATV Access Route Wyman Hill/S. Rumford RD

Brennick motioned and seconded by DiConzo to approve until June 20th, speed limit will be 25 mph signage.

Vote 5-0

1. Discuss/ Approve Redemption of Tax Acquired property 401 Blackberry Lane

Brennick motioned and DiConzo approved to redeem property with payment in full

Vote 5-0

1. Quarterly Update – Code Enforcement

Coulombe stated we have identified over 100 vacant structures, 20 apartments. Just sent out 60 letters today to owners. Apartment building inspection program to get the apartments inspected. We have not received any payments yet for the vacant building charges. Owners are aware that the fee needs to be paid. The planning board gave final approval for 9 Falmouth Street housing project. They gave final approve for wind turbines on South Twin Mountian. The old holy savoir school has gutted the interior building. They will be coming in to submit site plan review to Planning Board in the first of May or June. The Key Bank building the 2nd and 3rd floor is completely gutted they will also be coming to get final approve from the Planning Board.

Brennick stated to have Coulombe to come back in July with a review.

1. Discuss/ Approve Parks Dept Mower bid

DiConzo motioned to approve MTE in the amount of $47,993.40 and seconded by Theriault

Vote 5-0

1. Discuss/ Approve Parks Dept Tractor bid

DiConzo motioned to approve SR1 in the amount of $37,950.00 and seconded by Theriault

Vote 5-0

1. Appoint Ballot Clerks

DiConzo motioned to approve and seconded by Theriault

Vote 5-0

1. Discuss/ Approve Annual Memorial Day Parade 5/27/24 at 10:00 am

(American Legion Post 24)

DiConzo motioned to approve and seconded by Theriault

Vote 5-0

1. Discuss/ Approve Sewer abatement 10 South Backfield Rd

Brennick motioned to table until Vacant Building fee and seconded by DiConzo

Vote 5-0

1. Discuss/ Approve Design Services for Municipal Building window/door replacement

Carter stated that he did discuss with Dirigo Architect, his proposal quote is $20,500.00 which is start to finish. This may be a multiyear project.

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 7:20 pm and seconded by DiConzo

Vote 5-0

Exit 8:21 pm

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

Brennick motioned to enter session at 8:22 pm and seconded by DiConzo

Vote 4-1 (Theriault)

Exit 8:38 pm

1. Adjourn

Sax motioned to adjourn and seconded by Theriault

Vote 3-2 (Theriault + DiConzo)