TOWN OF RUMFORD

BOARD *of* SELECTPERSONS Minutes

September 7th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Rumford Falls Auditorium

5:30 p.m. Public Hearing on Sewer Rate Change

Brennick stated that currently for Sewer Rate we use a unit rate. The Town of Rumford is proposing a rate based on water usage and the connection between the amounts of sewerage that is being disposed of. We would go to a quarterly based system, and if you went above the minimum amount of water, set as a base the bill would be higher. The industrial sites will also be adjusted accordingly.

Carter spoke and stated the reason behind this is most communities in Maine use the amount of water usage rather than a unit rate. We want the citizens to pay a fair share and not a rate that may be above and beyond what they use. The Town of Rumford, Board of Selectpersons and with input from citizens we are trying to create a fair formula.

The Board has to work with a formula that will create revenue to cover costs enough from the sewer district, our own capital needs to maintain our sewer infrastructure and capital needs to improve or to add on to our sewer infrastructure. We have to determine the base rate. We will also need to determine so many cents per cubic feet over the amount of the base rate. We need to decide if we require deduct meters or abatements due to water use for pools, gardens, lawns. In regards to industrial business ND paper and Rumford Power Associates use a lot of water but ND paper does have their own sewer system. For instance Rumford Power Associates some of the water they use when they create power some of the water does evaporate, which means less is being discharged. We would require a meter so we are able to collect flow data.

This is 1 of 2 Public Hearings for the public to be able to give their opinion. Our next public hearing is on September 21st, at 6:00pm.

We will be setting the rate in February. We will be likely going from a semiannually bill to a quarterly bill.

Brennick closed Public Hearing at 5:52pm

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adopt Agenda –

Remove Item # 12 from the agenda.

DiConzo motioned and seconded by Brennick

Vote 5-0

1. Public Hearing: Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for LeParesseux Inc, (Snowshoe Club) 227 Waldo Street

No Comments

Action Following Public Hearing: Discuss / Approve: Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for LeParesseux Inc, (Snowshoe Club) 227 Waldo Street

DiConzo motioned to approve Liquor license and Special Amusement permit and seconded by Theriault

Vote 5-0

1. Special Presentation or Award:
   1. Public Comment:
   2. Town Manager’s Report

Carter stated that we are in the process of closing out Fiscal Year 2022-23. We will be using $4,342.09 out of contingency to cover an overage in heating costs at the Public works garage. We had put additional $20,000 in contingency for that purpose. The other facilities were fine.

We are getting close to reaching commitment and setting a Mil Rate. I’ll update you as we become ready.

The BID Ad is close to being finished to put out for wood harvest from the Town Poor Farm LOT to be completed this winter.

The Red Bridge project is close to starting. Tree removal and telephone pole work and moving lines. The temporary bridge will not be use until May next year.

* 1. Department Heads and Committee Chairs
  2. Select Board

Chris Brennick, Thanks the Town Manager, Frank DiConzo, and Theresa Sax for presenting the Boston Post Cane to Adelaide Davis at the Rumford Community Home.

1. Discuss/Approve minutes from 08-17-23

Theriault motioned to approve and seconded by DiConzo

Vote 5-0

1. Discuss/ Approve warrant #10

Theriault motioned to approve and seconded by Pepin

Vote 5-0

1. Discuss/ Approve November Warrant and Certification of Official Text to Amend Ordinances

DiConzo motioned to approve and seconded by Theriault

Vote 5-0

1. Discuss / Approve Fire Department Rescue Truck Purchase

This is a non-standard BID format due to it being a specialty. Carter stated that we have looked into new, used and refurbished vehicles and repairing what we have now.

Carter recommended Fire Rescue truck for $229,000 from Front Line out of Ontario, Canada.

Brennick motioned to approve and seconded by Sax

Vote 5-0

1. Discuss/Approve use of Cable Franchise money

Carter stated that we had an overage of $5,212.44 utilities. Carter stated we can use the money from cable franchise.

Brennick motioned to approve and seconded by DiConzo

Vote 5-0

1. Discuss / Approve Street closure for Eagle’s Club Annual Car show

Car show on September 30th 6 am – 6 pm – Oxford ave will be closed between Rumford Ave and Cumberland Street.

Theriault motioned to approve and seconded by DiConzo

Vote 5-0

1. Discuss / Approve putting out RFP for 35 Congress Street

Carter stated that are looking into putting out to RFP (Request for Proposal). If we don’t heat the building this winter, we are taking the chance of the water damage from frozen roof drains. George O’Keefe spoke and stated that an open ended RFP is the best option to see what opportunities can be established.

Brennick motioned to approve and seconded by DiConzo

Vote 5-0

1. Discussion /Action on Appointment to fill vacancy on Finance Board

DiConzo motioned to appointment Todd Papiano and seconded by Theriault

Vote 5-0

1. Adjourn

DiConzo motioned and seconded by Theriault at 7:09 pm

Vote 5-0