TOWN OF RUMFORD

BOARD *of* SELECTPERSONS Minutes

December 21th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Rumford Falls Auditorium

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

\*Taxi Cab License – Gloria Vinson –

Mom’s Taxi - 137 South Rumford Road

No Comment

\*Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit- Bonnie Gatchell

Gatch’s – 137 Rumford Ave

No Comment

Action Following Public Hearing:

\*Taxi Cab License – Gloria Vinson –

Mom’s Taxi - 137 South Rumford Road

Brennick motioned to approve and DiConzo seconded.

Vote 5-0

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Vote 5-0

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

Thank you to all our Town Department for the work they’ve done during this horrible disaster. Sad to report that we have many residents displaced, many with severe flood damage. Several businesses with flood damage. Crews worked extremely hard handling calls, providing emergency assistance, and conducting rescues. Our departments deserve recognition for that work. On top of that there are so many of our citizens that helped in every way possible and continue to do so. I met with the Red Cross today, had conversations with County and State Emergency Management. Help will continue to come. It’s easy to say but much harder to do. Be Patient. There is a lot of work to be done. Making sure the citizens that were affected to still put in a claim with the insurance company. We have had several towns help including Rangeley, Peru, Norway.

We have started to put out some dumpsters in affected areas to assist residents needing to clean out basements. I ask that you put household debris and damages property in the dumpsters except for metal and appliances.

Message from Oxford County EMA:

The Town needs to collect Private Citizens Primary Home Damage information by 9 am 12/27. This information is to be provided to FEMA to qualify for federal assistance. All Citizens with home insurance needs to make an insurance claim.

Hosmer field suffered significant damages, we do have flood insurance on the 3 buildings and some of the equipment. The walking trail is pretty much all gone.

The Swift River hit record high waters.

* 1. Department Heads and Committee Chairs: Roberts thanked all departments for all their hard work and dedication. Roberts stated that 5 pumping stations went down. Sunnyside temporarily fixed. The pumping stations on South Rumford to be fixed tomorrow. South Rumford washout worked on to include around natural gas pipeline. In the spring in South Rumford road, we will be replacing the culvert. Swasey and Knox will be helping with sand as our stockpile is running low.

Chief Milligan, Departments did phenomenal job. Shout out to Mike Arsenault, Great Job. Mon, Tues, Wed RPD 56 Calls, RF 66, MC 19 and 7 officers stranded.

Coulombe Code Enforcement: Approval of sub division at the Linnell project. The Solar Project behind Public Works. Key Bank is being developed for work force housing developments.

O’Keefe stated past 90 days of investment in real estate, been very busy. Holy Savior Sold and will be turned into assisted living. 132 Congress has also sold to become housing and street level will be business. We hosted the State Director for USDA.

* 1. Select Board: DiConzo, Happy Birthday to J. Theriault. Requesting no parking on Holyoke on 1 side, asking the board to consider. Also Thank you to all departments for the hard work.

Theriault stated Excellent fabulous job to all departments. We appreciate your hard work.

Sax stated the response from people in the town is amazing. Envision Rumford started a fund to help those in need.

Pepin stated Thank you to the 1st responders and Public Works, we are truly lucky to have people we have.

Brennick Thanked everyone. Lucky to have the community we have. The auditorium looks beautiful, and the festival of trees was wonderful.

1. Discuss/Approve minutes from 12/7/23

DiConzo motioned to approve and Theriault seconded.

Vote 5-0

1. Discuss/ Approve Warrant #26

DiConzo motioned to approve and Pepin seconded

Vote 5-0

1. Discuss/ Approve Lodging Market Study

Brennick motioned to approve and DiConzo seconded to go out to RFQ for market and lodging study

Vote 4-0-1 (Pepin)

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

Brennick motioned and DiConzo seconded

Out at 7:16pm

Vote 5-0

Brennick motioned and Theriault seconded to Accept Chiefs proposal on pay

Vote 5-0

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

Brennick motioned to enter session at 8:15pm and DiConzo seconded

Vote 5-0

Out at 8:38

1. Adjourn

Brennick motioned and Theriault seconded at 8:39 pm

Vote 5-0