

**WARRANT FOR
ANNUAL TOWN SECRET POLL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

STATE OF MAINE, COUNTY OF OXFORD

TO: Thomas Bourret, Constable of the Town of Rumford, in said County.

GREETINGS:

In the Name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Rumford, qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, to assemble and to vote by secret ballot in the MOUNTAIN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, 799 HANCOCK STREET in said Town, on Tuesday the 5th day of November AD, 2024 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., on the following Articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To elect six (6) Charter Commission members.

ARTICLE 2. Shall the Town approve the ORDINANCE Amendments, which amendments for adoption are on file with the Town Clerk's Office in the Filing Book as Nos. 2024-07 – 2024-10?

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

1. Shall the Town amend the Ordinance entitled "**Chapter 136 – HAWKING AND PEDDLING**", Filing Number 2024-07, as follows?

§ 136-1. License required.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person or organization to engage in the business of hawking or peddling goods, wares or merchandise, at retail, without first obtaining a license therefor from the Board of Selectpersons. A person or organization can apply for an annual license, a farmers' market license or a single-event license. In order to be granted a farmers' market license, the individual or organization applying for the farmers' market license must provide proof of being a member in good standing with the Maine Federation of Farmers' Markets.

An organization may apply for a festival event license, which will allow said organization holding a fund-raising event to have vendors on the street and sidewalks of Town for the event without requiring individual vendor licenses for each vendor during the event only. The organization shall be limited to four events in each calendar year. An organization applying for a festival event license is required to be qualified as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and must indicate on the application how the organization intends to use the proceeds from the festival in order for a license to be approved by the Board of Selectpersons.

YES
NO

2. Shall the Town amend the Ordinance entitled “**Chapter 256 – VACANT PROPERTY**”, Filing Number 2024-08, as follows?

§ 256-2. Definitions.

- A. If a term is not defined in this chapter, it shall have its customary dictionary meaning.

- B. For the purpose of interpreting this chapter, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have following meanings:

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY – A property that has been used primarily for a business that operates with the main motive of gaining profit.

ELDERLY RESIDENT – A person age 65 years of age or older.

INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY – A property that has been primarily used for manufacturing or production, such as factories, power plants and refineries.

OWNER — Any person, agent, firm, corporation or other legal entity having a legal or equitable interest in a vacant building, including but not limited to a mortgagee in possession, the beneficiary of a trust, or the holder of a life estate.

PROPERTY MANAGER — A Maine-based entity, corporation, or individual or the designee of the owner that is responsible for maintaining, securing, and inspecting vacant buildings.

RECENTLY DECEASED PROPERTY RESIDENT – A resident property owner who has been deceased for less than 9 months.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY— A property that has been used primarily for housing or a living space, such as single-family homes, condominiums, duplexes, townhouses, multifamily residences, apartment complexes, nursing homes and retirement homes.

SEASONAL LIVING ARRANGEMENT – Applies to persons who live a minimum of four (4) months of the year in the Town and the rest of the year in another location.

VACANT BUILDING — Any building or other structure that is unoccupied and/or unmaintained for 60 days or more or is found to be occupied by any unauthorized persons. Buildings owned by parties identified in § 256-1C above are not included in this definition.

§ 256-3. Applicability.

- A. This chapter applies to all vacant residential, commercial and industrial buildings located within the Town of Rumford.

- B. Notwithstanding any portion of this chapter, this chapter does not apply to primary residences of members of the armed forces on active duty, or residences of persons, who are on extended vacations, who are recently deceased or who are in a seasonal living arrangements with the intention to make use of the property, unless the property is not maintained to the maintenance standard in § 256-7.

YES

NO

3. Shall the Town amend the Ordinance entitled “**Chapter 83 – BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS**”, Filing Number 2024-09, as follows?

§ 83-8. Events in the Rumford Falls Auditorium.

The Board of Selectpersons is authorized to hold events in the Rumford Falls Auditorium at which alcohol is served or sold so long as all the proper licenses or permits are obtained pursuant to Maine State Law. The Board of Selectpersons is authorized to hire independent contractors to provide food and alcohol at events so long as all required permits and licenses have been obtained by the independent contractor and the independent contractor provides proof of liability insurance for the event with the minimum coverage required by the Board of Selectpersons and with the inclusion of the Town of Rumford as a co-insured.

§ 83-~~89~~. Multiyear contracts.

YES

NO

4. Shall the Town amend the Ordinance entitled “**Chapter 49 – MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND TOWN OFFICES**”, Filing Number 2024-10, as follows?

§ 49-3. Rental of auditorium.

The auditorium of the Municipal Building may be made available for private use for such fee and under such conditions and stipulations as the Board of Selectpersons shall determine. No alcohol may be served at an event in the auditorium without a valid catering permit for the event being properly obtained and without the person or organization applying to rent the auditorium at which alcohol is intended to be served providing proof of liability insurance for the event with the minimum of insurance coverage required by the Board of Selectpersons and including the Town of Rumford as a co-insured.

YES

NO

Notice is hereby given that the Voter Registration Office will be open during business hours at the Municipal Building from October 28 – November 1, 2024 and November 4 – 5, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to hear and decide upon applications of persons claiming the right to have their names entered upon the voting lists. The law requires all persons to show proof of identity and residency at the time of registration. The law also requires that when a voter's address changes, the voter must notify the registration office of such change. The LAST DAY TO REQUEST absentee ballots will be October 31, 2024 and all ballots requested MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER than November 5, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.

Approved as to form and legality:



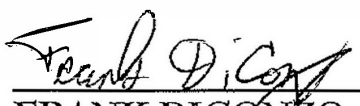
JENNIFER F. KRECKEL, Town Attorney
Town of Rumford, Maine

Given unto our hand this 5th day of September, 2024.

BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS of Rumford, Maine




CHRISTOPHER BRENNICK, Chairperson



FRANK DICONZO, Vice-Chairperson



JAMES THERIAULT, Selectperson



JOHN PEPIN, SR., Selectperson



THERESA SAX, Selectperson

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BETH BELLEGARDE, TOWN CLERK
Town of Rumford, Maine