

TOWN OF RUMFORD
BOARD of SELECTPERSONS Minutes

August 1st, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Rumford Falls Auditorium

5:30 p.m. Public Hearing for Rumford Sewer Rate

O'Keefe stated that the base rate will be \$600. The base rate of \$600 is based on 1200 cubic feet per water per quarter. If your usage is 1200 cubic feet or below your bill will be \$600 for the year. If the base rate is set at \$600 for the year your remaining sewer bill will be \$150.00 per quarter.

Public Questions: Robert Cameron lives at 358 South Rumford Road: I understand that the prices of everything are going up. I do not have a water that comes to my house. You cannot tell how much water I am using.

O'Keefe did state that if you do not have a connection with the Rumford Water District you get billed the flat rate only. There are provisions in the ordinance looking at private wells. O'Keefe stated that the meter may be required to be able to get an accurate reading.

Lenny Mckenna: How did they determine that 1200 Cubic feet is the minimum.

O'Keefe stated that is based on existing practice and other sewer districts that are run by other towns in the state for municipalities. It is also based on water usage by 1-2 people. O'Keefe stated that the Town will be purchasing Deduct meters for residents to purchase to attach to their outside garden house so if they are watering gardens, pools, washing driveways.

Deb Caudero lives on South Rumford Road. Deb stated that she has lived here for 6 years, and her tax bill has gone up 32%. O'Keefe did say that she would only pay the minimum of \$600.

Jeremy Vashaw asked how many gallons 1200 Cubic feet? O'Keefe stated that is roughly about 8000 gallons.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adopt Agenda: Brennick motioned to ad 21 & 22 to the agenda and seconded by DiConzo
Vote 5-0

4. Public Hearing:

Festival Event License: Recovery Block Party (Larry Labonte Recovery Center) – Date August 24, 2024 – Location: 412 Waldo Street Time: 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Action Following Public Hearing:

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Pepin motioned to approve and seconded by DiConzo
Vote 5-0

5. Special Presentation or Award

6.

a. Public Comment

b. Town Manager's Report: Continued progress from the disaster back in December 2023. We do have on going conversations with FEMA, regarding the potential major flood control project in our community that will help the upstream vulnerability of the Virginia neighborhood, South Rumford Road and up on Route 2.

c. Department Heads and Committee Chairs: Chief Reed provided the Select person with data regarding the addition of 4 firefighters.

Chief Tony Milligan spoke and stated there have been questions on the postings that have been made on our Police Department Facebook page regarding final disposition from cases.

Richard Coulombe Code Enforcement Officer heads up on some of the projects going on. Hancock street is mostly cleared out they will be working on the foundation in a week or so. The Old Holy Savior School that is ready go they are waiting for the construction permit from the State Fire Marshall. I will also be meeting with the homeowners at Swain Brook apartments and meeting with 240 Pine Street next week.

Economic Development George O'Keefe stated that if you would like to apply for the new Rumford Senior Housing on Hancock Street the application will be available in the Town Manager's Office even though the building will not be ready for about 12 months.

d. Select Board: DiConzo stated that the Charter Commission was approved. You may have seen we have posted we are looking for 3 appointed positions and 6 elected positions. We have ballots available with the Town Clerk.

Brennick stated to encourage everyone in the community to join us for the Community Policing August 15th at 5:30 pm.

7. Discuss/Approve Sewer Assessment Change and Proposed Sewer Rate

Sewer Rate \$600 per Unit and 12.5 cents per 1200 Cubic Feet

Brennick motioned to approve and seconded by DiConzo
Vote 5-0

8. Discuss/Approve Proposed Sewer Abatement Policy and Use of Deduct Meters

DiConzo motioned to table until the next meeting 8/15/24 and seconded by Theriault
Vote 5-0

9. Discuss/Approve Sewer Minimum Rate (water off at the street)

DiConzo motioned to table until the next meeting 8/15/24 and seconded by Theriault
Vote 5-0

10. Discuss/Approve Minutes from July 11, 2024 & July 18, 2024

DiConzo motioned to approve and seconded by Pepin
Vote 5-0

11. Discuss/Approve Warrant #5

Brennick motioned to approve and seconded by Theriault
Vote 5-0

12. Discuss/Approve Request of Street closure of Oxford Avenue from Cumberland Street to Byron Street on August 17th, 2024, from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. by Rumford Falls Eagles 1248 for Annual Car Show Benefiting Bennett Breast Cancer Center

Theriault motioned to approve and seconded by DiConzo
Vote 5-0

13. Discuss/Approve Police Department Purchase of Radar Speed Signs

DiConzo motioned to table, put on the next agenda for discussion and seconded by Sax
Vote 5-0

14. Discuss/Approve Bids for New Police Vehicle

2023 Left Over Ford F150 Police Responder - Quirk in Augusta \$46,644.00

Brennick motioned to approve and Theriault
Vote 5-0

15. Discuss Additional Stop Signs (Free Street & Virgin Street) (Essex & Waldo)

Brennick motioned to leaving the stop sign situation as is for now for Free Street & Virgin Street and seconded by Theriault
Vote 4-0-1

Brennick motioned to approve 4-Way Stop at Essex & Waldo and seconded by DiConzo
Vote 5-0

16. Discuss acquisition of Used Sidewalk Plow for Public Works

DiConzo motioned to approve the \$90,590.00 and seconded by Pepin
Vote 5-0

17. Discuss/Approve Bids for Code Enforcement Truck

DiConzo motioned to table and move to the August 15th Board of Selectperson meeting
and seconded by Sax
Vote 4-1

18. Discuss/Approve Extension Option Agreement for Linnell Motel Site & 9 Falmouth Street

Brennick motioned to approve extension till Dec 31st, 2024 and seconded by DiConzo
Vote 5-0

19. Discuss/Approve Upgrade from 35 to 40 hours for Nonexempt Town Hall Staff, Retroactive to July 22nd, 2024

Brennick motioned to approve and seconded by DiConzo
Vote 5-0

20. Discuss/Approve Med Care Board Appointment (1-Year Unexpired Term)

Brennick motioned to appoint Frank DiConzo and seconded by Sax
Vote 5-0

21. Discuss/Approve Local Health Officer Appointment (3-Year Term)

Chris motioned to appoint David Saphire and seconded by Theriault
Vote 5-0

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

Brennick motioned to enter session and DiConzo seconded
Vote 5-0
Exit session at 8:08 pm

23. Executive Session Legal Counsel (1 MRS 405(6)(E))

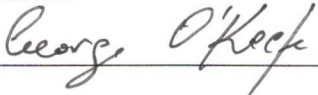
Brennick motioned to enter session and seconded by DiConzo
Vote 5-0
Exit session at 8:45 pm

24. Adjourn

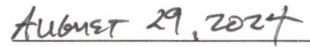
Brennick motioned to adjourn at 8:46 pm and seconded by Sax

Vote 5-0

For Approval By the Select Board and in accordance with Article XVIII, §3(3) of the Town Charter.



George O'Keefe
Town Manager



Date