TOWN OF RUMFORD

BOARD of SELECT PERSONS Minutes

September 5th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Rumford Falls Auditorium

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

Action Following Public Hearing

Special Presentation or Award: Boston Post Cane Irene Poirier

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- a. Public Comment
- b. Town Manager's Report: O'Keefe stated that he attended a meeting today discussing the supplemental tax bill we received from Oxford County. O'Keefe is pleased to announce that they will reconsider the supplemental tax bill to the Town of Rumford and all the other municipalities in Oxford County.
- c. Department Heads and Committee Chairs: Roberts stated that the sidewalk has been dug out on Hanock Street by MVV, it will be in the week of the 16th to get the curb town. Lincoln Ave, Penobscot Street and Somerset Street have been paved. They are working on the aprons to the driveways. The guard rail on canal street has been pulled out, once we get our mower back, we will get that mowed. We had a forced main break up on Route 2, which we were able to fix. We are working on pumping stations and cross walks. We have replaced some of the decking at the information booth. The heating system at the garage is up and running Community Energy did a great job.

Coulombe stated he connected the asbestos company he will be calling me back with a date to go up to 240 Pine Street and get some samples from the building. We have several projects that are starting to begin. Been working with any complaints that come in.

- d. Select Board: O'Keefe Economic Development, we are excited to see construction starting at 101 Hancock Street.
 Brennick stated next Wednesday at 5:30 pm we have a workshop for the RES Conversion
- 7. Discuss/Approve minutes from August 1st, 2024 and August 12th, 2024 DiConzo motioned to approve and seconded by \$ax Vote 5-0

8. Discuss/ Approve Warrant #10

Theriault motioned to approve and seconded by Vote 5-0

Sax

9. Discuss/Approve November 5th, 2024, Municipal Election Warrant Brennick motioned to approve and seconded by DiConzo Vote 5-0

10. Update from Black Mountain of Maine regarding Federal Grant

We received 2 grants this past season. One was from Northern Boarder Regional Commission Grant \$483,000.00, which we are able to purchase 14 Tower Guns, which will make it so we are able to have top to bottom snow making early in the season. The second grant was from Congressional Direct Spending Grant in the amount of \$775,000.00. Which will allow us to enhance the snow making system and double the size of the water pond. We will be building a new pump to be able to push more water and be able to make it to the top of the mountain. We will also be running more power to the top of the mountain as well. We are hoping to be open on December 15th.

- 11. Discuss/Approve Revised Sewer Abatement Policy and Use of Deduct Meter Brennick motioned to approve and seconded by Sax Vote 5-0
- 12. Discuss/Approve Sewer Minimum Rate (water off at the street)

 Brennick motioned to approve \$100.00 per quarter and seconded by Theriault Vote 3-2
- 13. Discuss/Approve Sewer Foreclosure Process
 Brennick motioned to table and seconded by DiConzo
 Vote 5-0
- 14. Discuss/Approve Pay Adjustment for Acting Finance Director
 Brennick motioned to approve a temporary pay adjustment of \$33.65 and seconded by DiConzo
 Vote 5-0
- 15. Discuss Infant Safe Shelter and Reception Station

 Brennick motioned to table until September 19th and seconded by DiConzo Vote 5-0
- 16. Discuss/Approve Appointment of Jennifer Blodgett as Voter Registrar

 Brennick motioned to table until we get an employment background to September 19th and seconded Theriault

Vote 5-0

17. Discuss/Approve Appointment of Angie Arsenault as Republican Election Clerk

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

- 18. Discuss Funding for Landscape Plan at New Fire Station
- 19. Discuss/Approve Parade Permit for Mountain Valley High School Sept. 27th at 5:00 pm From MVHS, proceeding southerly on Hancock St, then left onto Oxford Ave, left onto Waldo St. Continuing across Lincoln Ave and terminating at the intersection of Strafford Ave/ Waldo St. Participants will then disburse to Hosmer Field.

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

20. Discuss/Approve Rumford Falls Eagles 1248 to extend their Liquor License to their fenced in parking lot for Member Appreciation Day, for said day September 14th, 2024

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

21. Discuss/Approve Mutual Aid Agreement between the Rumford Police Department and Oxford County Sheriff's Office

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

22. Discuss/Approve Finding of Completeness for Ground Water Extraction Permit Applications

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

23. Discuss/Approve Additional Safety Signage at Intersection of Free Street and Virgin Street

Brennick motioned to approve adding additional signage and seconded by DiConzo

Vote 5-0

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

Brennick motioned to enter session at 8:02 pm and seconded by DiConzo Vote 5-0

Exit Session at 8:19 pm

25. Executive Session Economic Development (1 MRS§405(6)(C))

Brennick motioned to enter session at 9:15 pm and seconded by DiConzo Vote 5-0

Exit session at 9:36 pm

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

Brennick motioned to enter session at 8:19 pm and seconded by DiConzo Vote 5-0

Exit Session at 8:46 pm

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

Brennick motioned to enter session at 8:46 pm and seconded by DiConzo Vote 5-0

Exit Session at 9:14 pm

28. Adjourn

Brennick motioned to adjourn and seconded by DiConzo

Vote 5-0

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

Charter.

George OKeefe

Town Manager

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