

TOWN OF RUMFORD  
BOARD of SELECT PERSONS Minutes

November 07<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Rumford Falls Auditorium

6:00 p.m. Jury Room - Executive Session for Personnel (1 MRS§405(6)(A))

Brennick motioned to enter session at 5:56 pm and seconded by DiConzo  
Vote 5-0

Exit Session at 6:28 pm

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

Brennick motioned to add 10A. Pole Permit on River Street and seconded by  
DiConzo  
Vote 5-0

Brennick motioned to add 10B. Warrant for Special Town meeting and seconded by  
DiConzo  
Vote 5-0

4. Public Hearing:

Taxicab License - Peg's Taxi Co. - 242 Waldo Street - Michael Marston II  
Action Following Public Hearing:

Taxicab License - Peg's Taxi Co. - 242 Waldo Street - Michael Marston II

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

5. Special Presentation or Award

6.

- a. Public Comment
- b. Town Manager's Report: We are thankful to be here today and grateful that all of our personnel are safe, my heart goes out to the victims that were involved. I am very thankful for our community and to all of our election poll workers for their hard work during the election on Tuesday. I would also like to thank the Select board and Assessing board for hard work and understanding that we got through setting the Mil Rate.

c. Department Heads and Committee Chairs: Update from Code Enforcement: Coulombe stated he has issued 4 new building permits for homes. We have been reviewing the structures for 9 Falmouth. I have also received the plans for the Linnell Motel Site. I have been working on a couple complaints weekly at 101 Hancock. On 240 Pine Street we received no bids, but with the Boards permission we would like to go back out to bid to be transparent. Chief Milligan would like to take a moment to express to those agencies that responded to the critical incident on Route 232. That was the Oxford County Sheriff's Office, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Wilton Police Department, Norway Police Department, Paris Police Department, Maine Warden Service, Maine State Police including Road Troopers, Tactical Team, and Negotiation Team, Rumford Fire, Mexico Fire, Peru Fire, Andover Fire, Dixfield Fire, and Jay Fire department as well as Med-Care. We also want to thank Rumford Public Works for direct traffic and roadblocks. We also thank the Maine Fire Marshalls Office.

O'Keefe stated that he went to the meeting with AVCOG Housing. The Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority will be having a meeting here at the Town Hall on November 21<sup>st</sup> to see how we do things here in our community.

d. Select Board: DiConzo stated he would like to mimic what O'Keefe stated when it came to the Elections, everyone worked very hard. DiConzo stated that the amount of people registered to vote that day was total chaos. Something will need to be done in the future as we ran out of registration cards and thankfully Town of Mexico was nice enough to allow us to have some from them.

Brennick also thanked everyone that put in the hard work at the Elections.

7. Discuss/Approve minutes from October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, and October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

DiConzo motioned to approve and seconded by Theriault

Vote 5-0

8. Discuss/Approve Warrant #19

DiConzo motioned to approve and seconded by Theriault

Vote 5-0

9. Discuss/Approve Sewer User and Abatement Policy

DiConzo motioned to approve and seconded by Sax

Vote 5-0

10. Discuss/Approve Lease Purchase of Grader for Public Works

Brennick motioned to approve and seconded by DiConzo

Vote 5-0

10A. Pole Permit on River Street

Intersection of Bridge Street and River Street

Brennick motioned to approve and seconded by DiConzo

Vote 5-0

10B. Warrant for Special Town meeting

Special Town Meeting Thursday October 21<sup>st</sup>

1. To see if the Town will authorize an easement for 60 Lowell Street LLC, from Hartford down to 150 & 154 Congress Street to allow the installation of Geothermal Wells on the condition that it will not impair the public's ability to use Lowell Street & parts of the parking lot under terms and conditions of the Select Board.
2. To construct to appropriate \$275,000 from Capital accounts to replace the building at Parks Department next to the skating rink.

Pepin motioned to approve and seconded by DiConzo

Vote 5-0

11. Discuss/Approve Dialogue with Town of Mexico for Police Pricing

To initiate negotiations with the Town of Mexico inquiry from the Town of Mexico for a proposal.

DiConzo motioned to approve and seconded by Theriault

Vote 5-0

12. Discuss/Approve Agreement for Services with the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society

Brennick motioned to approve and seconded by Theriault

Vote 5-0

13. Discuss/Approve Termination of January 8, 1915, Agreement Between Rumford Falls Village Corporation and Rumford & Mexico Water District

Chief Reed stated this agreement was signed in 1915 over 109 years ago. At present we have over 200 hydrants. I have called several surrounding towns (Dixfield, Mexico, Jay, Farmington, Winthrop), and their water district keeps the Hydrants clean during the winter. We pay \$355,000 per year to the water district. When our Fire Department shovels the hydrants, we end up paying overtime.

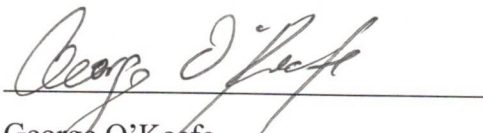
Brennick motioned to request Water Flow & a workshop with the Water District to have a discussion and seconded by DiConzo

Vote 5-0

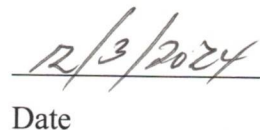


14. Discuss/Approve Requesting 5K Road Race to Benefit American Legion Post 24 Roof Project (Kelly DeRouche)  
DiConzo motioned to approve subject to PD approval for December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and seconded by Theriault  
Vote 5-0
15. Discuss/Approve Game of Chance and Bingo “Blanket Letter of Approval” for January 1, 2025 thru December 31, 2025 for the following:  
Fraternal Order of Eagles #1248  
Le Paresseux Inc/Snowshoe Club  
American Legion Post #24  
VFW Rumford #1641  
  
Pepin motioned to approve Blanket Letter and seconded by Sax  
Vote 5-0
16. Discuss/Approve Town Fuel Bid  
DiConzo motioned to approve Community Energy and seconded by Brennick  
Vote 5-0
17. Discuss/Approve RFP for Contracted Grant Management  
DiConzo motioned to approve to go out for a RFP and seconded by Pepin  
Vote 5-0
18. Executive Session Legal (1 MRS§ 405(6)(E))  
Brennick motioned to enter session at 7:52 pm and seconded by DiConzo  
Vote 5-0  
  
Exit Session at 8:59 pm
19. Adjourn  
Brennick motioned to adjourn at 8:59 pm and seconded by Theriault  
Vote 4-1

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



George O'Keefe  
Town Manager

  
Date