TOWN OF Rumford

BOARD *of* SELECT PERSONS Minutes
October 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance

Adopt Agenda: Brennick motioned to add 9a. Discuss/Approve Hosmer Field Lease Agreement and seconded by Capponi
Vote 4-0
Theriault motioned to add 12a. Discuss/Approve Offer for 605 Washington Street and seconded by Pepin
Vote 3-0-1
Theriault motioned to add 12b. Discuss/Approve Offer for 547 Knox Street and seconded by Brennick
Vote 4-0
Brennick motioned to add 12c. Discuss/Approve Appointment of CDBG Advisory Committee and seconded by Theriault
Vote 4-0

3. Public Hearing:

4a. Rules and Regulations for the Disposal and Collection of Solid Waste Material

Several citizens spoke about the trash collection and concerns. Sheri Gallant spoke stating she has been here since the 70's. She feels this is crazy and the current contract is bamboozled and not consistent. Ms. Gallant asked when we are going to educate the citizens about this new process. She also asked whom will be enforcing the compliance of these toters.

O'Keefe stated that there will be another option for smaller containers for individuals that are unable to use the 96-gallon trash can. Ms. Gallant really has concerns about recycling and if we can educate the citizen further on recycling and give confidence back that recycling is a great thing.

Citizen spoke that lives on High Street, he has 3 trash cans, and he has concerns that the size of the toter will not fit all his house trash. O'Keefe clarified that the 64-gallon toter was originally thought that what we were getting but Archie's brought us a 96-gallon toter. Brennick stated there has been a lot of concern only receiving one trash toter and not being able to purchase another one. O'Keefe stated we can make an exception with a letter from the citizen regarding why they may need another trash toter. Citizen spoke that his recycling has been a huge issue and they put out the recycling and they are not collecting it.

Craig Zurhorst spoke and gave the selectboard a written copy of his concerns and spoke regarding the concern of built up or maybe move to 2 days a week for collection. He also asked will Archie's be responsible for blown trash or if one tips over what will they do.

Bouchard Gagnon lives on Coburn Brook Road has concerns as they are on the not maintained end of the road. She also stated that she is unable to fit that trash toter in either of her vehicles.

Amy Bernard spoke asking if this is a regulation and asked where do we get the authority to do

this and O'Keefe stated that we are allowed to under the Charter Solid Waste. Citizen lives in the Viriginia section, and she has neighbors that she can guarantee that they will use these toters. We have animal issues in our area that constantly get into the trash.

Citizen spoke regarding having concerns about the size of the toter, but he will probably need a smaller bin and O'Keefe stated that we can get a smaller size. Dale Roberts stated that his major concern is the size of these toters for the elderly, and he also stated we will have issues with them in the wintertime. Brennick has concerns regarding the number of bins they have, education for the residents, and if we have enough time to launch this. Pepin asked how we will be able to get the education to the citizens. O'Keefe stated that we can do a post card to each citizens residence to help with education. Capponi asked if we could send something out with either tax bills or sewer bills. Pepin stated we should also send a copy of the ordinance as well. Theriault feels there is a lot of changes we need to make regarding this process and delay another month so we can get more clarification. Brennick stated that he feels that he is not comfortable at this point to put this out for approval and suggested waiting to March or April.

Capponi mentioned that they look better and uniform and don't look like trash.

Action Following Public Hearing:

4a. Rules and Regulations for the Disposal and Collection of Solid Waste Material
Brennick motioned to table till the next meeting and seconded by Theriault
Vote 4-0

4. Special Presentation or Award:
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   a. Public Comment: Citizen regarding spoke his concern observed 3 men looking into the woods and moving along Swain Road. They were apart of the ATV club, looking for a new trail. The citizen was surprised that this was news to him. He stated that there are alot of large trees and has concerns on where the new trail head will be. He is looking for more information. The men that were walking around were very short with him and not sharing any information.
   Mariya Gorham spoke regarding the concern of ATV's traveling where they shouldn't be. They are driving up Rumford Avenue and also up Plymouth Avenue down to Spruce street. I feel we need more signage or something to show they do not have access.
   b. Town Manager's Report: O'Keefe acknowledged the concerns with ATV's and making sure we get the proper signage. O'Keefe stated we will continue to answer any questions regarding the changes with the trash. If any citizen does not get there trash collected by Archie's to please call the town hall so we can report it and add to the log.
   c. Department Heads and Committee Chairs: Roberts spoke that the first coat of hottop is done on Spruce Street. They are working and finishing up the sidewalks and the lawn behind the curbing. Winter sand is almost done and will be done on Monday. The sidewalk on Maine avenue will be started next week and then we will be headed to Rumford Center to start that sidewalk. The flower pots and benches will be collected in a couple weeks before snow comes. Roberts stated that he talked with Chief Milligan on getting buckets for the Sand for Elderly's this winter, we want to make sure we have what we need. Roberts also brought it up about he Winter parking ban that we need to get notification out sooner than last year. Roberts suggested starting it November 1st, and we can give people warnings first.
   d. Select Board

6. Discuss/Approve Warrant #21 & #22
   Capponi motioned to approve and seconded by Theriault
   Vote 4-0

7. Discuss/Approve Minutes from October 1, 2026
   Brennick motioned to approve minutes and seconded by Capponi
   Vote 3-0-1

8. Update from RSU #10 Superintendent on Nezinscot Region Withdrawal
   Matt Gilbert spoke regarding the withdrawal.

9a. Discuss/Approve Hosmer Field Lease Agreement
   Theriault motioned to approve and seconded by Pepin
   Vote 3-0-1

9. Discuss/Approve Offer for 6 Erchles Street
   Brennick motioned to accept the offer for $20,000.00 and seconded by Theriault, with the Town Manager authorized to sign the deed on behalf of the Town.
   Vote 4-0

10. Discuss/Approve Offer for 103 Washington Street
    Brennick motioned to accept the offer of $20,000.00 and seconded by Capponi, with the Town Manager authorized to sign the deed on behalf of the Town.
    Vote 4-0

11. Discuss/Approve Offer for 119 Washington Street
    Brennick motioned to accept the offer of $75,000.00 Shawn Austin and seconded by Theriault, with the Town Manager authorized to sign the deed on behalf of the Town.
    Vote 4-0

12a. Discuss/Approve Offer for 605 Waldo Street
    Theriault motioned to accept the extension to Demolish by May 31st and accept offer and seconded by Capponi, with the Town Manager authorized to sign the deed on behalf of the Town.
    Vote 3-0-1

12b. Discuss/Approve Offer for 547 Waldo Street
    Brennick motioned to move to the last agenda item and seconded by Capponi

12c. Discuss/Approve Appointment of CDBG Advisory Committee
    Brennick motioned to appoint Frank DiConzo and to allow George to appoint other members and seconded by Theriault
    Vote 4-0

12. Discuss/Approve Capital Purchase TruNarc Delta Analyzer (CDS Grant – Collins)
    Pepin motioned to approve 13, 14, 15 items and seconded by Brennick
    Vote 4-0

13. Discuss/Approve Capital Purchase Rifles, Pistols and Accessories (CDS Grant – Collins)
Pepin motioned to approve 13, 14, 15 items and seconded by Brennick
Vote 4-0

14. Discuss/Approve Capital Purchase VR Training Bundle, Cruiser Cameras, Body Cameras, and Tasers (CDS Grant – Collins)
Pepin motioned to approve 13, 14, 15 items and seconded by Brennick
Vote 4-0

15. Discuss/Approve Elimination of No Parking Zone from Linnell Street to 696/694 Crescent Avenue
Brennick motioned to remove the no parking zones and seconded by Theriault
Vote 4-0

16. Executive Session for Personnel Matters (1 MRS §405(6)(A))
Brennick motioned to enter session at 7:52 pm and seconded by Theriault
Vote 4-0

Exit Session at 8:12 pm

17. Executive Session for Labor Negotiations (1 MRS§405(6)(D))
Brennick motioned to enter session at 8:13 pm and seconded by Theriault
Vote 4-0

Exit Session at 8:29 pm

18. Executive Session for Legal Counsel (1 MRS §405(6)(E))
Brennick motioned to enter session at 8:30 pm and seconded by Capponi
Vote 4-0

Exit Session at 8:33 pm

19. Executive Session for Real Estate (1 MRS §405(6)(C))
Brennick motioned to enter session at 8:34 pm and seconded by Theriault
Vote 4-0
Exit Session at 8:37 pm

12b. Brennick motioned to Accept Offer in the amount of $7,000 for 547 Waldo Street and seconded by Capponi, with the Town Manager authorized to sign the deed on behalf of the Town.
Vote 4-0

20. Executive Session for Economic Development (1 MRS §405(6)(C))
Brennick motioned to enter session at 8:38 pm and seconded by Pepin
Vote 4-0

Exit Session at 9:05 pm

21. Adjourn
    Brennick motioned to adjourn and seconded by Pepin
    Vote 3-1

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

George O'Keefe
Town Manager

OCT 19, 2026
Date