**Agenda items (DRAFT)**

Welcome: Randy Therrien

Treasurer’s Report: Charlotte Davis
 -$1,000 pending from Bangor Savings Bank – Please spread votes, one vote per person.
 -Approx $0 +/- will be donated to Gazebo from Festival of Trees.
 -Randy will look into another $500 from Key Bank Donation.

Update on recent events and activities:

       Timeline for replacement of sidewalks and water and sewer pipes in the downtown (Jim? Jen?)
 -Bernie: Town says they are not yet prepared to give out starting dates. Said town has not received bids back yet from contractors, Hoping for a May start.
 -Jenn: Adds will not be entire island, but project will go forward.

       Roof Drain Ordinance (Jen?)
 -Building owners must link into new storm drain system.
 -Owners will need a building permit.
 -Jack’s concern: If storm drains are fixed, will allow X amounts of water into rivers, could potentially cause a flood during rain/melting season.
 -Mia/Jenn will look into loans for business owners to assist in projects.

        Construction Committee (?) need volunteers - Currently have: Kris Howes, Randy Therrien, Jack and Charlotte Davis and Jenn Kreckel

      Bandstand/Gazeebo in Veteran’s Park – Bernie Pare
 -End of April, Beginning of May, ground permitting.
 -Commit to be done by Memorial Day.
 -Bernie’s insurance requires a $250 binder to cover up to 10 children under 18. Up to 4 volunteers.

* + Historic District application progress – (Jen?)
	 -Jen: Proposes to combine celebration with gazebo event/parade.
	 -Changes were to take off Hotel Rumford and Davis Florist, not contributing.
	 -Important to get downtown as Historic District, great for Rumford advertising, bringing new businesses to town, investors into building, etc.
	 -Mia drew up a form letter, will send to Randy for distribution.
	 Brian, Tax credits: Building developer doing repairs need to be done with materials from time of Historical building. Tax funds go into those materials & development, as they can be very costly.

        Military Band Request – Randy Therrien
 -195th army guard band, 30 people in band. Might drop to 6/7. Spoke with American Legion about Memorial Day parade,
 invite band to play at gazebo kickoff. If not Memorial Day, then last week in June
 leading up to 4th of July.

     Collaboration among groups and organizations in Rumford – Randy Therrien
 -Working with Chamber of Commerce, After Hours meeting about community resources at American Legion. With all town groups, ER, Chamber, Rotary, RVHCC, Black Mt, Etc.
 -Each group representatives speaking about resources, advertising, activities, challenges, areas of opportunity.
 -Date Pending, End of March. (Tues, March 28th, Tentative)
 -ER: Speak about Lumber Jack Festival

        Mission Statement – open discussion
 -Bernie: Steve Casey from Verizon, emailed about Mission statement, being leader of the greater River Valley. ER’s statement, focuses on smaller area, such as the island.
 -Jenn: Says we cannot change mission statement, without changing bylaws, mdf requirements, etc

        Bangor Saving Bank Grant – voting update and open discussion. 4 days left.
 -See above

Upcoming events:

          Chamber Easter Egg Hunt – Little Kids Only this year (age 6 and under)

         Other events??

 -Mia has event on next Wednesday, March 1st, Rumford Area Broadband Internet Community Meeting.
 -leading towards a planning grant for 3 ring binder in multiple towns, for super high speed internet.

-Jenn proposes to put an ad in the River Valley Guide, deadline is close. Approx $250.
 -Jenn makes motion to purchase ads, Bernie 2nd, All in favor.

New Businesses Update– Jim Rinaldo

         LNG Update (?)

         New Businesses or Initiatives on the Island

Discussion of EnvisionRumford Social Media sites/pages

         Funds and balances to pay for website. - (Charlotte?)

         Use, Content and Management of Social Media outlets (Kris?)

               New Business/Suggestions

       Website: Needs to be updates, suggestions for rotating news & info regarding Historic district.
 -Kris & Randy meet about Newsletter.
 -Suggested each person in ER to write a newsletter, Lise Kiem will write one also
 -Feature different businesses, send out questioner to business & rotate monthly or bi-weekly.