

RUMFORD-MEXICO SEWERAGE DISTRICT
TRUSTEE MEETING
January 7, 2026

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Gautreau at 5:55 PM.
2. Board members present: Supt. Arsenault, Assistant Supt. Desroches, Blais, Palmer, Robinson, Gautreau, Stewart, Flynn. Absent: Daigle
3. Previous Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Stewart, seconded by Robinson to accept the minutes of December 3, 2025, as written. Motion passed.

Personnel:

- a. Managerial Role: Motion by Flynn, seconded by Palmer to make Matt Desroches the Superintendent. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Motion by Robinson, seconded by Flynn to make Roland Arsenault the Rumford-Mexico Sewerage District General Manager. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Finance:
 - a. Septage: Received \$6,612.50 in December with a year to date of \$200,686.25.
 - b. Current Operating Budget: The budget is looking good. Sludge disposal is under budget. Rumford Point is over budget due to upgrades and repairs. All other pump stations, Main Plant and Dix Avenue are under budget. Currently waiting on some bills to come in that will be paid from the 2025 budget.
 - c. Capital Budget:
Main Plant: Phase 1 planning: The engineering amendment is done; it came in under \$100,000.00. Phase 1 is on schedule and may be put out to bid at the end of January.
 - d. Storage Container: Will get more prices on containers.
6. Legal:
 - a. Bond Council: Androscoggin \$2.5 MM BAN: Waiting on the lawyers to get it closed out.
 - b. Bond Council: Androscoggin \$10.77 MM BAN: Will come in closer to \$5.0 MM BAN.
7. Operations:
Current compliance of operating permits.
 - a. Main Plant: RSP 1 mechanical seal failed just before Christmas. New seal has been ordered and will be replaced this month.
The muffin monster came in early and was installed last week.
The new motor was installed on the exhaust fan in the pump room on January 7.
 - b. Rumford Point Plant: The Plant is running well. The clarifier building has benefitted during the cold weather since the installation of insulation.
 - c. Sludge Disposal: The trucking costs will stay the same for now, but we will revisit the costs again next fall.
 - d. Pump Stations:
 - * Dix Avenue: Running well.
 - * Falls Hill: Running well.
 - * South Rumford: Running well.

8. Buildings: N/A
9. Collection System: The three manholes along Route 2 in Rumford on Falls Hill have been sprayed and sealed with flood covers. The manhole located at Memorial Bridge will be lined and have flood cover installed in 2026.
10. Other Business: The State is replacing the culvert located by Maddy's in 2026.
11. Adjournment: Motion by Stewart, seconded by Robinson, to adjourn at 6:56 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
John S. Blais, Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John S. Blais". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J" and "S".