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KENNEBUNK — Town investments were the issue of the day, as six candidates running for three seats on Kennebunk's Board of Selectmen answered questions on Thursday ranging from the \$51.5 school reno-

vation bond to a proposed plan that would move the town's skate park to Parson's Field.

The schools and the skate park, as well as the town's tax increment financing district, elicited opinions 2.6445pan MT(w u50T12 1 Tf5o)11(p)181.060 110.3opel11 1snxshx

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SACO — He's been a fixture in the downtown for many years, a friendly face in a police uniform patrolling the Main Street.

Sunday, Patrol Officer Michael "Mike" Tremblay will be patrolling the streets for the last time. After 41 ½ years of service to the city, he is retiring.

Tremblay, 62, grew up in Biddeford and lives there today, in the home his grandfather built in 1921.

He was inspired to become a police officer after his father drowned in the Saco River in 1968. Tremblay said it took

five days to find his father's body, and the two people who went out every day to search in the river were a family friend and Biddeford Police Chief Edgar Sevigny.

Tremblay started out in police work as an intern for two years in the Biddeford police department while a student at the then Southern Maine Technical College (now Southern Maine Community College).

Tremblay also had an interest in fire fighting, and said he was able to have "the best of both worlds," by becoming an on-call firefighter in addi-

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BIDDEFORD — "It smells like chicken," said one Biddeford Middle School student.

But the pinkish-gray lump – roughly the size of a baseball but more oblong in shape – was far from poultry. Instead, it was a sheep brain, and the seventh-grader who made the assertion, fostering laughs from her peers, was dissecting it that Thursday as part of a science-themed field trip to the University

of New England's Biddeford campus.

Biddeford Middle School science teacher Ann Putney, who accompanied students on the trip, said this week marked the fourth year the school has sent each of its seventh-graders to UNE to participate in the interactive workshop on brain anatomy.

"Part of the life science curriculum (at BMS) is neuroscience," said Putney. Her students have been learning about things like brain struc-

ture and the function of the different parts of the brain, she said, and the field trip is a way of putting that knowledge into action.

"Oh my gosh," cried one of the students, as her classmate John McKay cut into the "water balloon," as Michael Burman described it, surrounding the brain.

Burman, a UNE psychology professor who led the workshop, then prompted the students to shake their heads, explaining that this

white, balloon-like casing – part of the three-layered meninges, which houses protective fluid and functions as a framework for blood vessels – is the reason our brains don't bang around in our skulls when we move.

"This is awesome," said Tabitha Clark as she took a turn at slicing into the brain. "Now I get to rub it in my little cousin's face that I actually got to dissect a brain."

Although some students seemed a little grossed out

by the activity, Clark felt perfectly comfortable and explained that she's seen her mother perform surgery in the past.

"This is nothing," she said with a grin.

Earlier in the day, the 12-year-olds and 13-year-olds also spent time on the other side of campus in the marine science building, where they had a chance to get up close and personal with fish, sea