

**Town of Rumney
Board of Selectmen
February 29, 2016
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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

**Present: Select Board Members-Chairmen Ed Haskell, Dan Kimble, Mark Andrew
Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell**

- 6:30PM** Call to order – Review and sign payroll and accounts payable
- 6:35PM** The Board met with Town Clerk/Tax Collector regarding Tax Payment Agreement. Mark Andrew made a motion, that received a second from Ed Haskell, to go into Non-public session under RSA 91-A:3,II(c). Motion passed 3-0
- 6:55PM** Motion to leave Non-public session and returned to public session was made by Dan Kimble, seconded by Ed Haskell. Motion passed 3-0
- 6:55PM** Minutes from the February 1, 2015 Selectmen's meeting were reviewed. Mark Andrew made a motion, which received a second from Ed Haskell, to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed 3-0
- Minutes from the February 15, 2016 Selectmen's meeting were reviewed. Dan Kimble made a motion, which received a second from Mark Andrew, to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed 3-0
- 7:00PM** Met with Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Paulette Bowers, and Town Moderator, Jim Buttolph. Ed Haskell explained that the Board wanted to have a brief discussion following the recent Presidential Primary to explore if any changes were needed before the next set of elections. Jim spoke about;
- Change the flow and streamlining the order of the tables that voters need to visit.
 - Placing the Town Clerk table before the ballot box.
 - Minimize the socialization at the ballot box.
 - Add a stanchions and lengths of rope so that the entire process is within a "roped area".
 - Ask the Selectmen to work as greeters at the door to help assure voters know where to go.
 - Work with the school to free up parking space in the front parking lot.
- Town Clerk, Paulette Bowers, reported that there were 78 new voters that signed up the day of voting.

Check List Supervisor, Gail Sanborn, explained that a Supervisor needs to write in the names of the new voters. Also, the Supervisors will need an additional table.

Jim Buttolph expects the Presidential Election will have another big turnout.

Dan Kimble recommended that the check in table be moved deeper into the room and away from the entry door, thus minimizing the congestion at the door.

Mark Andrew asked if many new voters pre-register? Gail Sanborn stated no. Mark asked if notice of pre-registration could be better advertised.

Paulette Bowers reported that the scanning pen, used to report to the State, stopped working very early in the process resulting in the ballots being processed manually. Two new scanning pens have been purchased. The scanning pens can be used on absentee ballots, as well.

Gail Sanborn recommended that the Ballot Clerks be required to attend the training workshop that is offered by the State, to help minimized any errors.

Jim Buttolph ended by stating that overall the Election Day went well, and with a few adjustments and following the plan the next Election Day should good well.

7:35PM

The Board met with Bob Berti, Jim & Linda Laprad regarding the class VI portion of Will Colburn Road. Bob Berti gave a brief history outlining Green Acres ownership of a parcel of land at the end of Will Colburn Road that goes into Groton. This parcel of land had a cabin on it; Green Acres had no need for the cabin, so the cabin and 15.69 acres of land were sold. Jim and Linda Laprad are the owners of the cabin and acreage. The Laprads' have used the cabin as a vacation place, but now would like to use it as a residence. Green Acres and the abutter, Robin Reed, have no objection to the Laprads living there. Bob Berti, representing Green Acres, confirmed that. A letter from Robin Reed was given to the Board stating he had no issues with the Laprads' living there.

The Laprads' do not want to upgrade the road. They understand there are wells on the lower side of the road that could be impacted if any work were to be done. They also understand that "if" any work were to be done on a class VI road prior approval is needed from the town. The Laprads' explained they have been accessing the property since 2003 and have no need to upgrade the road. The Board wanted the Laprads' to understand they need permission for a vehicle over six tons to use the Class VI road.

The property has a 911 address, a telephone line, uses LP for the stove, and solar power.

A review of the property tax file showed that it contained proper documentation for waivers of class VI roads that had been filed with the county registry. The letter from Robin Reed was placed in the tax file. Mark Andrew wanted the Laprads to completely understand that emergency services will make every effort to respond if needed, but

response may be limited on a class VI road. They both understood. Jim Laprad asked if they had permission to live there more than 100 days a year. The Board agreed that they have permission to live there more than 100 days a year.

7:55PM

Gerard Thibodeau, representing the Rumney Planning Board, had requested a meeting with the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Thibodeau stated he was at the meeting to ask about the status of the Planning Board, if the Planning Board was going to continue to exist or not, and at what purpose it was to serve. Also Mr. Thibodeau wanted to know if there was a “rift” between the two boards.

Members of the Select Board stated they knew of no “rift” and asked for clarification. Mr. Thibodeau first stated that the Planning Board had not been consulted with any septic system design review and approvals. It was explained that Rumney is a “Pre-approval” town for septic system design. The pre-approval function falls under the authority of the Selectmen and has never involved the Planning Board. Mr. Thibodeau stated that he knows of a resident that is very upset with a septic system that received approval from the Board. The resident feels that the system crosses onto his property. Mr. Thibodeau did not have the name of either property owner, but once it was clarified who Mr. Thibodeau was speaking about, the septic plan was reviewed by the Board members and Mr. Thibodeau. The issue that Mr. Thibodeau was talking about did not seem to be apparent on the septic design that had been approved by the Rumney Board. This system has not yet been approved by NH-DES. If there is an issue it appears it is between the property owners.

The second issue Mr. Thibodeau wanted to talk about; the Planning Board is not receiving copies of property transfers. Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, explained that all original property transfers are filed in the appropriate property tax file. A copy is placed in a three ring binder that is placed on the supply cabinet that is adjacent to the Planning Board desk. Mr. Thibodeau stated that he doesn't always remember that the binder is there, he wants an additional copy of all the transfers made specifically for the Planning Board.

8:25PM

Chief Miller wanted to check in with the Board. He stated Officer Patten had transitioned onto his own schedule. That everything else was going well. The Board commented that the patrol visibility was very good.

8:35PM

Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, reported on the following;

- A copy of the EMS coverage area had been forwarded to the Town of Groton. The Town of Groton would also like to see a change in the wording of the contact along with the attachment of the map showing the coverage area. A brief discussion followed about the wording. It was also requested that Groton

provide a copy of the EMS contract they have with Hebron so that wording can be compared.

- Town Property Use fees were approved; Town Common \$25.00 per day, Baker Athletic Field \$25.00 per half day/ \$50.00 per full day, seasonal use is negotiable.
- The Buffalo Road Bridge contractors walk through was on February 29th. There appeared to be 10 – 12 different contractors in attendance.
- Road Agent, Frank Simpson, requested the authorization to post the roads. The Board authorized the weight limit posting of the roads.
- February Fire Chief Report was made available for review.
- The Town of Rumney received abatement requests from three utilities. These requests will be forward to Town Council.
- Attorney Bernie Waugh sent notice of an increase in fees
- North Country Environmental Services notified the Town of an 0.0689% increase in transportation fees

9:00PM Ed Haskell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Mark Andrew.
Motion passed 3-0

Sincerely Submitted,

Joe Chivell
Administrative Assistant
Town of Rumney

Upcoming events:

March 7, 2016 Selectmen's meeting with Public Forum
March 8, 2016 Town Elections
March 10, 2016 Town Meeting
March 21, 2016 Selectmen's meeting