

**Town of Rumney  
Board of Selectmen  
August 1, 2016  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

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

**5:00PM** Chairman, Ed Haskell, called the meeting to order

Town Attorney, Bernie Waugh, met with the Board. Also present were Rumney Fire Chief, David Coursey, and contracted Code Enforcement Officer, Ken Knowlton, to discuss the issue at Map 08 Lot 080801.

A report and photographs that was generated by Ken Knowlton following his visit to the property. The photographs show the piles of debris, a partially dismantled mobile home, freezers with the smell of rotten food, and barrels with unknown fluids in them. In Knowlton's opinion the property violated the junkyard RSA.

Fire Chief, David Coursey, visited the property with Knowlton. In Chief Coursey's opinion the property has several fire violations and is definitely a safety issue. Coursey reported that the property owner has requested a permit to burn some of the debris on the property. Coursey stated he denied the burn request. Chief Coursey was requested to complete a report regarding his contacts with the property.

Attorney Waugh requested that the Town Health Officer visit the property and report her findings. All reports are to be forwarded to Attorney Waugh, via the Administrative Assistant.

Upon review of all reports a letter outlining the violations will be sent to the property owner and the last known occupant. The letter will have a deadline to rectify the situation or to meet with the Board of Selectmen. If neither are done by the property owner or if an acceptable solution is not reached a court action will be filed.

It was noted that Ken Knowlton has attempted to work with the property owner, in the past, but he was not able to have the property cleaned up. If a plan is reached, to clean the property, the first issue to be address is to separate and identify the material, then to have it removed in a safe and legal manner.

**5:30PM** Selectman, Dan Kimble, made a motion, which received a second from Chairman, Ed Haskell, to recess the meeting. The motion passed 3-0

**6:25PM** Selectman, Dan Kimble, made a motion, which received a second from Selectman, Mark Andrew, to reenter the regularly scheduled Selectmen’s meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

Tax Collector, Paulette Bowers, made available Tax Deed agreements that were discussed during the July 18, 2016 meeting, for signature.

**6:40PM** Transfer Station Superintendent, Milton “Sonny” Ouellette, requested to meet with the Board concerning an issue with the compactor. Ouellette explained that the compactor at the transfer station is a late ‘70s model. The compactor was purchased, as a used piece of equipment, by the town either in 1983 or 1984. Recently, the hydraulics have been an issue, thought to be the directional valve. Ouellette reported this past weekend he was not sure that the compactor would work through the weekend.

He contacted the company that has provided service in the past about this new issue. The directional valve is no longer available. Ouellette was able to obtain pricing to:

Make repairs to the compact	\$2,750.00
Install a new (used) power unit	\$1,500.00
Used 2 Yard compactor	\$6,500.00
New 2 Yard compactor	\$12,499.00

Selectmen, Dan Kimble, made a motion, which received a second from Selectmen Mark Andrew, to purchase and install a used power unit at the cost of \$1,500.00.

Discussion; Ouellette was asked the condition of the remaining parts of the compactor. Ouellette stated other parts are still in good condition.

Selectman, Mark Andrew, asked where the funds would come from. Andrew did not feel that the part replacement would meet the definition as a capital purchase so it would not qualify for removing funds from the capital reserve fund.

If the power unit is not replaced, in some fashion, the compactor will not work. It was agreed that the funds would come from the equipment repair line item of the Transfer Station, knowing that the line will be over budget.

Following the discussion, the motion passed 3-0.

Superintendent, Ouellette, reported that everything at the Transfer Station was going well. The brush clearing project was complete for the year, the contractor did a great job.

**7:00PM** The floor was open for the Public Forum portion of the meeting, no one was present.

Mark Andrew reported that he had received a comment that it would be nice to have the Selectmen's Meeting Agenda posted online the Friday prior to the meeting.

Mark Andrew commented that the replacement of the timbers, that separate the parking lot and the flower bed at the Town Office Building, is going well. The members of the Highway Department are doing a great job assisting with this project.

**7:10PM** Administrative Assistant Report:

- Minutes of the July 18, 2016, Selectmen's Meeting were made available for review. Selectmen, Dan Kimble, made a motion, which received a second from Chairman Ed Haskell, to accept the corrected minutes. Motion passed 3-0.
- PAF for an employee vacation was signed
- PA-16 Federal and State Forest Land Reimbursement Form was made available for signature
- Intent to cut Map 9 Lot 1001 had been reviewed and signed
- Yield Tax for Map 12 Lot 0211 was reviewed and signed
- Treasurer's month end report was available for review
- Fire Chief's July Report was available for review
- The Selectmen's Office will be Closed August 5, 2016
- Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, will be out of the office on August 9, 2016 for DRA training
- Paving project preparation is going well, the Highway Department is doing a great job. Projected start date is August 8, 2016. Clarification on the paving of Old North Groton Road was made. Heal Drive, being a private way will not be paved. The Highway Department's driveway will be paved.
- HEB Engineers were contacted this week to confirm the start time for the Buffalo Road Bridge replacement project. Response is pending.
- September 5, 2016, the first Monday of the month is a holiday. The Board determined they will meet August 15<sup>th</sup>, August 29<sup>th</sup>, and September 19<sup>th</sup>. The Board will not meet on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**7:40PM** Selectmen, Dan Kimble, made a motion, which received a second from Selectmen, Mark Andrew, to adjourn. Motion passed 3-0.

Sincerely Submitted,

Joe Chivell  
Administrative Assistant  
Rumney Board of Selectmen

Upcoming events:

- August 5<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's Office Closed
- August 8<sup>th</sup> Paving Project Start
- August 9<sup>th</sup> Planning Board Meeting
- August 13<sup>th</sup> Old Home Day
- August 15<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's Meeting
- August 15<sup>th</sup> Projected Start date for Buffalo Road Bridge Project
- August 29<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's Meeting
- August 30<sup>th</sup> Planning Board Meeting
- September 5<sup>th</sup> Town Office Closed, No Selectmen's meeting