

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

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

6:30PM Chairman, Ed Haskell, called the meeting to order.

6:30PM The Board met with the owner of parcel 06-1001. Payment was made to bring the parcel out of arrears. All required paperwork was completed.

6:40PM John Hemeon appeared at the meeting and asked to speak to the Board regarding his years of service to the town of Rumney, mostly with the fire department and four years as the elected Road Agent. Mr. Hemeon recounted several fire calls and accidents that he assisted with during the 1970's and 1980's. Mr. Hemeon requested to be considered for some sort of monthly monetary payment, a retirement of such, as he felt he "should be eligible for some sort of vested credit."

The Board thanked Mr. Hemeon for his years of service and his sharing of activities from days gone by.

There was a brief discussion between Board members concerning the fact that no provisions had ever been made, outside of the mandated New Hampshire Retirement System, to offer part-time and/or volunteer town staff a pension. To do so would take years of planning and funding. Also, if such a pension were given to one, what would every other past and current employee then expect.

A letter will be sent to Mr. Hemeon addressing these concerns with his request.

7:00PM Public Forum – There were no members of the public present, it was determined to move forward with the Administrative Assistant's Report;

- Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, met with members of the Historical Society and the designer of the proposed bulletin board, that will be placed on the Historical Society Building, as part of the Historical Mitigation plan connected to the Buffalo Road Bridge project. An

overview of the bulletin board was described as having a mid 1800's map of Rumney surrounded with pictures of Rumney.

- Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, met with Steven Garland, General Superintendent with Hiltz Excavating Friday, August 26, 2016. This included a site visit of the Buffalo Bridge and locations where debris and equipment could be stored. The project is set to begin August 29, 2016.
- A change order was provided for signature allowing the different guardrail to be used on the Buffalo Road Bridge Project. The document was signed and will be forwarded to HEB Engineers.
- Intent to Cut on Map 11 Lot 0203 was offered for review. The document was signed.
- Septic design for a failed system on Map 07 Lot 0707 was made available for review. The design was signed and will be forwarded to NH-DES.

7:20PM Ken Knowlton, Code Enforcement Consultant from MRI, meet with the Board. A brief overview of Map 12 Lot 8008 was given by Mr. Knowlton.

7:25PM The owner of Map 12 Lot 8008 appeared, upon request of the Board. The difference between public and nonpublic session was explained. Chairman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to enter into nonpublic session, as allowed under RSA 91-A:3 (c). This motion received a second from Mark Andrew. Motion passed 3-0.

7:50PM A motion was made by Selectman, Dan Kimble, to leave nonpublic session and re-enter public session. This motion received a second from Chairman, Ed Haskell. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion to seal the nonpublic minutes, as they may adversely affect the reputation of any person, other than a member of the Board, was made by Chairman Ed Haskell. This motion received a second from selectman, Mark Andrew. Motion passed 3-0.

7:55PM Selectman, Dan Kimble, made a motion to enter into nonpublic session as allowed under RSA 91-A:3, II (c). This motion received a second from Chairman, Ed Haskell. Motion passed 3-0.

8:15PM Selectmen, Dan Kimble, made a motion to leave nonpublic session and re-enter public session. This motion received a second from Chairman, Ed Haskell. This motion passed 3-0.

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8:20PM

Continue with the Administrative Assistant report;

- An update on the Town's switchover to the use of Office 365 Email was given. The system is now up and running.
- The new modem and static IP address is in place, which will allow for the Town Clerk – NH DMV upgrade to be completed.
- A recent health issue has caused one of the regular part-time transfer Station employees to be unable to work. His ability to return to work is unknown at this point. A former part-time transfer station employee will be able to fill in, short term.
- The Trustees of Trust Funds will meet later this month. Documentation is being prepared to submit requesting withdrawals from the Town Facilities Capital Reserve Fund, to cover the paving project, and from the Bridge Repair & Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, to cover the Buffalo Road Bridge Project.
- Budget worksheets will go out to department heads next week.
- A request, sent by Rachel Anderson, to set hours for Halloween and a date for the Christmas Tree lighting was discussed. The Board agreed Halloween hours would be held on October 31st, between 5:00pm and 7:00pm. The lighting of the Christmas Tree on the Common would be December 4, 2016. A Christmas tree will be obtained and delivered to the Common.
- Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, received a call from George Sancoucy, of GES, PE, LLC, the firm that is handling the utility court action for Rumney, concerning the assessment and valuation of poles and utility stations. Mr. Sancoucy stated that based on a recent court ruling the value of the NHEC transfer station will be increased, but a certain amount of overlay should be set aside as that ruling has been appealed. Chivell reported that he asked Mr. Sancoucy if the NH Department of Revenue Administration would question the value increase and the added overlay? Mr. Sancoucy did not know what the NH-DRA would say, as the NH-DRA has testified against local municipalities in the court action and have testified on behalf of the utility companies.

- Minutes of the August 15, 2016 Selectmen’s Meeting was reviewed. Selectmen, Dan Kimble, made a motion, which received a second from Chairman, Ed Haskell, to accept the minutes as amended. Motion passed 2-0. Chairman, Ed Haskell, recused himself from the vote, he was absent from the August 15, 2016, meeting.

8:45PM New Business - Chairman, Ed Haskell, reported he had been approached with questions about vehicle registration and why, at times, a car could not be registered by one member of a married couple, which required the working member of the couple to come to the Town Clerk to sign papers. Haskell also wanted to make sure there were no plans to shorten the Monday evening hours, if anything he would like to see a second day with extended hours. Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, noted it was his understanding that the issues concerning signatures was only to do with first time “new” registrations, but would ask for clarification. As to the Monday Town Clerk hours, there were no mention of shortening the hours. Perhaps once the part-time Town Clerk is hired and trained there could be a discussion of a second extended day.

The Board discussed coverage for the upcoming Primary election on September 13, 2016. Chairman, Ed Haskell, will cover from 8:00am to noon. Selectmen, Mark Andrew will cover noon to 4:00pm. Selectmen, Dan Kimble, will cover 4:00pm to finish.

8:55PM Old Business – A Special Events Ordinance had been started several months ago. Drafts of an ordinance had been worked on by the Administrative Assistant, Police Chief, and Town Attorney. The Board asked that this project be reviewed again by the town departments and returned to the town attorney for his review.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan has been completed and is ready for a public hearing. A copy is available on line. A Public Hearing will be held at the start of the Selectmen’s Meeting on September 19, 2016. The Hazard Mitigation project was grant funded. The reimbursement process can now begin.

The Emergency Management grant is at the State level and should be approved soon, allowing the project to begin.

Selectman, Mark Andrew, is the Board representative to the Planning Board. The Planning Board has been meeting with the town’s Department Heads to update the Capital Improvement Program. A review of the CIP status and

Planning Board meeting was discussed. Planning Board Meeting Minutes are posted on the Rumney website.

9:10pm Chairman, Ed Haskell, made a motion, which received a second from Selectman, Mark Andrew, to adjourn. Motion passed 3-0.

Sincerely submitted,
Joe Chivell
Administrative Assistant
Town of Rumney

Upcoming events:

Town Office Closed	September 5, 2016 for Labor Day
Supervisors of Check List	September 6, 2016
Cemetery Trustees	September 10, 2016
Primary Elections	September 13, 2016
Fire Commissioners	September 12, 2016
Planning Board canceled	September 13, 2016
Selectmen's Meeting	September 19, 2016
Trustee of Trust Funds	September 24, 2019