

**Town of Rumney
Board of Selectmen
October 3, 2016
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

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

- 6:30PM** Call to order by Chairman, Ed Haskell;
- Review of Payroll and Accounts payable.
 - Review of September 19, 2016, Selectmen's Meeting Minutes. Upon review Selectman, Dan Kimble, made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion received a second from Selectman, Mark Andrew. No further discussion, motion passed 2-0. Chairman, Ed Haskell abstained as he was not present at the September 19, 2016 meeting.
 - Briefing of State Labor Board Safety Inspection – Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, gave a brief overview of the August 30, 2016 inspection. Chivell first thanked all of the Department Heads for their cooperation and assistance. The initial inspection was to determine the level of compliance the town buildings have with NHDOL Lab 600 and 1400. All town buildings, in which town employees work, were visited by the State inspector. A technical report will be delivered to the town within 3-4 weeks. The town will then have 30 days to correct any issues cited in the report.
 - Buffalo Road Bridge Project up-date – The pre-cast bridge has been install, back filled, and the binding layer of pavement has been put in place. HEB Engineers were on site to inspect all stages of the installation. The road cannot be opened until the guardrail system has been installed. The expected guardrail installation date is no later than October 14, 2016.

6:45PM **Historical Society** – Tom Wallace, Roger Daniels, and Kathy Sobetzer, representing the Historical Society, meet with the Board to report on the progress of the historical sign project. An 8 ½"X11" version of the sign was given to the Board for review. An actual 3'X4" copy of the sign was brought for viewing. The sign, once completed, will be placed on the front of the Rumney Historical Building where the current bulletin board is located. The sign's design includes an 1892 D.H. Hurd map of Rumney which is surrounded by historical pictures of Rumney.

Richard M. Casella, President, Historic Documentation Company, Inc. Portsmouth, RI 02871 had been contracted to create the sign. Casella reported

that the sign will be ready for installation by mid-November, which will meet the deadline set forth in the grant. The members of the Historical Society are looking for the Board of Selectmen to approve the sign design which will allow the sign to move on to the final stages of completion.

Selectman, Mark Andrew, made a motion to accept the signs design as presented and allow it to be completed. The motion received a second from Chairman, Ed Haskell. With no further discussion the motion passed 3-0.

7:00PM

Public Forum -

- Bill Bolton (Dem.), candidate for Grafton County Commissioner, District 3, requested to meet with the Rumney Board of Selectmen. Bolton is running for the position that is being vacated by Martha Richards. Bolton reports that he is supported by Martha Richards in this election. He is a two term selectman for the town of Plymouth and was a 30-year State of NH employee.

Selectman, Mark Andrew, asked Bolton, if elected, what his stance would be on the closed Rumney Rest Area and the due date of the County Tax Bill? Bolton explained that the rest area is more of a State issue, but understands the importance of the rest area. As to the date the county bill is due, he would check but thinks that it is driven by NH-DRA.

- Duane Brown (Rep.), of Wentworth, candidate running for re-election to the NH House of Representatives, Grafton District 16, requested to meet with the Rumney Board of Selectmen. Brown gave an overview of bills he has been active on during the past two years. Brown wanted to remind the Board that Gov. Hassan's proposed budget, this past term, had shown an increase of \$129 million with several new taxes and fees attached. He was part of the House of Representatives that proposed a budget, that passed after 3 months, that had no new taxes and the only fee increase was on the marriage licenses. Brown is opposed to Northern Pass and is pro-business.

Mark Andrew asked Rep. Brown his position on Charter Schools receiving funds from the State and the Rumney Rest Area that is currently closed. Brown was not sure when the act was voted on or who sponsored the bill, but will look into it. As to the Rumney Rest Area, he understands the importance of the rest area to the Rumney area. He reports that NH DRED had no interest in re-opening the area or even entering into a partnership to re-open. He let the Board know he will email the information he has on the issue.

- Brad Eaton requested to speak to the Board concerning a proposed gazebo being built on the Rumney Common. Eaton presented a drawing of the proposed gazebo, explaining there were two possible building sites; One on at the front of the Common, nearer to the Stinson Lake Road end, the second is at the lower end of the Common. Both have been marked with ribbons so residents could have a visual and forward comments as to their recommendations. There is power at both locations. The gazebo will be open to the public, used by the public, and would need to be built to withstand heavy use. There will also be a need to fund for maintenance and repair. Mr. Eaton asked the Board; who makes the final decision on the overall project and where does the money come from?

It was discussed that a final decision would be up to the Selectmen and driven by public input. Funding would come from donations, fund raising, and taxes.

- John Hemeon requested to speak to the Board. Mr. Hemeon's first concern was the Buffalo Road Bridge. Hemeon feels that regardless of the guardrails being installed or not the bridge should be open. He feels that with the limited traffic and the low speed, the liability of possibly needing to respond to an emergency outweighs the liability of someone going off the side of the bridge. Hemeon also reported that he has been watching the installation of the bridge and taking pictures. Hemeon feels that one of the wing wall bolt systems did not line up properly. Selectman, Mark Andrew, explained to Mr. Hemeon that HEB Engineers were contracted to have site supervision and the Hiltz Excavation was the contractor installing the bridge. Each were separate from each other and that HEB Engineering was required to inspect each critical stage of the installation. In Field Note #6, for HEB to the Town of Rumney, it discussed the bolt hole alignment. From field Note #6 "Contractor informed Engineer that Steve Guard of Michie Corp. said the metal brackets connecting the rigid frames and wingwalls were for installation purposes only, and not structural, so it was not an issue that one of the boltholes did not line up (see Photo 4)."

John Hemeon's second issue was with the Board's position not to pay him a pension for the years he was the volunteer Chief for the Rumney Fire Department. Mr. Hemeon explained again that he thought that he and former volunteer fire chief, Ken Ward, should receive a pension for the services they gave to the town.

Mr. Hemeon left before any discussion could take place. The Board members had a brief discussion and determined to stand by their prior

decision, not to pay Mr. Hemeon a pension for his time as a volunteer fire chief. This information will be forwarded to Mr. Hemeon.

7:45PM Administrative Assistant Report –

The MS-1 document was reviewed and signed.

The MS-5 document was reviewed and signed. Both document will for submitted to NH-DRA.

At the September 19, 2016, Selectmen's Meeting an abatement requested that had been submitted on September 13, 2016. The Board had asked for guidance from CNP the town's assessing firm. It was reported to the Board that CNP recommends holding it until next year and they will process it like any other request at that time.

The vacant position of Deputy Town Clerk / Tax Collector has been offered to, and accepted by, Lila Williams. She will now begin her training phase.

Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, ask the Board their position on the piece of property, adjacent to the Sandhill Cemetery. This piece of property had been offered to the Town by Bryan Young. At the time the Town had no authority to accept the property. During the March 2016 Town Meeting RSA 41:14-a, was voted into effect, allowing the Town to accept property, such as this, following the proper procedure. The Board directed the administrative assistant to contact Bryan Young to inquire if the property is still being offered. On that same topic the Board asked the administrative assistant to check into the status of the fountain on the common. The fountain had also been offered to the Town, but the Town did not have the authority to accept it. With the acceptance of RSA 41:14-a, the process could begin to have the Town accept the fountain.

The Town's budget status was reviewed. The past several years the town has not received a tax rate until late in the year, that effects when the tax bills can be mailed, which effects the town's cash follow. There will be several large bills coming due during the next several weeks. They include; monthly Russell School payment, monthly Pemi Regional School payment, the quarterly library funding request, and the yearly County Tax Bill. These bills alone would more than exhaust the town's funds on hand without new tax funding coming in. In addition to those bills, payment for the Buffalo Road Bridge project and the new Highway Dump Truck will be due within weeks. Although, the Buffalo Road Bridge project will be a majority reimbursement from FEMA and State DOT, the Town will need to front the payment in order to request reimbursement. In the case of the truck, funds will be available from a capital reserve reimbursement, the Town will need to front the payment in order to request the reimbursement. As it is foreseeable that a cash shortage will occur, the Board authorized the

administrative assistant to approach Woodsville Guaranty Bank to gather rates and available funding.

At the end of 2015, a Tax Anticipation Notes was researched. Northway Bank, who handles the primary account for the Town, required 5 years of financial documentation, an application, an application fee, and four to six weeks to process. The Woodsville Guaranty Bank required a Tax Anticipation Note signed by the Town Treasurer and Town Selectmen. Funds would then be available within the same week. Woodsville Guaranty Saving Bank also holds the Note for the Rumney Library project and the new highway dump truck. Woodsville Guaranty Bank did make a proposal to the town this past summer, providing information on moving the town's primary account to their bank.

The Board instructed Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, to finish the research of moving the town's primary account to Woodsville Guaranty Saving's Bank.

During the discussion cash flow, it was questions if NH-DRA allows the prepayment of taxes. Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, was asked to research this issue for the next meeting.

8:30PM Old Business -

Budget Process – Operating Budgets and Departmental Warrant article requests are due from all Department Heads / Commissioners by October 7, 2016.

Special Events Ordinance – No New Information

Policy Handbook Review – No New information

Neil McIver report – Neil McIver report to the Board of Select at the September 19, 2016, he would have his report ready for submission by September 30, 2016. No new information to report.

8:40PM New Business –

The State had forwarded a letter concerning the lack of rain and the low water tables. Several towns have placed a restriction on the use of water. Within the town's new Hazard Mitigation Plan, Russell School is a resource to Rumney citizens to obtain water if a drought effects their well. An action plan should be put into place in the case anyone's well does go dry and they request water. At this time no one has come to the Town Office request assistance with water. A sample of water from the town's water supply has been sent to the State to be tested.

A property owner that abuts the Darling Natural Area sent an email concerning hunters in that area and the hunters shooting toward his house. An email was returned to the property owner confirming the receipt of his email and that it would be shared with both the Conservation Commission and the Rumney Select Board members. Janice Mulherin, Conservation Commission, will check the area and attempt to meet with the property owner. The Board decided that if any "POSTING" of the area was requested by the Conservation Commission, they back the decision to do so.

Mark Andrew reminded the members that there is a Planning Board meeting on October 11, 2016. During the CIP portion of that meeting Town Facilities will be discussed and the Highway Department will be revisited.

9:15PM Chairman, Ed Haskell, made a motion, which received a second from Selectman, Mark Andrew to adjourn. No discussion, motion passed 3-0.

Sincerely Submitted,

Joe Chivell
Administrative Assistant
Town of Rumney

Up-coming Events;	
Town Office Closed	October 10, 2016 Columbus Day
Planning Board	October 11, 2016 Planning Board
Selectmen's Meeting	October 17, 2016
Planning Board	October 25, 2016
Supervisors of Check List	October 29, 2016
Halloween Hours	October 31, 2016 5:00PM to 7:00PM