

**Town of Rumney
Board of Selectmen
December 19, 2016
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

Present: Select Board Members-Ed Haskell, Mark Andrew, Robert Berti
Administrative Assistant - Joe Chivell

5:30 PM Meeting called to order

Chairman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to appoint Robert Berti to fill the vacant Selectman's position until the March 2017 Election. Selectman, Mark Andrew, seconded the motion. No additional discussion, motion passed 2-0.

FY 2017 Budget proposals continued with members of the Budget Advisory Committee.

Health Insurance – The town employee health insurance line item was reduced by \$10,000. from the 2016 amount. The reimbursement line item shows an increase of \$1,500.

Health Agencies – It was agreed to fund the same agencies that were funded last year with an overall increase of \$118.00.

Welfare – The bottom line of this account was decreased by \$1,950.00.

Library – Sue Turbyne and Stacy Winsor presented the Byron Merrill Library budget request. The overall request reflects an increase of \$2,229.00 over the 2016 Library budget. The line item for inspections is increased to cover required inspections of the lift and boiler. Subscriptions also were increased. This includes the fee for NH Downloads, allowing for downloadable books. Sue Turbyne reported that the number of visitors, of all ages, is up this year.

Selectman, Mark Andrew, commented on the funds available in the Library Capital Reserve. The Planning Board CIP showed projects of; downstairs venting in 2018, outside apron repair 2020, and lower level remodel 2022. Funding levels for the listed projects appears to be available in the current capital reserve. Stacy Winsor asked if the library could start on the above listed items sooner. It was explained that quotes would be needed and a warrant article presented at Town Meeting to start any work.

A warrant article will also be required again this year for the Note taken out for the 2015 library addition. The amount due in 2017 is \$47, 089.00

Executive, Legal, Property Liability and Code Enforcement budget were present by Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell.

Executive – No changes were made to this line at this time.

Legal – General Legal expenses to stay the same as last year. Defense Proceedings was reduced from \$42,000.00 to \$35,000.00.

Property Liability - Property Liability increased by \$1,499.00. Workers Compensation increased by \$1,720.00.

Code Enforcement – The primary use of funds in this account is to inspect reported junkyard violations. Funds had been used, during the past year, to utilize MRI to observe blasting at a local gravel pit. There are several ongoing junk yard issues, so it was requested to increase this budget by \$500.00. Going forward any use of MRI to be billed to this account must receive prior approval from the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen did invite the Budget Advisory Committee to attend the Selectmen’s meeting on January 9, 2017 if they have any further input on the budget. The Board of Selectmen will hold a Work Session on January 14, 2017 to finalize the town’s budget.

The Public Budget hearing will be held on February 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Russell Elementary School.

7:30 P.M. The owner of the property located at Map 12 Lot 08-08-01 requested to meet with the Board. The land owner reported that progress is being made on the clean-up of the property. The land owner asked to have an additional few months, as the winter conditions are hindering the clean-up efforts. The Board agreed to give an additional few months, but in the meantime freezers/refrigerators will need to be removed or at least the doors secured.

7:35 P.M. Administrative Assistant Report:

- The November Treasurer’s Report was available for review
- The Plodzick and Sanderson, P.A. report of FY 2015 was available for review
- Septic Design for Map 12 Lot 1-31 was reviewed and signed off by the Board
- A Notice to Quit was reviewed by signature. The Board signed the Notice to Quit which will be served the first part of January 2017.
- The Buffalo Road Bridge Project reimbursement request has been submitted. NHEM may request an additional/updated grant request based on the increase of cost from the original grant submission. If deemed necessary the revised grant could be signed during the January 9, 2017 meeting.
- Correspondence from the Town’s attorney was available for review, concerning an ongoing tax deed issue.

- Evan Hacker submitted his resignation from the Rumney Highway Department. It will take effective December 26, 2017. The vacancy will be posted at the Town Office, Rumney Transfer Station, in the Record Enterprise and in the Penny Saver. Highway Agent, Frank Simpson, indicated he may need part-time help pending the hiring to fill the vacancy.
- New smoke detectors were installed in the Town Office Building, replacing the old smoke detectors that have been in place for the past 26 years.

Old Business –

- The equipment purchased through the Emergency Management Grant has arrived and will be installed during the next few weeks.
- There has been no new information received by the Town from Neil McIver concerning the School Street culvert.

New Business – There are matching grants available to assist with energy saving efforts. One matching grant allows for replacing building lighting with LED lights. The Town Office Building, the Depot Street Fire Station and the Highway Department were audited for a light change over. A report will follow outlining the cost to change over to LED. There is also a matching grant for heating savings. An audit was completed to determine the cost to insulate the Depot Street Fire Station.

8:05 P.M. Non-public Session – A motion was made by Selectman, Mark Andrew, to enter non-public session, as allowed by RSA 91-A:3, II (a). The motion received a second by Chairman, Ed Haskell. There was no discussion concerning entering non-public session. The motion passed 3-0.

8:34 P.M. Selectman, Mark Andrew, made a motion to leave non-public session and return to public session. Chairman, Ed Haskell, seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

8:35 P.M. Selectman, Mark Andrew, made a motion to indefinitely seal the minutes of the non-public session as they may adversely affect the reputation of another person, other than a member of the Board. Chairman, Ed Haskell, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

8:37 P.M. – Chairman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman, Mark Andrew, seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 3-0.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell
Administrative Assistant
Town of Rumney

Upcoming events:

Town Office Closed	December 26, 2016
Planning Board Meeting	December 27, 2016
Town Office Closed	January 2, 2017
Historical Society Unveiling	January 7, 2017
Selectmen's Meeting w/ Public Forum	January 9, 2017
Selectmen's Meeting	January 23, 2017
Public Budget Hearing	February 6, 2017