

**Town of Rumney  
Board of Selectmen  
February 20, 2017  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

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

**6:30 PM Meeting opened by Select Board Chairman, Ed Haskell**

Rumney Transfer Station Superintendent, Milton "Sonny" Ouellette, requested to meet with the Board of Selectmen. Ouellette reported that he had been contacted by Donna King, from the town of Wentworth, concerning their recyclable program. King asked if Wentworth could reach an agreement to have their recyclables transported to the Rumney Transfer Station and dealt with there. Wentworth would transport a trailer of recyclable to Rumney weekly. At that time, Superintendent Ouellette would place the Wentworth recyclables items in with the Rumney recyclables. When asked "what recyclables?" Ouellette stated "No tires, no electronics, only paper, tin, glass and aluminum".

Selectman, Mark Andrew, asked Ouellette if he could handle the extra work. Ouellette replied that he could as long as Wentworth could bring the trailer load of items on a day the transfer station was closed to the public. Ouellette estimates sorting of the items would take about two hours, as long the item were delivered clean.

Selectman, Bob Berti, recommended to not include glass. Board members agreed to exclude glass from any agreement.

The Board agreed to enter into a three-month trial agreement with Wentworth. Ouellette will draft a recommended contract prior to the next Board meeting.

Superintendent Ouellette provided a copy of the annual Facility Report for the Board's review.

Superintendent Ouellette requested permission to have two people attend the Annual NRRA conference. The Board agreed so long as there is adequate funding in the Transfer Station budget.

The Board members, with Superintendent Ouellette, reviewed the two applications that had been submitted for the vacant part-time opening at the transfer station. It was agreed to offer William Moses the position as part-time transfer station attendant.

**7:00 PM North County Environmental Services**

Representatives of North County Environmental Services, Inc. requested to meet with the Board. Transfer Station Superintendent, Milton Ouellette, was present for this part of the meeting. The primary reason for the meeting was to discuss the transportation piece of

removing canisters from the transfer station, asking the Board if they were open to reopening discussions on the matter. NCES is interested in restructuring the fuel rates to eliminate any major increases/decrease for both parties when fuel charges change. At this time, there is a clause in the agreement allowing for an increase of fees based on an increase of fuel costs. Rumney is one of the first towns NCES has approached to propose a change.

Selectman, Bob Berti, understands there are two parts of transportation; 1) Cost of the driver & truck, which is stable. 2) Cost of fuel, which can vary. Berti understands there is a need to protect both sides of the process.

The Board agreed they were interested in proposals, but don't want to be back in three years revisiting this issue again.

Casella is working with the town of Bethlehem to extend their contract for the disposal site in terms of years, and the extension is looking very good.

Superintendent Ouellette is very happy with the working relationship he, the town and Casella currently have. It was agreed that a future meeting would be set once a new proposal is ready to review.

#### **7:30 PM      Administrative Assistant Report**

- Review of February 6, 2017, meeting minutes and Public Budget Hearing. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to accept the February 6, 2017, meeting and budget hearing minutes. Selectman, Mark Andrew, seconded the motion. No discussion on the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- The day following the Public Budget Hearing an estimate of cost for testing at the transfer Station was received. It had been the Town's understanding that testing at the Rumney Transfer Station had been changed so that testing was only required every two years. The proposed cost for Thomas Duffield's reports (\$350 for work done in 2016 and \$1,200 for projected work in 2017) and testing by Eastern Analytical, Inc. (\$2,804.20) totaled \$4,354.50. This amount exceeds the amount budgeted for this item during the 2017 budget year. If it is determined that if extra funds are indeed needed, it may be necessary to amend the amount during the Town Meeting.
- The Department of Labor inspector returned to Rumney on February 7, 2017. He scheduled an appointment to follow up on items that were found to be in violation during his initial visit on September 30, 2017. During the initial visit, Department Heads were able to take part in the inspection walk through of the buildings they work in. Following the inspection, department heads were given a list of violations that would require corrections. Town department heads then forwarded a list of corrections to the Administrative Assistant. The list of corrections was then forwarded to the DOL, triggering the re-inspection of the town's buildings.

Each department head, along with Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, completed a walk through with the DOL inspector during the re-inspection:

- Town Office – issue resolved
- Transfer Station – issues resolved
- Highway Garage – issues resolved
- Byron Merrill Library – Copy of boiler inspection did not meet DOL standard. An original will need to be requested.
- Depot Street Fire Station – Not all violations were corrected, remaining are:
  - There was clutter on the stairway to second floor storage area, this remains to be a violation of DOL rules.
  - Clutter in the second-floor storage area had not been picked up and organized as required, this remains to be a violation sited during the original inspections.
- West Rumney Fire Station – Not all violations were corrected, remain are:
  - Clutter on second floor storage area had not been cleaned and organized, this remains to be a violation sited during the original inspections.
  - Toe board that is required on the stair rails required had not been installed, this remains to be a violation sited during the original inspections.
  - The Old Home Day stage had not been secured, this remains to be a violation sited during the original inspections.
- While at the West Rumney Fire Station the DOL inspector also noted that the side entry door to the station should be shoveled to eliminate the build-up of snow and ice which could create a slip, trip and fall hazard to those that need to enter/exit the building. Chief Coursey told the DOL inspector he would speak to the highway department about keeping that clear. The inspector also told Chief Coursey the rope that works the second-floor door would need to be replaced. The inspector stated to Chief Coursey that it is the responsibility of the department head to assure that the DOL rules are followed within his/her department.
- All outstanding issued are to be resolved by March 31, 2017. The inspector will be in Rumney at 9:30am to conduct the final inspection.
- Historical Society Building projects – Upon notifying Joe Santamaria Construction they were awarded the bid for the Historical Society Building Roof Replacement Project, they project the first week of April as being the start time for the project.
- A copy of the Selectmen’s Report for the Town Report was made available for review. With a few changes it was approved to use in the Town Report.
- Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, requested input on the time frame to mail out the annual Inventory forms, which are due back by April 15<sup>th</sup>. The Board determined they could be mail anytime between March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The Fire Department requested that a copy of a “Training Agreement” be reviewed by the Town Attorney. The Board authorized sending the proposed agreement to the town Attorney.

- The annual contract for CNP was available for review and signature. All Board members signed the agreement.

**8:00 PM          Marcosa Santiago, Kathy Grabiek, and Tom Grabiek Concerning the Proposed Gazebo**

Marcosa Santiago requested to read a prepared statement (see attachment).

Kathy Grabiek requested to read a prepared statement (see attachment).

The general response from the Board concerning their decision for placement of the proposed gazebo: A preference of location of the proposed gazebo was gathered by the Old Home Committee. Of the 1100 registered voters 280 people voiced an opinion. Of the 280, 147 stated they preferred the Main Street end of the common for the gazebo placement and 133 preferred the Water Street end of the Common for the gazebo placed. Neither of those numbers show an overwhelming majority of residents input nor placement preference. Other reasons, such as: keeping a large level green area available, symmetry of the monument, the flag pole and fountain, not creating a line of site issue for the Quincy Road and Main Street intersection were also considered. Safety input from the Chief of Police was sought. The ADA requirements re-enforced the choice of the Water Street end of the common. The Board also wanted it to be known that Brad Eaton should not be blamed for any of the placement decision. Eaton gave input on the design of the gazebo and the Board appreciated his input and efforts.

Additional comments made:

M. Santiago feels that the 147 to 133 is a major difference and needs to be followed.

T. Grabiek feels the police comments are totally incorrect. No local, state, current or past, police officer would have any knowledge concerning intersection traffic safety. In T. Grabiek's opinion the Main Street end is much safer.

T. Grabiek feels the Board should disregard any input from local police or fire, the Board needs to talk to someone that handles road design.

K. Grabiek concerning the numbers of "votes" K. Grabiek stated she nearly had to tackle people to get them to stop and "vote" on the location of the gazebo.

T. Grabiek again stated it was illogical to rely on the input of the local police when the intersection is two State roads.

T. Grabiek and K. Grabiek both are of the opinion the Quincy Road - Main Street intersection corner of the common is a more attractive area for the gazebo and will catch the attention quicker of those driving by the common.

T. Grabiek thinks it is better during Old Home Day to have the gazebo on the Main Street end and place the vendors down on the lower end.

Board of Selectmen feel it is important to listen to local police concerning safety issues. They also stand by their initial reasoning to place the gazebo on the Water Street end of the common. The Board restated there was no "vote" on the placement of the gazebo, just a request for input. The parsonage corner of the common is ruled out. Safety is of primary concern. Board of Selectmen will contact State DOT to inquire if they will visit the area and give an opinion.

**8:40 PM          New Business**

- Selectman, Bob Berti, asked if a list of duties and responsibilities could be put together for the incoming member of the Select Board.
- The Annual Planning Board / Select Board Legal Up-date presented by Town Council is tentatively scheduled for March 27, 2017, at 6:00PM; this is after the Town Election and any new Planning Board and Select Board member should be encouraged to attend.
- Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, request permission to be out of the office on March 14<sup>th</sup> for personal reasons. It is election day, but the Administrative Assistant normally takes no part in the elections. The Board approved the request.

**8:50 PM          Old Business**

- Town Elections are on March 14, 2017
- Town Meeting is on March 16, 2016

8:55 PM      Selectman, Ed Haskell made a motion to adjourn. Selectman, Mark Andrew, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell  
Administrative Assistant  
Town of Rumney

**Upcoming events:**

Rumney EOP Meeting	February 23, 2017
Selectmen's Meeting w/ Public Forum	March 6, 2017
Public Hearing – Funding Roof Project	March 6, 2017
Town Elections	March 14, 2017
Town Meeting	March 16, 2017
Selectmen's Meeting	March 20, 2017
Planning Board/Selectmen Meeting	March 27, 2017