

**Town of Rumney
Board of Selectmen
April 3, 2017
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

Present: Select Board Members- Ed Haskell, Robert Berti, George Bonfiglio
Administrative Assistant - Joe Chivell

6:30 PM Chairman, Ed Haskell, opened the meeting

Payroll and accounts payable checks made available for review and signing.

Two local high school students were in attendance to observe the meeting for their civics class.

6:35 PM Transfer Station Superintendent, Milton "Sonny" Ouellette, requested to meet with the Board. Ouellette requested to change the pay rate of the senior most part-time employee. This employee has taken the place of an employee that is out on medical leave. Ouellette explained the position was funded at a higher rate than this person is being paid. The Board asked that a Personnel Action Form be submitted to address this issue. The Board did not have an issue with changing the rate of pay, but did not have a completed PAF to review and sign.

Ouellette also discussed his upcoming vacations. The Board asked that PAF's be submitted outlining the vacation dates.

6:45 PM Administrative Assistant Report

- Intent to Cut for map/lot 09-02-06 and 13-02-11 were given to the Board to review. Both Intents to Cut were signed.
- A Veterans Tax Credit request for Map/lot 04-02-10 was made available for review. Documents showed all requirements were met. The Board signed the request. Confirmation will be mailed to the owner.
- Checks for Fire Warden Training had been signed as part of the payroll checks. The State document showing that payment was made was reviewed and signed.
- The agreement for MRI to provide Code Enforcement to the town was reviewed and signed by the Board. There are no major changes in the contract. The Town did raise an additional \$500.00 over last years' appropriation. The primary focus of the code enforcement is "junky yard" issues.

- The agreement for HealthTrust to provide health insurance and short term disability insurance to full employees was reviewed and discussed. The rate increase provided for budgeting was 8.1%. The agreement shows only a .3% increase. The Board signed the agreement.

7:05 PM

Public Forum

- David Saad provided the Board with handouts covering updates to the Right to Know Laws.
- Brad Eaton came to the Board to ask for some direction on the Town Common Gazebo project. The Board reported that there had been no information sent by the State – DOT since their site visit. Eaton questioned the need to rework the brick walk way. Eaton also mentioned that using the Water Street end of the common would allow for a natural grade for the required ramp. Selectman, Robert Berti, clarified that the Water Street location is approximately 13” lower than the area of the fountain and the rise to the gazebo would be approximately 13” resulting in the ramp being almost level.

Kathy Grabiek voiced her concern that the word did not get out to the towns’ people enough about the location of the gazebo be questioned.

Selectman, George Bonfiglio, stated that he feels if the intention is to use the gazebo for functions it needs to be placed on the Quincy end (Water Street) of the common.

Selectman, Robert Berti, felt that Board needed to make a final decision on the gazebo placement. Berti thought the decision had been made and it should stay as decided prior, on the Water Street end of the common. Selectman, Ed Haskell, stated he was just waiting to see if the State-DOT had any comment. Selectman, Robert Berti, asked Selectman, Ed Haskell, what his position is if the State-DOT gave a neutral comment? Selectman, Ed Haskell, stated he was in favor of the Water Street end of the common.

Kathy Grabiek stated she had contacted a friend at the State and did not know why they were not responding.

Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion that the prior decision to place the Gazebo on the Water Street end of the common stand and to move forward with the project being located at the Water Street end. Selectman, Ed Haskell, seconded the motion. There was no further discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

There was a brief discussion regarding the brick pathway. Did it need to be replaced/repared, if so could be done at a later time. There was also a brief discussion if the ramp needed railings, that will be considered.

Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, asked the Board about applying for a grant on behalf of the town for funding of the gazebo. The Board approved the request to write a grant.

Selectman, Robert Berti, suggested that the larger vendors used by the town be contacted and a donation towards the gazebo be asked for.

- Chief of Police, Brett Miller, introduced himself to the new Board member and gave an overview of the department. He asked if there were any concerns or complaints that they be brought to his attention in keeping with a chain of command.

7:35 PM

Planning Board members David Saad and Gerard Thibodeau had requested to meet with the Board of Selectmen. David Saad was present and wanted to discuss a comment made during the December 27, 2016, Planning Board meeting. Saad referenced a comment by the Selectmen's liaison that a couple of department heads were not happy with the CIP process and did not want to take part in the process next year, although they will submit up-dates via emails. Saad stated that he only saw one negative comment in the Selectmen's meeting minutes and was not sure who the others, if there were others, were. Saad said that the minutes reflect a complaint, made by Kathy Sobetzer, in regard to waiting 45 minutes for a scheduled appointment with the Planning Board. Sobetzer had also voiced her concern that she was being questioned about prior expenditures rather than future planning. Saad was looking to the Selectmen to see if anyone else had complained.

Selectman, Ed Haskell, only recalled Kathy Sobetzer complaining to the Board. Haskell went on to say the Sobetzer spends a lot of time, as an elected and unpaid official, conducting Cemetery Trustee business.

Selectman, Robert Berti, stated it was inappropriate to keep someone waiting forty-five minutes for a scheduled appointment. Berti also stated that during the CIP process it is the Planning Board's duty to take input on planning and not to question past expenditures. The Planning Board should not be questioning, in this case, Kathy Sobetzer, who is an elected official and volunteers her time to the town. If the Planning Board has concerns on past expenditures they should come to the Select Board.

David Saad stated being a member of the Planning Board, he too, is elected and uncompensated for his time, and that the Planning Board did not work for the Select Board, nor did the Select Board work for the Planning Board. He felt that anyone complaining about the Planning Board should have been sent back to the Planning

Board rather than the Select Board listening to the complaint. Saad went on saying that any Board receiving a complaint should direct the complainant back to the original Board.

Selectman, George Bonfiglio, questioned what made the meeting run late? David Saad thought it was the police department that ran over their allotted time. Bonfiglio replied they should have been kept within their time frames.

Selectman, Ed Haskell, stated that it is the job of the Selectmen to listen to people who come in to talk with them.

David Saad explained that the Planning Board has the authority to run the CIP and then provide the CIP to the Selectmen.

The Select Board collectively agreed with this point, appreciated that work done by the Planning Board on this year's CIP, and acknowledged it was used almost to the dollar during this budget season. Steve did a great job on the CIP spreadsheet.

Selectman, Robert Berti, just wanted to clarify that it was his understanding that Kathy Sobetzer felt that she and the Cemetery Trustees were being criticized by the Planning Board for the trustee's prior work and expenditures.

David Saad said that there were issues brought up that were that were outside of the CIP process. Saad did agree that Steve did do great work on the spreadsheet.

7:55 PM Paulette Bowers, Rumney Town Clerk/tax Collector, requested to meet with the Board to discuss administrative abates. Bowers explained that notices to lean will be mailed on April 4, 2017. Prior to the notices being mail there are a few properties that need to be clear by an administrative abatement. Several properties are campers that are located in a campground and the owner showed that the camper was registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles. Three were taxed deeded properties, now owned by the town. The requests to administrative abatements were reviewed and signed by the Board members.

8:10 PM Administrative Assistant Report (continued from early)

- Certified Computer Solutions, who the town contracts with for its IT needs, offered the traditional one year agreement. New this year they are offering a three-year agreement. The Board agrees the town should continue using CCS, but wanted more information comparing the one year agreement vs. three-year agreement before signing either agreement. A clearer comparison will be completed.

- Timber Cut Reports for Map/Lot 11-02-09 and 16-01-01 were reviewed by the Board.
- The monthly Fire Chief Report was made available for review.
- The Department of Labor made its' visit on March 31, 2017. The DOL inspector checked the items listed for the library, Depot Street Fire Station, and the West Rumney Fire Station for items that had been noted to be out of compliance. All items had been corrected at all three locations.
- A letter concerning the lack of a stop sign at the intersection of Post Office Lane and School Street had been reviewed at the last Board meeting. Because Post Office Lane is privately owned both the police chief and the high way superintendent were not in favor of placing a Stop sign on Post Office Lane. The town will look into placing "Private Way" sign toppers on the street sign name post.
- Arrangements of the prior owner of Map/Lot 07-06-01 for the re-purchase of the Tax Deeded property. The repurchase amount, including filing and legal fees totals \$10,753.00. A Quitclaim deed was reviewed and signed by the Board. The deed will be filed with the Grafton County Registry of Deeds.

8:20 PM

New Business

- Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to go into Nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3,II (a). The motion received a second by selectmen, George Bonfiglio. No discussion on the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion to re-enter public session made by Selectman, Ed Haskell. Motion received a second from Selectman, George Bonfiglio. No discussion, motion passed 3-0.

Ed Haskell made a motion to seal the record indefinitely. George Bonfiglio seconded the motion. No discussion, motion passed 3-0.

8:40

Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to adjourn. Selectman, Robert Berti, seconded the motion. No discussion, the motion passed 3-0.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell
Administrative Assistant
Town of Rumney

Upcoming events:

April 17, 2017	Board of Selectmen Meeting
April 25, 2017	Planning Board Meeting
May 1, 2017	Board of Selectmen Meeting with Public Forum