

**Town of Rumney
Board of Selectmen
May 15, 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 were reviewed and signed.

Upon reviewing the March 2017, Treasurer's Report, Selectman, Robert Berti, asked about the balance shown in the Northway Bank account. Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, explained that following the change from Northway Bank to Woodsville Guaranty Saving Bank it was determined to leave a small amount of funds in the Northway Bank, until the end of 2017. This amount will cover the remaining outstanding checks from 2016 and any unexpected electronic fund transfers that may still be attached to the Northway Bank account.

6:40 PM Rumney Fire Chief, David Coursey, requested to meet with the Board. Also present were Fire Commissioners Terry French, Tim Lewis and Cam Brown.

Chief Coursey spoke about the needed repairs at both the West Rumney Station and the Depot Street Station. Discussion of the West Rumney Station addressed the replacement and remodeling of the overhead doors. One fire engine is stored at the West Rumney Station. The building currently has two overhead doors. The size of the truck compared to the size of the doors makes it very difficult to back the truck in and pull it back out. Chief Coursey recommends replacing the two-door system with one overhead door that is wider and higher. This may require moving the lally column that is in the center of the building. Chief Coursey indicated there will be a need to replace the overhead lights in the bay area, as well.

Select Board Chairman, Ed Haskell, told Chief Coursey to go forward with obtaining three bids, as required by the town's purchase policy, for the project. Whereas, this was not a warrant article at the last town meeting, funds would need to come from a capital reserve. To obtain capital reserve funding a public hearing would be required.

Chief Coursey then reported to the Board that the chimney at the Depot Street Fire Station is in such poor condition that it should be taken down and replaced

before it falls. There was a brief discussion concerning people that may be able to replace the chimney. Select Board Chairman, Ed Haskell, reminded Chief Coursey that the person completing the work would need to have proof of liability insurance.

Chief Coursey asked if the Board would approve Ken Knowlton, of MRI, to complete a pre-blast inspection of CNHA. The Board did approve the use of Ken Knowlton to the annual pre-blast inspection at CNHA.

Chief Coursey reported that work is progressing on the Quincy Road hydrant project.

7:00 PM Tom and Kathy Grabiek had requested to be on the agenda concerning a complaint of speed on Stinson Lake Road. Police Chief, Brett Miller, was in attendance for this portion of the meeting.

The Grabieks explained they have witnessed vehicles, one in particular, frequently speeding up and down Stinson Lake Road. They feel that the Rumney Police Department has not done enough to address the issue. The Grabieks forwarded a copy of a letter they had sent to the Commissioner of Safety for the State of New Hampshire with their concerns. It outlined their opinion that there is a lack of interest in safety issues in Rumney.

The Grabiek's explained they have videotaped and followed one repeat speeder and reported the same to Rumney Police. Along with this one car, there are several pick-up trucks that travel at a high rate of speed up and down Stinson Lake Road.

Chief Miller gave an overview of the times members of the Rumney Police Department have positioned themselves road side in the area of Stinson Lake Road to monitor traffic, based on the complaints that the Grabiek's had filed.

Selectman, Ed Haskell, stated that the presence of a police cruiser often will slow traffic.

Chief Miller explained that the police department, consisting of two full-time officers and one part-time officer, do have to patrol and answer calls in the entire town of Rumney and cannot focus on just that one section of road.

Kathy Grabiek stated there is both speed issues and vehicles passing on the solid yellow line.

Tom Grabiek stated that he has ridden with many police officers and knows how to judge speed. He knows the cars on Stinson Lake Road are speeding.

(7:30 PM George Bonfiglio arrived at the meeting)

Chief Miller offered that there are two phases of patrol; visible deterrent and enforcement. It is the police department's hope that visibility and warnings can correct driving behavior, if not then a summons could be issued. Chief Miller did tell Tom Grabiek that he does believe there are speeders on Stinson Lake Road and other places too. However, the Police Department can only enforce what they see.

Tom Grabiek thanked everyone for their time. The Board sympathized with the Grabieks feelings.

7:37 PM The Town Clerk had provided the Board with a list of properties that are due to be deeded July 13, 2017. These properties have outstanding property taxes from 2014.

7:45 PM Administrative Assistant Report:

- A blasting permit was submitted, but was incomplete, there was no action taken on the requested permit.
- A group requested to use the paved area of the Baker Athletic Field to play Pickle Ball. They will clean up the paved area, bring their own equipment and complete all the required paperwork. The Board authorized the use for Pickle Ball.
- The two Rumney softball teams have not completed the Use of Town Property forms to use the Baker River Athletic Field. The Administrative Assistant asked for guidance on this issue. The Board indicated if the paperwork is not completed the teams should not be using the town property.
- The updated personnel policy covering Harassment was adopted by the Board, town employee training on the new policy will be provided by the town's liability insurer next month.
- A Delegation of Deposit policy form was signed by the Board. The policy allows the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Administrative Assistant to make bank deposits on behalf of the town's Treasurer.
- Personnel Action Forms requesting vacation were signed by the Board.
- Correspondence from Marcosa Santiago addressing her concern of the location that the gazebo is being built on the common was read by the Board members.
- Correspondence to and from William Lambert, NH-DOT, concerning the notice that NH-DOT planned to remove the yellow warning beacons along Rumney Route 25. Letters objecting to

the removal of the warning beacons had been sent to Mr. Lambert. At this point NH-DOT will not be removing the beacons.

- An overview of the Primex Conference the administrative assistant recently attended was given along with some literature on a recommended policy covering public meetings and public hearings.
- Minutes of the May 1, 2017, Selectmen’s Meeting were reviewed. Selectman, Robert Berti, made a motion to accept the minutes. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

8:15 PM Old Business – During a prior Selectmen’s meeting Tom Wallace stated he planned to attend a meeting put on by LCHIP covering upcoming grant availability. Mr. Wallace reported back to the administrative assistant that there were no grants that would apply to current projects in the town.

8:20 PM Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, 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:

May 29, 2017	Town Office closed in observance of Memorial Day
May 30, 2017	Planning Board Meeting
June 5, 2017	Selectmen’s Meeting – with Public Forum
June 12, 2017	Fire Commissioners Meeting
June 19, 2017	Selectmen’s Meeting