

**Town of Rumney
Board of Selectmen
June 5, 2017
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

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

6:30 PM Selectman, Robert Berti, opened the meeting.
Payroll and Account payable checks were reviewed and signed.

6:35 PM The Board met with Transfer Station Superintendent, Milton "Sonny" Ouellette, Highway Road Agent, Frank Simpson, and Police Chief, Brett Miller, about summer projects.

The first topic of discussion was the possible placement/replacement of "No Parking" signs on Buffalo Road and Mill Road. Road side parking on Buffalo Road, between the transfer station and Forest Service parking lot has been an issue. Chief Miller has given "No Parking" signs to Ouellette to place at the entrance of the transfer station. The police department has placed several "No Parking" signs along Buffalo Road, but there have been complaints about the visibility of these signs. Chief Miller discussed purchasing eight larger signs indicating "No Parking Next ¼ Mile" to be placed along Buffalo Road.

Selectman, Robert Berti, stated this has been an issue and creates a safety concern for everyone that travels that road. Berti felt that two large signs, one by the transfer station and one by the Historical Society displaying "No Parking Next X Miles Except in designated areas".

The fine amount for parking tickets does not seem to be a deterrent. The fines can be changed by re-writing the ordinance and holding a public hearing.

Chief Miller explained he has attempted to work with the climbing organizations to reduce the parking issue.

The second parking issue discussed is in the area of the "swimming hole" adjacent to Mill Road. Years prior a local property owner allowed swimmers to park in his yard. That owner is no longer there, so that option is no longer available. The chief is concerned that property owners in that area will complain about vehicle being parked in the road. Chief Miller would like to post large "No Parking" signs on each end of Mill Road.

Road Agent, Frank Simpson, reported that the 2017 paving project will be a section of School Street. The section being paved will be between intersection of Main Street and School Street to the area just past the Russell Elementary School.

Simpson and Transfer Station Superintendent, Sonny Ouellette, reported they will be working together on a new loading ramp at the transfer station.

Ouellette reported he will be re-staining the shed at the transfer station and continuing with the brush cutting.

Selectman, Robert Berti, asked Chief Miller if he could comment of the traffic issue that occurred on Quincy Road last week. Chief Miller reported that a 16-year-old male was caught on radar approaching the Baker Athletic Field travelling 97MPH. The vehicle ended up coming to a stop, off the road, in the area of Quincy Road and East Rumney Road. The driver had a license for approximately four months.

The Board thanked the three department heads for meeting with them.

No one appeared for the public forum.

7:15 PM Opening Bids for the Historical Society Painting Project. Only one bid was submitted for the project. Selectman, Robert Berti, opened the sealed bid. The bid from Home Partners from White River Junction, VT was reviewed by Selectmen, Robert Berti and George Bonfiglio. The proposed bid showed a total cost of \$31, 980.00. Following a brief discussion Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion to accept the bid, contingent upon being listed on their certificate of liability and obtaining a copy of the company's certificate for removing lead-paint. Selectman, Robert Berti, seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, the motion passed 2-0.

Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, will contact Matt Bourgerly, of Home Partners, advising him of the status of the bid. Chivell will also post a notice for a public hearing concerning the using of Town Facility Improvement Capital Reserve Funds to pay for the painting project. The public hearing will be during the Selectmen's Meeting on July 3, 2017.

7:30 PM Rumney Town Clerk, Paulette Bowers, submitted to the Board the Unlicensed Dog Warrant for review and signature. The Warrant was signed by the Board.

7:35 PM Four abatement requests that had been submitted by town property owners had been visited by a member of Commerford -Nieder-Perkins Appraisal &

Assessment Services, the company the town contracts with for assessment services. CNP recommended denying the abatement requests for properties: 01-01-01 & 16-06-35-c.

CNP recommended granting the abatement requests for properties: 02-02-17 & 16-01-11.

The Board agreed to follow the recommendations of CNP. The abatement requests were signed accordingly. A copy of the abatement forms will be forwarded to the property owners.

7:45 PM Timber Yield Tax Warrants were reviewed and signed for the following properties: 13-03-19; 11-02-09; 09-01-14; 16-01-12; 11-02-03-A; 16-01-01; 16-06-02; 16-01-08; 12-06-15; 03-01-01; 16-07-05
An Intent to Cut request for 16-01-14 was reviewed and signed by the Board.

7:55 PM Administrative Assistant Report-

- Meeting Minutes for the May 15, 2017, Board of Selectmen meeting were reviewed. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion to accept the minutes. Selectman, Robert Berti, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.
- Town Treasure, Janet Sherburne, submitted a request to move several of the smaller special bank accounts from the Bank of NH to the Woodsville Guaranty Saving Bank. The town currently uses Woodsville Guaranty Saving for in general checking account. Sherburne cited better rates and no fees for the reason for the requested change. Selectman, Robert Berti, made a motion authorizing the Rumney Town Treasurer's request to move the accounts from the Bank of NH to the Woodsville Guaranty Bank. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.
- The Harassment Policy training will be held June 12, 2017. Session one will be at 3:00 PM, at the Bryon Merrill Library. Session two will be held at the Depot Street fire station. The town's liability insurer will present the training.
- Personnel Actions Forms for employee vacations were reviewed and signed.
- A questionnaire from the town's auditors, Plodzid & Sanderson, was reviewed and signed.
- The town's Workmen Compensation carrier, Primex of NH, submitted a three-year optional agreement, rather than the traditional year to year agreement. If the town signed onto the three-year agreement, Primex agreed to cap any yearly increase. The Board agreed to accept the three-year agreement.
- The May Fire Department Report was made available for review.
- The April Treasures Report was made available for review.

- The January – May Budget Expenditures Report was made available for review.
- Correspondence from Kathy & Tom Grabiek, recapping their thoughts of the meeting they had with the Board and Chief Miller on May 15, 2017, was made available for review.

8:15 PM Old Business – The letter sent by Selectman, Robert Berti, to Tom Wagner of the US Forest Service concerning the Nathan Clifford plaque was reviewed. Berti would like to keep moving on this issue so that the plaque may be replaced before this year’s Old Home Day Events.

A letter from Janet Holmes Carper, the great-grand daughter of Nathan Clifford, was reviewed. Selectman, Robert Berti, requested a copy of the letter be forwarded to Tom Wagner, of the US Forest Service.

Selectman, Robert Berti, requested that the research of the plaque that once was on the watering trough near the town common continue.

8:25 PM New Business – Selectman, Robert Berti, made a motion to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II(b). Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

8:35 PM Selectman, Robert Berti, made a motion to leave nonpublic session and re-enter into public session. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Selectman, Robert Berti, made a motion to seal the nonpublic minutes. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

8:35 PM Selectman, Robert Berti, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell
Administrative Assistant
Town of Rumney

Upcoming Events:

June 12, 2017	Fire Commissioners’ Meeting
June 19, 2017	Selectmen’s Meeting
June 19, 2017	Public Hearing – Use of Town Facility Capital Reserve

June 27, 2017

Planning Board Meeting

July 3, 2017

Select Board Meeting w/ Public Forum

July 4, 2017

Town Office Closed in observance of Independence Day