

**Town of Rumney  
Board of Selectmen  
August 7, 2017  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

- Present: Select Board Members- Ed Haskell, Robert Berti, George Bonfiglio  
Administrative Assistant - Joe Chivell
- 6:30 PM Meeting opened by Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Ed Haskell.  
  
Checks for payroll and accounts payable reviewed and signed.
- 6:35 PM Tax Collector, Paulette Bowers, requested to meet with the Board to update the status of tax lien properties:
- 12-07-32-1 the property owner's bank paid the outstanding taxes
- 16-05-15-01 the owner paid the 2014 tax balance
- 12-07-20 the owner paid the 2014 tax balance
- At the last Board meeting the Board agreed to tax deed property 16-05-04. The owner of the property made a request to the town tax collector to enter into an agreement in that the property owner would pay \$800.00 a month. Tax Collector Bowers reported that a payment in the amount of \$2240.00 a month would be needed to catch up with past due taxes. The Board was reminded that the property owner had failed to keep up with prior payment agreements with the town. The property could have been deeded last year, but the property owner filed for bankruptcy to avoid being deeded. Later last year, the courts denied the bankruptcy filings.
- The Board, again, determined not to enter into a payment plan and to move forward with the tax deeding process.
- 6:50 PM The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 17, 2017, Select Board meeting. Board Chairman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Selectman, George Bonfiglio. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.
- 6:55 PM Road Agent, Frank Simpson, had announced his intention to retire to the Board in July. Frank Simpson now has submitted his written notice of retirement. Upon review Board Chairman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to accept the letter of

resignation with regret. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion of the great job that Frank Simpson had done during his time with the Rumney Highway Department. Following the discussion, the motion passed 3-0.

7:00 PM Public Forum – no one present.

7:01 PM Peter Jackson and Andrew Kesler of the Rumney Climbers Association (RCA) asked to meet with the Board to update them on the new parking lot project on Buffalo Road.

The goal of adding the parking lot is to alleviate illegal road side parking and minimize people walking on Buffalo Road, to make the area safer.

The RCA have met with Rumney Police, Rumney Fire and NHFS on several occasions to share information and plans with all the departments. It is reported that all groups involved support the addition of the parking lot.

There was a brief discussion of the land change request. A follow up meeting will be needed with a member NCP Assessors.

The issue of safety was brought up again. Selectman, Bob Berti, asked how many cars would be able to fit into the parking lot. Jackson reported the target number is 20 cars. Berti asked why not make the parking lot larger. Jackson explained the terrain is keeping it from being feasible to make the parking lot larger.

Town officials and the RCA will be meeting at the proposed parking lot site August 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss the driveway location and drainage from the parking lot. If all approvals are granted, the RCA hopes to have a bulldozer on site to start work this September.

7:30 PM Janice Mulherin, asked to meet with the Board for two different topics;

Conservation Commission – The invasive species, Japanese Knotweed, is an issue at the Darling Natural Area. It is hindering access to the river. Mulherin recommends cutting the weed, piling it near the river and burning it. The other alternative is to use poison, which requires a license. Burning the weed in place before cutting it would cause it to spread further. The Rumney Fire Chief is willing to issue a burn permit, but the permit will need to be issued to the town. The Board approved the cut and burn idea and is willing to be the recipient of the burn permit.

Old Home Day and the role of the Board - Although the Old Home Day Committee has not reached out to the Board until today, the committee would like the Board to take part in the following activities of the day;

Take part in the parade, be part of the opening ceremony, handle the gazebo dedication, recognize the Old Home Day committee members and the gazebo building crew. There was follow up discussion concerning what Board members were available and which member would handle the activities.

8:15 PM John Hemeon requested that he, David Poitras (John Hemeon's son-in-law), the fire chief, and the fire commissioners meet with the Board of Selectmen concerning insulating the Depot Street Fire Station.

David Poitras works for a company located in Massachusetts that install exterior insulation on industrial buildings. Last year, Poitras acquired several sheets of the insulation and has been selling them on-line. Poitras stated he has just enough insulation sheets to cover the fire station. Poitras is willing to sell the panels to the Town of Rumney for \$10,854.00. The cost does not include installation of the panels, trim to cover the corners, doors and windows. Most of the panels have been sitting in the field, owned by Poitras on Mill Road, Rumney.

Fire Chief, David Coursey, stated that once the panels were installed they would have to be painted.

Selectman, Bob Berti, stated if this were to be done, it needed to be completed correctly and the Board would need an estimate for the complete job. John Hemeon stated he was meeting with a contractor the next day in hopes to have the panels installed at no cost.

David Poitras stated that if the town purchased the panels, all the panels would be transported to the Depot Street Fire Station for storage until they were installed.

No action will be taken on this matter until a complete cost for the project is reported. The Board can then discuss the matter in more depth. Selectman, Ed Haskell, stated that he has, in the past, told the fire chief items like this need to be presented according to the town's purchasing policy.

9:00 PM Administrative Assistant Reported –

- Old Home Day / 250<sup>th</sup> Schedule – most of the items were discussed earlier in the meeting. The plaques ordered for the Nathan Clifford area and the Coos Road watering trough have not arrived. The presentation of the plaques will be scheduled in September.

- Initial information on additional funding from SB 38 Block Funding was available for review. Funding from SB 38 is limited to use on road projects.
- A request to purchase tires for the Highway Department backhoe was submitted. The 2017 budget included funding for tires for the backhoe. The Board asked for three bids for the purchase of the four tires needed.
- The Status of the 2017 operating budget, through August 1<sup>st</sup>, was reviewed.
- The time line for the 2018 budget season was discussed briefly. Department Head letters will go out the first week of September, with proposed budgets due to the Administrative Assistant by October 7<sup>th</sup>. Budget and warrant article reviews will start in November.
- The Cemetery Trustees asked permission to gather bids to explore the cost of repairing the Highland South wall. The Board approved sending bids out to contractors, with the understanding that there was to be no work contracted without the authorization of the Board.
- The repurchase deed for Map 7 Lot 0604 has been filed with the Grafton County Registry of deeds. The town is no longer the listed owner and the property has been removed from the town's liability insurance.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell  
 Administrative Assistant  
 Town of Rumney

Upcoming items	
August 12, 2017	Old Home Day / 250 <sup>th</sup> Celebration
August 15, 2017	Fire Commissioners Meeting
August 21, 2017	Select Board meeting
August 29, 2017	Planning Board