

**Town of Rumney  
Board of Selectmen  
October 16, 2017  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

- Present: Select Board Members Present - Ed Haskell, Robert Berti, George Bonfiglio  
Administrative Assistant - Joe Chivell
- 6:30 PM Meeting opened by Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Ed Haskell.  
Payroll and accounts payable checks reviewed for signature.  
Intent to Cut 10-15-06 reviewed and signed  
Yield Tax 16-01-14 reviewed and signed  
Yield Tax 13-02-14 reviewed and signed
- 6:40 PM Chief Miller – Police Department Up-date  
Chief Miller addressed the Board concerning the upcoming budget review process, primarily the part-time officer wage line item. The line will show a requested increase of approximately \$1,000.00. Chief Miller would like to hire another part-time officer. The increase in the line item reflects the cost to either recruit a currently certified officer or the cost to train an uncertified officer. The Board will support the hiring of the “right” person to fit into the community.
- Chief Miller reports that he has met with the new owners of 415 Buffalo Road, the American Alpine Club. Miller feels it will be a good working relationship.
- Regarding the parking on Buffalo Road, it will continue to be addressed, but Chief Miller feels the US Forest Service needs to make more of an effort to be visible in the area and address the parking issues.
- Chief Miller reported that there will be a request to replace the 2010 cruiser during the 2018 budget process. There was a brief discussion of the type of cruiser to be purchased.
- 7:20 PM An update on the tax deeded property, 10-05-04, was given by Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell. Both buildings on the property have been re-keyed. The buildings and the entry way to the property have been posted with “No Trespassing” signs. Jersey barriers will be placed in the entry way of the driveway that has access to Rumney Route 25. The properties will be winterized before cold weather sets in. Selectman, Bob Berti, asked if a tour of the property could be arranged to include the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission?
- 7:35 PM Two applications were received for the open position of Town Highway Laborer. The Board asked that the Road Agent, Nick Coursey, interview the candidates this

week and provide the Board with the name of the candidate he would like to move forward on and stated the background process.

7:40 PM

Administrative Assistant Report –  
Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, spoke about maintenance and repairs on the Town Office Building. There are several ballasts, either out or on the way out throughout the building. Chivell presented a request to change the lighting systems through most of the building from the ballast/tube style lighting to LED lighting. This discussion was started last winter and at that time NHEC had a rebated program for major changeovers. LED lighting systems will show some saving and last several years. Following a brief discussion, the Board agreed to move forward with changing interior lighting to LED and adding two exterior lights to the Town Office Building and one exterior light to the Highway Garage.

The Tax Rate Worksheet from NH-DRA was presented to the Board. It was agreed to keep the Overlay approximately the same as last year, primarily due to the ongoing court issue with the utility companies, and applying \$110,000.00 for the fund balance the tax rate will be set at \$23.74 per thousand, a .02 cent reduction from last year. The breakdown of the tax rate is:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	\$23.74	\$23.76
Municipal	\$4.48	\$5.89
County	\$1.75	\$1.75
Local School	\$15.13	\$13.84
State School	\$2.38	\$2.30

The Tax bills will be sent out mid-November 2017.

Selectman, Bob Berti, had asked for information on creating a “Building Notice” form. The initial information gathered from NHMA was shared. Further research will be needed on this topic.

Meeting minutes from prior Selectmen’s meeting were reviewed. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as corrected. The motion received a second from Selectman, Ed Haskell. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, asked the Board if a work session could be scheduled for October 30, 2017, with the Budget Advisory Committee to start the budget review process. The Board members agreed to start the budget review process on October 30, 2017 at a 6:30 PM work session.

Chivell gave an update of the FEMA reimbursement status as it relates to the July 1, 2017, storm damage. Documents have been submitted and additional paperwork has been requested.

Chivell reported the reimbursement request for the Emergency Management Grant has been submitted and accepted by the State. Reimbursement should be forth coming.

New Business – The Board again asked that interviews for the vacant Highway Department position be completed as soon as possible.

The Board asked that a letter be sent to the property owner of 08-02-19 outlining the concern of the Road Agent and the apparent delay in meeting the requirements to keep the drive way as outlined by the Planning Board.

Old Business – A brief discussion concerning the use of SB38 funding to complete the gravel crushing project. It was determined to use part of the SB38 funding to proceed with the crushing project, that has been delayed the past two years.

The Board was asked that the request to have a Port-a-toilet in the Main Street area be placed on an upcoming agenda to allow further discussion.

8:40 PM Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman, Ed Haskell seconded the motion to adjourn. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell  
Administrative Assistant  
Rumney, New Hampshire

Upcoming Events

October 30, 2017	Selectmen Work Session - Budget
October 31, 2017	Halloween Hours 5:00pm – 7:30PM
October 31, 2017	Planning Board Meeting
November 6, 2017	Selectmen’s Meeting with Public Forum
November 13, 2017	Fire Commissioner’s Meeting
November 20, 2017	Selectmen’s Meeting
November 28, 2017	Planning Board Meeting