

**Town of Rumney
Board of Selectmen
November 6, 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.
- 6:35 PM Diana Kindell of the 250th / Old Home Day Committee requested to meet with the Board. She explained that one of the goals the committee had this year was to purchase "Town of Rumney" signs to be placed on the town lines along Rumney Route 25. Diana shared the top three designs that the committee had chosen. The Board agreed that the more simplistic the sign the easier it would be to maintain it. It was agreed that the sign would be white with green lettering and placed on two posts. The committee will get prices and contact State DOT concerning any rules of placing a sign along Rumney Route 25.
- 6:45 PM The Tax Warrant for the 2017 Property Tax Bill Part 2 of 2 was reviewed and signed by all three members of the Board.
- 6:55 PM Review and sign refund check for a tax over-payment on 02-03-43
- 7:00 PM Public Forum –
Racheal Anderson spoke about the Christmas tree lighting on December 3rd. It was determined that the Christmas tree would look nice in the new gazebo. Racheal would like to place decorations on the gazebo. Brad Eaton will be contacted to best determine how to anchor the tree and hang the decorations.

The Historical society will have tea and cookies at 5:00 pm, prior to the tree lighting.
- 7:15 PM Budget Advisory members: Roger Daniels, Kevin Maes, and Jerry Thibodeau were present to meet with the Board for the initial 2018 Budget review.

Police Chief, Brett Miller, meet with the Board and Advisory members. Chief Miller explained that there were no major increases in the operational budget. Dispatch increased; it is based on a five-year average. Salaries and related items will be discussed at the end of the budget process.

Chief Miller reviewed a proposed warrant article to purchase a new cruiser, to replace the 2010 cruiser. Funds would be requested from the Police Capital

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Reserve, with the balance of the project \$47,500.00 needed to purchase and equip the cruiser, coming from taxation. The cruiser price is based on the State bid. When the time comes to up fit the cruiser the chief was asked to look into trading in the 2010 cruiser towards the cost.

Chief Miller reported no change to the Animal Control budget for 2018.

Chief Miller spoke about the Safety Committee budget. Following the Department of Labor audit this past year there is a need to make adjustment to assure the town stays in compliance.

8:00 PM Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, presented the Executive, Finance and Emergency Management budgets. There were no major changes to the Executive line items. Salaries will be discussed at the end of the budget process.

There were no major changes to the Finance budget. The initial request shows approximately a \$300.00 decrease.

The Emergency Management budget reflects decrease of approximately \$7,000.00.

Jerry Thibodeau asked that the town petition the State to raise the level of Quincy Road to limit the flooding of the road. He felt that it was unsafe having a part of town isolated during the October flood. Roger Daniels replied they would essentially be creating an earth dam that would require cross drainage the entire length of the road. Others commented it would be completely cost prohibited. Administrative Assistant Chivell explained that a fire truck and ambulance had been stage in the area prior to the water crossing the road.

8:30 PM Road Agent, Nick Coursey, and Emergency Management Director, Joe Chivell, updated the Board of damage from the October 30th storm. Areas receiving damage were: the Emerald Brook Bridge on the east end of Old Route 25, Sand Hill Road at the bridge, a culvert on Doetown Road, and a culvert on East Rumney Road.

The town worked with HEB engineers to obtain an emergency wet lands permit to complete repairs to the Old Route 25 bridge. Work will be completed by weeks end.

The culverts on Doetown Road and East Rumney Road will be repaired over the next week. The Sand Hill Road damage will be repaired in the next couple of days.

Selectman, Bob Berti, commented that the prior maintenance of the town's road again helped limit the possibility of more damage being done. Berti appreciated the highway department staying on top of things during that last storm.

8:40 PM The Board and Road Agent, Nick Coursey, planned to discuss the hiring of a new member to the highway department. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion under RSA 91-A:3, II(b) to enter into non-public session. Selectman, Bob Berti, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

8:45 PM Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman, George Bonfiglio. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to seal the nonpublic minutes indefinitely as they may render the proposed action ineffective. Selectman, Bob Berti, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

8:50 PM Administrative Assistant Report;

- Minutes of the October 16, 2017 Selectmen's meeting were reviewed. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to accept the minutes. Selectman, Bob Berti, seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.
- It was reported that the reimbursement check for the Emergency Management Grant had been received from the State of NH.
- Status of the drive way issue at 08-02-19 was briefly discussed. A follow up letter will be sent to the owner of the property outlining the required actions.
- What picture to use on the cover of the Town Report was discussed. More to follow
- Requests for Town Report articles will be going out to the departments soon.

9:00 PM Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by selectman, Bob Berti. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell
Administrative Assistant
Town of Rumney

Up-coming events

11/13	Fire Commissioners Meeting
11/20	Select Board Meeting
11/23	Thanksgiving – Town Office closed
11/21	Day after Thanking – Town Office closed
11/28	Planning Board Meeting
12/4	Select Board Meeting with Public Forum
12/11	Fire Commissioners Meeting
12/18	Select Board Meeting
12/25	Christmas – Town Office Closed
12/26	Planning Board Meeting
01/01	New Year’s Day – Town Office Closed
01/08	Select Board Meeting with Public Forum
01/08	Fire Commissioners Meeting
01/22	Select Board Meeting