

**Town of Rumney
Board of Selectmen
December 18, 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 Selectman, Ed Haskell.
Payroll and accounts payable checks reviewed for signature.
- 6:35 PM Budget Review: Budget Advisory Member Roger Daniels was in attendance.
- Town Clerk / Tax Collector, Paulette Bowers, presented her proposed budget. As a reminder, salaries and related items, will be addressed at the end of the budget review process.
- The Town Clerk / Tax Collector budget, before salary adjustments, shows a decrease of approximately \$2,000.00. There were minor operation cost changes compared to the 2017 budget. There were no major questions concerning the proposed budget.
- 7:50 PM EMS Director, Deb Thompson, had called earlier in the day stating she could not leave work to present the EMS budget during this meeting. The Board agreed to review the budget during the meeting. The proposed 2018 EMS budget showed a \$1,200.00 decrease from the proposed 2017 budget. The Board had no questions on the proposed. They asked that Deb Thompson be contacted and told that, unless she needed to meet with the Board, her proposed budget was accepted as submitted.
- 7:00 PM Susan Turbyne and Stacy Winsor met with the Board to present the Library budget. The overall requested funding for the library shows an increase of \$6,642.00. The majority of the increase was reflected in the Salary/Staff Development line item. Mrs. Turbyne explained she would like to increase the hourly pay rate and be open additional hours. Mrs. Turbyne also commented that at some point in the near future there has been discussions of making the librarian position full-time. Selectman, Bob Berti, noted that in efforts to keep the tax rate from increasing the Board is looking hard at any budget increase requests. Berti also commented on the overall impact of adding an additional full-time employee. Berti stated he understands the library is important and that it plays a role in early education.
- 7:20 PM Health Officer/Non-Profit Agencies Requests were presented by Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell. The Health Officer stipend remained the same budgeted

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amount as in 2017. Requested funding, overall, from non-profit health agencies showed an increase of \$4,000.00. The Board determined to level fund the non-profit health agencies based on the 2017 budget. (See attached)

The Welfare Administration/ Welfare Non-profit agencies requests were presented by Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell. The overall requested funding for 2018, was increased by \$750.00. All items were level funded, based on the 2017 budget, except for Grafton County Senior Citizen Council, which was increased by \$400.00. (See attached)

7:45 PM Old Home Day proposed budget was presented by Diana Kindell and Roger Scroggins. Initially it was requested to use income gained by funding projects. It was explained that there was never a warrant article to create a revolving account to use funds raised. Fund raised money is recognized in the same manner as any income from the different town departments. Remaining funds appropriated in the 2017 warrant article can be carried over into 2018, the same as they have been historically. Diana Kindell did not agree and asked that an opinion from either NH-DRA or legal counsel.

Following that discussion, the Old Home Day Committee requested \$7,000.00, to be made up from the 2017 fund balance and the remainder be raised by taxes.

8:15 PM Police Chief, Brett Miller, requested to meet with the Selectmen. Chief Miller reported that he had a candidate to present to the Board to hire as a part-time officer. The candidate is not a certified officer and would need to attend the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Part-time Academy. The next part-time academy starts on February 3, 2018. The paperwork submission deadline for the February academy is January 6, 2018.

Chief Miller explained that since this candidate would need to attend the part-time academy he had re-worked his proposed 2018 budget, Chief Miller handed out a copy of the re-worked budget. The re-worked budget showed an overall increase, from the 2017 budget, of \$2,431.00.

The Board did not oppose the idea of hiring a part-time officer, but would like to: meet the candidate, see a rate of pay, review a training agreement. The Board did not authorize the hire, they will revisit the issue when more information is given.

8:45 PM Administrative Assistant Report:

- A draft version of an Encumbered Funds Request was made available for review and discussion. The document will be updated when all end of year projects invoices are received.
- An agreement to provide services from Plodzick and Sanderson was available to review and sign. Plodzick and Sanderson have been used to complete the annual town audit. The agreement was signed to allow Plodzick and Sanderson to complete the 2017 audit. Selectman, Bob

- Berti, asked that this service be placed out to bid for the 2018 audit.
- Road Agent, Nick Coursey, submitted a request to purchase culvert pipe for 2018, projects. Coursey reported that this purchase will be under the 2017 State bid. The 2018 State bid is expected to see a significant cost increase. The Board agreed with the purchase request.
- Meeting minutes from the December 4, 2017, Selectmen's meeting were offered for review. Selectman, George Bonfiglio made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by selectman, Bob Berti. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0. Selectman, Ed Haskell, abstained from the vote as he was not at the December 4, 2017, meeting.
- Budget workshop date was discussed. The workshop date will be January 13, 2018, with January 20, 2018, as a snow date.
- Public Budget Hearing date was discussed. The Public Hearing will on February 5, 2018, during the regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting.
- Town Meeting and election dates were discussed. Town elections will be held on March 13th. Town Meeting will be held on March 15th.
- There was a request by C. Robert Francis to waive a tax penalty. He reported a possible issue with the mailing. The Board agreed to waive the penalty.
- NH Lottery Commission sent a letter outlining the ability for towns to have a warrant article allowing Keno. The Board was not opposed to such a warrant article. A draft of a proposed warrant article will be drafted.

9:15 PM New Business

- A request for funding had been submitted by the Mountain Village Charter School of Plymouth, NH. The Charter School is open to elementary age students. The Board, at this time, did not feel this would be an appropriate use of Rumney tax payer money.

9:20 PM Old Business

- Selectman, Bob Berti, asked if there had been any correspondence received from the Rumney Fire Commissioners concerning a personnel issue. Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, reported there has been no correspondence received on that issue to date. The Board directed Chivell to send the Commissioners a letter requesting an update.

9:30 PM Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman, George Bonfiglio. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell
Administrative Assistant
Town of Rumney

Up-coming events

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
01/13 Budget Workshop
01/22 Select Board Meeting