

**Town of Rumney
Board of Selectmen
January 22, 2018
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.

6:30 PM Tax Collector, Paulette Bowers, met with the Board concerning a requested waiver of interest on a tax bill. The mortgage holder, Frederick Santucci, of Map 12 Lot 0720 explained to Bowers that the mortgagee, NH Panther Construction Company, LLC, had skipped out on the business agreement they had, and has not paid the property taxes on the property. Santucci asked if he paid the past due principal tax amount, if the Town would waive the amount of accrued interest? After a discussion, amongst the Board, an agreement was made that the town will offer to Mr. Santucci: pay the entire amount of principal taxes due, the town would then allow Santucci to make twelve monthly payment to pay off the interest accrued to date, without any additional interest being added to the balance. The Board asked that Bowers draft a letter outlining their offer and send it to Frederick Santucci.

6:45 PM Transfer Station Superintendent, Milton “Sonny” Ouellette, met with the Board concerning the condition of the canisters used for waste at the transfer station and the ongoing required water testing.

Ouellette explained that the canisters were purchased, used, from the Campton-Thornton Transfer Station. Currently, the canisters need repairs that consist of sandblasting, welding and painting. The initial quote from Casella for the repairs is approximately \$6,000.00. The cost to replace with new canisters would be between \$13,000.00 and \$14,000.00. Ouellette predicts that repairing the canisters would extend the useful life up to 8 years. Casella does offer rental canisters at a rate of \$2,400.00 per year. Selectman, Bob Berti, asked if any other quotes for repairing the canisters had been gathered, if not he would like to see quotes from other sources. Ouellette stated he would work on obtaining additional quotes.

Superintendent, Ouellette, offered the Board several names of engineers as options to take over the current well testing that is required by DES. After reviewing the quotes provided, the Board asked that an invitation be sent to CMA Engineering, Bow, NH.

Ouellette stated that the compactor was running well, although a hydraulic fluid heater would be a great addition for the cold winter days. The approximate cost for a heater was thought to be \$1,000.00. Ouellette was told to keep that in mind when creating the 2019 Transfer Station budget.

7:20 PM Road Agent, Nick Coursey, met with the Board for a four-month post hire review. Coursey was appointed to the position of Road Agent effective October 1, 2017. Administrative assistant, Joe Chivell, offered that he feels he and Nick were working well together on the flow of paperwork and projects such as: FEMA reporting, budgeting and new policies.

Road Agent, Coursey, indicated he is working on a Winter Maintenance Policy and will submit it to the Board for review and input in the near future. Coursey reported that the newly hired highway department employee is working out well.

There was a brief discussion about end of year preventative cleaning of equipment. Coursey indicated a fluid film is used to coat the underside of the vehicles.

Coursey reported that the rock crushing project has been completed. The company's equipment is still on site at the transfer station but should be moved when weather permits.

The Board was advised that the new bus company being used by the school is running full size buses on East Rumney Road, Doetown Road, and Cross Road. Road agent, Coursey, is concerned about this new practice, as the former bus company would run smaller four-wheel drive buses on these roads. The Board asked that a letter be sent to the new company.

The Road Agent and the Board discussed the poor drainage issue at the Rumney Rocks parking lot, that is owned by the Forest Service. Water continues to drain onto Buffalo Road from that area. The Board asked that a letter be sent to the Campton Office of the Forest Service to open a line of communication regarding this issue.

Selectman, Bob Berti, commented that overall it appears that Coursey is doing a good job. Berti did mention he had received one note of concern, that one morning there appeared to be a delayed response to plowing and sanding that may have been related to two of the highway staff being at an out of town fire call. Berti asked Coursey to remember the town roads are the priority.

The Board did remind Coursey they would like to see all staff at the highway department to have CDL's.

7:50 PM A copy of the proposed budget and warrant articles were given to the Board to review. The town attorney had reviewed and approved the articles as written.

The approval from NH-DRA is still pending.

- 8:15 PM Administrative Assistant Report-
- Copy of the January 8, 2018, meeting minutes were provided for review. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Selectmen, George Bonfiglio. There was no discussion of the motion. The motion passed 3-0.
 - The 2018 CNP agreement was made available for review and signing. Upon review the Board signed the agreement.
 - An overview of bids to repair the 2010 Expedition was given to the Board. The Board agreed to move forward with repairs being completed by Forest Howes Automotive Repairs.
 - Refund check for C. Robert Francis was reviewed and signed.
- 8:30 PM Old Business-
- Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to enter Nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3, II (a), (c), & (l). Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.
- 8:50 PM Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session. The motion was seconded by Selectmen, Bob Berti. The motion passed 3-0.
- Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session indefinitely in that it may affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the Board. The motion was seconded by George Bonfiglio. The motion passed 3-0.
- 8:55 The Board was made aware that no response had been received back for the Rumney Fire Commissioners concerning a personnel issue.
- 8:55 PM Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by selectman, Bob Berti. The motion passed 3-0.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell
Administrative Assistant
Town of Rumney

Up-coming events

02/05/2018 Select Board Meeting with Budget Hearing
02/12/2018 Fire Commissioners Meeting

Approved version of the January 22, 2018 Select Board meeting minutes

02/19/2018 President's Day – Town Office closed
02/19/2018 Select Board Meeting