

**Town of Rumney
Board of Selectmen
February 5, 2018
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Public Budget hearing**

Present: Select Board Members Present – Ed Haskell, Robert Berti, George Bonfiglio
Administrative Assistant - Joe Chivell

6:30 PM Meeting held at Russell Elementary School was opened by Selectman, Ed Haskell. Payroll and accounts payable checks reviewed for signature.

6:35 PM Administrative Assistant Report:

- 2018 agreement with George E. Sansousy, PE, LLC was reviewed. Sansousy provided evaluation services covering utilities in the town of Rumney. Rates for service were the same as in the 2017 agreement. The Board agreed to sign the 2018 agreement.
- Intent to cut Map 11 lot 0220 was reviewed and signed
- Land Use Change for Map 12 lot 0720 had been prepared for CNP Assessing. The document was reviewed and after a brief discussion was signed by the Board.
- The contract to provide transfer station services to Dorchester was reviewed and signed.
- The contracts to provide Fire and EMS services to Ellsworth was reviewed and signed.
- The contracts to provide Fire service to Dorchester was reviewed and signed.
- The contracts to provide Fire service and EMS service to the town of Groton was reviewed and signed.
- A draft version of a Highway Department Inclement Weather Policy and a draft version of a Highway Department Road Safety Ordinance was available for review. Further review will be completed at a future Board meeting. The Ordinance would require a public hearing before being placed into action.
- The January 2018, Fire Department report was available for review.
- Town Clerk, Paulette Bowers, requested the Board to waive the town portion of a Purple Heart recipient vehicle registration. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to waive the town portion of this vehicle registration. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion of the motion. The motion passed 3-0.
- Selectman, Bob Berti, and Road Agent, Nick Coursey, signed a driveway permit for map 12 lot 1001.
- Correspondence from Planning Board Chairman, Steve Weber, concerning the reduction of the Planning Board's budget request was reviewed by the

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Board. This request will be taken under advisement.

7:00 PM Select Board Chairman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to suspend the selectmen's regular meeting to enter a public hearing on the 2018 Rumney Budget. Selectman, Bob Berti, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The warrant articles were read starting with article number three. The warrant articles are attached. Mark Andrew asked about salary raises for town employees. Concerning salary, it was explained that the budget reflected an .50 cent an hour pay increase for regular full-time employees and weekly part-time employees. The Board was asked if they were aware of the recent contract given to Russell School teachers giving them a 5% raise in 2018, and a 4% raise in 2017. The Board explained the reason to give a raise of .50 cents rather than a percentage keeps an even gap between employees. A percentage raise widens the gap. The amount was an effort to give a reasonable increase while keeping the impact on the tax rate at a minimum.

Article 9, outlined the funds to be placed into the town's capital reserves. Fire Commissioner, Terri French, was concerned that the fire department equipment fund was not receiving funding this year. They are concerned that with the 2018 request to purchase SCBA equipment and the planned purchase of additional SCBA equipment in 2020 the reserve will be too low. The Board stated they will discuss the issue.

Article 15, Mark Andrew asked if the amount was enough to complete a dry hydrant project. The fire commissioners were unable to provide a budget number to complete a project. Janice Mulherin asked what hydrants were working? The three working hydrants are located at the New England Fellowship, Stinson Lake, and behind Cersosimo Lumber.

Article 31, requesting to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint the Town Treasurer, starting in 2019, is based on the position becoming more involved. As an elected position there was no qualification and minimal oversight given to the Board.

Article 32, is to see if Keno will be allowed in businesses in the town Rumney. The town receives no direct revenue from Keno, but it does raise revenue to fund Kindergarten. Passing this warrant article would allow businesses in Rumney that want to have Keno to install the game.

8:40 PM Select Board Chairman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to end the public hearing and returned to the scheduled selectmen's meeting. Selectman, Bob Berti, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Old business – There was no old business discussed

New business – The Board discussed if funds should be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve fund this year. It was determined to leave the warrant article as drafted. If funding is needed next year, it can be added then. It was the consensus of the Board, that it would require tax money to be raised either this year or next year. There is adequate funding in the account for this project. The CIP Fire Equipment Fund report did not reflect the non-expenditure of the \$4,000.00 that was requested in 2017 for SCBA tanks and showed a withdrawal of \$35,000.00 as the 2018 request, rather than the actual \$19,000.00 withdrawal that is being requested.

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

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell
Administrative Assistant
Town of Rumney

Up-coming events

02/12/2018 Fire Commissioners Meeting
02/19/2018 President's Day – Town Office closed
02/19/2018 Select Board Meeting
02/20/2018 Planning Board Meeting
03/05/2018 Selectmen's Meeting with Public Forum
03/12/2018 Fire Commissioners Meeting
03/13/2018 Town Election at Russell School
03/15/2018 Town Meeting at Russell School
03/19/2018 Selectmen's Meeting