

**Town of Rumney
Board of Selectmen
March 19, 2018
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

Present: Select Board Members Present – Ed Haskell, Robert Berti,
Excused Absences 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 Transfer Station Superintendent, Milton “Sonny” Ouellette, met with the Board to follow up with three vendor bids to repair two canisters at the transfer station. The Board reviewed the bids and the scope of the work each vendor could complete. After a brief discussion selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to accept the bid to Casella. Selectman, Bob Berti, seconded the motion. There was brief discussion on the funding of the project. The Transfer Station Equipment Fund Capital Reserve will be the proposed funding source for this project. A public hearing will be held on May 7, 2018, to determine if the capital reserve funds are used for the canister repairs. The motion was then voted on and passed 2-0.

Ouellette requested that he and a part-time transfer station employee be allowed to attend the annual NRRRA conference. There is funding in the transfer station budget to attend the conference. The Board authorized their attendance.

6:45 PM Chair of the Conservation Commission, Janice Mulherin, met with the Board to request the appointments of members to the commission. Mulherin asked that the Board re-appoint herself, Doug Earick, Nate Everts, Maggie Brox, and Joel Grass. With these appointments there will still be one vacant position. Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion to accept Janice Mulherin's nomination of: Janice Mulherin, Doug Earick, Nate Everts, Maggie Brox, and Joel Grass to the Rumney Conservation Commission. Selectman, Ed Haskell, seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Janice Mulherin spoke to the Board about a notice received from NH-DOT concerning the former Rumney Rest Area. Mulherin would like to draft a letter to the state requesting, at the very least, to have first right of refusal when or if the property is put up for sale. The Board was in favor of the letter. Discussion followed that there were many possible uses of that property that would benefit the town.

A request to review and abate a timber yield tax had been sent to the Board of Selectmen. The request was reviewed by Janice Mulherin and the Board

members. It was agreed to reduce the percentage rating by one point. A fund amount will be calculated and presented at the next Board meeting.

Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, explained that the town and the town's liability insurer, Primex of NH, were coordinating a chain saw safety class. Chivell asked Mulherin if there were any trees at the Jim Darling Natural Area that could be cut down. Mulherin stated there were several cuts to be cut down and she could mark them before the class was held. After the class the trees could be cut and split and used to heat the highway garage.

7:10 PM

Administrative Assistant Report –

- Mowing bid specifications were reviewed by the Board. The Board authorized the forms to be posted.
- Highway Agent, Nick Coursey, had submitted a request to have electrical work done at the highway garage. Due to the cost of the work the Board requested at least two additional quotes, as outlined in the town's purchase policy.
- Judy Webber submitted her resignation for the Conservation Commission. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to accept the letter of resignation. Selectman, Bob Berti, seconded the motion. Discussion on the motion: Selectman, Bob Berti, stated that Leif Anderson had mentioned he would like to get involved at some level with the Town. Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, added that Greg Patten had asked about the Conservation Commission position. Both names were given to Janice Mulherin. There was no further discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.
- Steve Webber submitted a letter of resignation from the Planning Board. The Board acknowledged the letter, but no action was taken. By statute, the Planning Board has the oversight of filling vacancies on its own board.
- The amount of timber cut along the road front of property owned by Eagle Point Development Group, on Doetown Road had been asked about. The timber cut appears to have changed the land use. NH Forest Service has been contacted to look into this cut on this property. The Ranger reported that the land owner will be removing the stumps, thus changing the land type. The Ranger will allow the land owner 90 days after April 1, 2018, to complete the stump removal.
- The PA28 Inventory forms have been mailed to property owners. The forms are due back by April 15, 2018.
- One of the Highway Department's F550 plow trucks was involved in a minor accident. A vehicle was parked in the roadway, the truck's driver attempted to plow around the vehicle, while doing so slid into the side of the vehicle. New Hampshire State Police was contacted to cover the accident. An initial report was submitted to the town's insurance carrier, Primex of NH.
- Personnel Action Forms for annual pay adjustments, following Town Meeting, were reviewed and signed by the Board.

- Town Moderator, Jim Buttolph, submitted a report to cover the Town Elections and Town Meeting.
- Tom Wallace, Rumney Historical Society, reported that the floor, in front of the front door of the Historical Building had risen due to dampness. Wallace originally thought there may be a leak and the dampness came in from the roof line. Roger Daniels looked at the floor issue and believed the dampness came in through the door. When the weather warms up Wallace and Daniels will look into the possible repair.

8:00 PM Old Business –

- Selectman, Bob Berti, would like to form a work committee to discuss the future of the tax deed property at 470 Rumney Route 25 and the possible availability of the old rest area. Berti has concerns about trying to use the 470 Rumney Route 25 property and would like to look into auctioning it in the near future.

8:05 PM New Business –

- Selectman, Bob Berti, discussed the idea of re-bidding items, such as the annual audit this year. Berti stated he would like to look at drafting an RFP for a three-year audit agreement. Selectman, Ed Haskell, agreed with this proposal.
- The Board requested that a letter be sent to the Rumney Trustee of Trust Fund to include the RSA's to govern their requirement and the annual training that is put on by the NH Attorney General's Office. The Board would require that any capital fund request be processed by the Trustees prior to December 15, 2018.
- The duties of the Board were discussed; The assignments will remain the same:

<u>Ed Haskell</u>	<u>Bob Berti</u>	<u>George Bonfiglio</u>
Police Dept.	Highway Dept.	Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Fire Dept.	Transfer Station	Administrative Assistant
EMS		Planning Board

- The election of the chairman of the Board will be discussed at the next Selectmen's meeting
- Selectman, Bob Berti, voiced a concern with the limited police coverage on Sunday's. Selectman, Ed Haskell, will bring that to the chief's attention.
- The dry hydrant discussion that was brought up during the public budget hearing and the Town Meeting was discussed. The Select Board feels that permits for sitework on four to five dry hydrants need to be completed, starting with sitework plans at French's Pond. There have been funds available from the Groton Wind Farm agreement, for several years. These funds, along with funding approved during the 2018, Town Meeting should be put to use in a timely fashion. The remaining Groton Wind

Farm funds are to be used strictly for the dry hydrant work and no additional Groton Wind Farm funds are to be used on the Rumney Forestry Truck. It was noted that the Board feels that dry hydrants are needed for the Rumney village area. That would require work to be completed on the dry hydrants located on Buffalo Road and at the bridge on Main Street.

8:15 PM Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman, Bob Berti, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell
Administrative Assistant
Town of Rumney

Up-coming events

Planning Board meeting	March 27, 2018
Select Board Meeting	April 2, 2018
Fire Commissioners Meeting	April 9, 2018
Select Board Meeting	April 16, 2018
Selectmen's Office Closed	April 23 rd – April 27 th
Planning Board Meeting	April 24, 2018