

**Town of Rumney
Board of Selectmen
April 2, 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.

6:35 PM Police Chief, Brett Miller, met with the Board to provide the Police Department's status. Department's staff evaluations were turned in to the Board. Chief Miller gave the Board an overview of the scheduled coverage as provided by the sworn members. A copy of activity covering March 19th through April 2nd was provided. Chief Miller has submitted his application to attend the Primex Supervisors Academy in June. He requested a reference letter from the Board, which is required by Primex. Chief Miller reported he had applied to attend the Field Training class at the NH Police Academy but was denied because the class was overbooked. Miller reported that he and Officer Patten will be attending the NH Police academy Tuesday to take part in the Physical Fitness Instructor Course.

The 2018 police budget included funding for a work tablet to be installed in the cruiser. Chief Miller requested authority to order the tablet, as quoted, by Certified Computer Solutions. The board granted permission to make the purchase and have the equipment installed.

Chief Miller reported that the department will start focusing more enforcing the "NO PARKING" areas along Buffalo Road.

Chief Miller then gave an overview of the differences between the Ford SUV cruiser and the Dodge Charger cruiser package. Cruiser replacement is not planned for this budget year, Chief Miller was just offering the information.

6:45 PM Road Agent, Nick Coursey, met with the Board for an end of probationary period review. The Board gave Coursey a positive review, considering he had worked through the fall flood and a difficult winter. Coursey reported to the Board the status of several of the dirt roads in town and how they are faring during "mud season".

The Board and Coursey reviewed the proposed 2018 Paving Bid information. The Board approved the bid form, which will be sent out this week. The 2018 paving project will cover the west end of Old Route 25.

7:00 PM Public Forum – There was no one in attendance for the Public Forum

7:00 PM A notice had been posted to hold a public hearing on the proposed “Ordinance to Prevent Hazards to Public Safety on Town Roads”. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to suspend the Selectmen’s Meeting in order to hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Copies of the ordinance were handed out and read. The ordinance covers town roads, there is a similar state law that covers state roads. There is a state law that covers state roads. Selectman, Bob Berti, asked if section 3 of the ordinance bans OHRV’s from travelling on established road side trails? Coursey indicated it would not, it would prohibit OHRV’s from interfering with road maintenance, or in the case of snowmobile causing snow banks to fall into the travel portion of the roadways.

There was no other input or questions concerning the proposed ordinance. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to accept and enact the “Ordinance to Prevent Hazards to Public Safety on Town Roads” as drafted and presented. There was no additional discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0. A copy of the ordinance was signed by the three Board members.

Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to exit the public hearing and re-enter the regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen’s meeting. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Selectman, Bob Berti, asked Coursey how the supply of winter sand was lasting. Coursey reported that the sand supply was doing ok, but they have used a lot of sand so far this winter. There had been some issues with people taking a large amount of sand from the public sand pile, to the extent that a few were trying to take pick-up truck loads. The Board acknowledged that the public sand is for town residents to take a couple of pails of sand. Coursey indicated he had placed a sign at the public sand pile stating it was for a limited use by Rumney residents only. After the sign was posted, Officer Patten had spoke to a few people that were taking more than they should.

Coursey submitted a PAF, requesting the use of vacation during April. The Board signed the request.

7:30 PM Administrative Assistant Report –

- The Board’s duties were assigned during the March 19, 2018, meeting. The choosing of the Chairman was delayed until this meeting. Selectman, Bob Berti, would like to recommend that Board go back to the way Boards in the past had voted to have the out going Board member be the chairman of the Board. Selectman, Ed Haskell, nominated Selectman, Bob Berti, to

be the Chairman of the Rumney Board of Selectmen for this term.

Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. Discussion determined that the new Chairmen would be put into place at the end of this meeting. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 3-0.

- The Groton Board of Selectmen have requested to meet with the Rumney Board of Selectmen sometime in May. May 7, 2018 was chosen, it was requested that the Rumney Fire Commissioners, Rumney Fire Chief, and the Rumney EMS Director also be invited.
- Intents to Cut for 09-1002 and 02-4003 were signed.
- The State form to reappoint the Health Officer was reviewed and signed.
- The Board was notified that the Rumney Safety Committee meet on March 21, 2018.
- The March 2018 Treasurers' report was made available for review.
- The letter that the Rumney Historical Society sent to the NH-DOT concerning the former rest area was made available for review.
- Notification for HealthTrust confirmed that the employee health insurance rate will increase 6.2% effective July 1, 2018.
- A Tax Deferral request had been submitted for 07-02-08. Upon review by the assessors at CNP it was determined that the request did not meet legal requirements and should be denied. Board members asked if there was a payment agreement between the property owner and the Town. It was explained that there was no formal agreement, but that the property owner attempts to make regular payments. Based on the NH-RSA covering Tax Referral the Board denied the request.
- The Planning Board submitted a request to ask Ken Knowlton of MRI to inspect the property at 16-04-05-01. The Board determined to wait on the inspection by Knowlton for the following reasons; The MRI contact expired on March 31, 2018, and a replacement contract has not been forwarded to the town from MRI. If a new contract with MRI is signed the inspections by Knowlton should be coordinated with Junk Yard inspections to limit travel fees charged by MRI. Lastly, the inspection should be held off until the weather is better and the terrain to be inspected can be traversed safely.
- Diana Kindell had been working on creating "Town of Rumney" town line markers with the hopes to place the markers near the Wentworth/Rumney town line and the Plymouth/Rumney town line on Rumney Route 25. The cost of the signs will be \$850.00 and Kindell requested the funds be taken from the Old Home Day budget. The Board asked if the location for the signs had been determined, if permission had been granted by the land owners, and if NH-DOT had been contacted concerning setbacks and or any other approval that may be needed. The Board also asked if the Old Home Day Chair, Roger Scroggins, had been contacted regarding the expenditures of those funds. This information was not available at this time. On the topic of Old Home Day, the Board asked if there had been any input from Scroggins concerning Old Home Day events, i.e. fireworks, parades, etc. To date there has not been any information

forwarded to the town office.

- 8:00 PM Old Business –
- The change of the basal area following a timber cut on Doetown Road: The NH Division of Forest and Lands was contracted regarding this possible issue. A Forest Ranger did inspect the area and reported back that there was a definite change to the area. The Ranger will re-inspect the area 90 days after April 1st to determine if the forestry plan was followed.
- 8:10 PM New Business –
- EMS Director, Deb Thompson, has decided not to continue as Director. At the next EMS meeting new officers will be elected. The Board discussed the history of Rumney's EMS, from Fast Squad to current. The Board asked about the number of providers that are currently on the squad. A review of the past several months EMS stipend requests show seven names. A follow up question was; How many of the seven respond to calls regularly. A review of the past several months showed the same two or three members respond to medical calls. The Board had questions as to how many medical calls there were in Rumney and how many of those calls were responded to by Rumney EMS members. That is unknown at this time, as the Selectmen's Office doesn't receive a copy of the Lakes Regional Dispatch log.
The town contracts with the town of Plymouth Ambulance service to respond to and transport patients of all medical calls. Plymouth responds to all calls and provides high quality service.
The 2018 Rumney budget includes \$17,100 for the operation of Rumney EMS, and an additional \$13,500 for EMS Capital Reserves. The Board wants to review cost to service provided of the Rumney EMS.
The Board would like to invite the new director to an upcoming meeting.
- 8:40 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
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Town of Rumney

Up-coming events

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

Approved Minutes of the April 2, 2018 Selectmen's Meeting