

**Town of Rumney
Board of Selectmen
May 7, 2018
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

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

6:30 PM Meeting opened by Selectman, Ed Haskell.
Payroll and accounts payable checks reviewed for signature.

Police Chief, Brett Miller, met with the Board to give a department up-date. Chief Miller provided a list of calls for service covering the prior two weeks. Chief Miller compared prices of fuel between the State of NH and Pemi River Fuels. At this date and time, the State fuel price is a slightly less than Pemi River Fuels, but taking into account the location of the pumps, time out of Rumney, it is still more practical to purchase fuel at Pemi River Fuels.

Chief Miller reported that traffic is picking up as we come into the summer months. There are cars parking and people camping in the American Alpine Club on Buffalo Road. Miller reported that the new RCA parking lot is being used. Miller also reported receiving complaints of overnight campers, sleeping in their cars, at the RCA parking lot. Chief Miller indicated that the RCA parking lot is private property and until it is posted the police department will not be taking action on the overnight sleeping issue.

Chief Miller reported that he has talked with Rumney Health Officer, Becky Bordonaro, concerning the litter complaint at 99 Rumney Route 25. This complaint was passed along to State DES for follow up. The issue is on the Plymouth Rumney town line and may involve commercial trash removal.

Chief Miller request to start a hiring process, for a part-time police officer, by placing an ad in the local paper. The Board approved the request.

6:55 PM Tax Collector, Paulette Bowers, met with the Board with a number of abatement requests. Three abatements were for associations that had not returned the annual Inventory Forms. The associations do not receive tax bills, as the properties are common area shared by several different owners, and the owners of the properties pay the taxes for the common area. But they do receive Inventory Forms to report any association property changes. Although the Board understands the tax payment process, the inventory forms need to be returned to show any changes to the common areas.

The two abatements were for camper trailer lots that were vacant, but still

generated inventory form penalties. One abatement was for a camper trailer that was properly registered as a vehicle. The Board agreed to grant these abatements. The last abatement request was for a camper trailer that was purchased and later removed from a campsite. The Board denied this request, as the camper was in Rumney and not properly registered for that time.

Tax Collector, Paulette Bowers, offered a payment plan for a property that is \$35,000.00, delinquent on property taxes. The property owner recently paid \$4,000.00, towards the back taxes and stated they stated they would pay another \$7,000.00, next Wednesday. The requested payment plan was to pay \$1,000.00, a month. Running out an amortization plan the owner would need to pay \$2,000.00, a month to catch up. The Board decided not to sign the agreement allowing for a monthly payment of \$1,000.00, as it would not meet the need to catch the owner of the property up.

7:25 PM Public Forum – Public Hearing for use of Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Funds. A notice of public hearing had been posted to allow the Board to use funds in the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to repair two of the canisters used at the Rumney Transfer Station. Superintendent, Milton, Sonny, Ouellette gave an overview of the required repairs and the bids that had been obtained. The low bid had been submitted by Casella. The bid for repairs was for \$3,046.00, per canister, totaling \$6,092.00. Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, advised there is \$33,292.43, in the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve. Chivell also recommended wording any proposed motion as “not to exceed the amount of \$6,500.00, in case there were any unforeseen added expenses. There was no additional input on the topic of the canister repair.

Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to authorize the Rumney Board of Selectmen to remove an amount, not to exceed \$6,500.00, from the Rumney Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of repairing two transfer station canisters and for the repairs to be completed by Casella. The motion was seconded by Selectman, George Bonfiglio. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Superintendent, Milton “Sonny” Ouellette, had requested three bids to cut brush at the Rumney Transfer Station. The low bid was submitted by Wright Landscaping. This bid indicated that more than Wright would be working onsite. The Board indicated Wright would have to supply a copy of workmen’s compensation coverage to be allowed to complete the job. Ouellette stated he would follow up on that requirement. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to award the brush cutting job to Wright Landscaping, pending appropriate certificates of insurance were provided. If the proper insurance is not provided Ouellette is be allowed to offer the brush cutting job to Josh’s Lawn Care Services, provided he has the proper certificates of insurance. The motion was seconded by Selectman, George Bonfiglio. There was no additional discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Public Forum – Josh Keyes asked to speak about the conditions of several properties along School Street. He also wanted to speak about ongoing activities on School Street. Keyes reported he is concerned about yards that are becoming junk yards and that are becoming a mess. He did not want to give any names at this time but will forward them to the town office later this week. He is also concerned about people dragging junk cars and other items up and down the street. Selectman, Bob Berti, stated that the town has contracted a code enforcement person to inspect and address the junk yard issue. This process does take time, but it is underway. Berti asked Keyes to share the property owners' names so they can be added to the list to be forewarned to the code enforcement person. As to the items being dragged on the road Keyes was asked to call the police when that type of activity was going on.

7:40 PM Groton Board of Selectmen requested to meet with the Rumney Board of Selectmen regarding the status of Fire and EMS response. The Rumney Fire Commissioners, Rumney Fire Chief, and Rumney Director of EMS attended this portion of the meeting.

The members of the Groton Board of Selectmen indicated they had a concern of the number of times the Rumney Fire Department and the Rumney EMS responded to calls as opposed to the number of calls in Groton. Rumney Fire Chief, David Coursey, stated that the Rumney Fire Department has responded to all the fire calls that are in the contracted area.

EMS Director, Dan Medaglia, explained that he had just stepped in to the position of Director in the past couple of weeks. Medaglia went on to explain that the EMS squad has four active members, all of whom have other full-time jobs, but do their best to respond to as many calls as possible. The squad is trying to recruit additional members to increase the number of calls that are responded to. Medaglia explained that the number of hours it takes to become an EMT and then the additional hours required to maintain certification drastically limits the number of people willing to do this as a part-time job.

In 2017 Groton had twenty-four EMS calls, of which Rumney EMS responded to 12. Included in the number of calls not responded to, there was a few that Hebron EMS called Rumney off from responding.

Medaglia stated that the only time an ambulance can transport is when there are two trained members in the vehicle. He also stated that the way it is set up at Lakes Region Dispatch, Hebron is the primary responder.

Rumney and Groton have two contracts for service, one for fire department response and one for EMS response. The annual contract fee for the fire protection is \$6,889.00, which is based on the 2017 operational expenditures of the Rumney Fire Department. Groton is then charged quarterly for calls for

service that the Rumney Fire Department responds to.

The annual contract fee for the EMS protection is \$1,455.00, which is based on the 2017 operational expenditures of Rumney EMS. Groton is then charged quarterly for calls for service that Rumney EMS responds to.

The Groton Board of Selectmen were somewhat concerned with the 50% response to EMS calls but would be more concerned with response time if Hebron were required to respond to the River Road/Rumney side of Hebron.

Rumney Fire Chief, David Coursey, stated that he responds to EMS call and would like to join the two departments together but then stated if response by the EMS squad doesn't improve he would be in favor of disbanding the EMS squad.

Selectmen, Bob Berti, feels that the EMS service needs to be reviewed and that all parties involved, Rumney and Groton, need to be treated fairly. EMS Director, Medaglia, will continue to attempt to recruit members and improve the service that is provided.

Both Boards of Selectmen were happy that this meeting took place and will keep an open line of communication.

8:05 PM Jerry Thibodeau, Chairman of the Rumney Planning Board, requested to meet with the Board of Selectmen. Fire Chief, David Coursey, attended this portion of the Board meeting.

Thibodeau brought to the Board his concern of a gravel pit operation, that an inspection was needed because he is of the understanding the safety fence is down.

The Town of Rumney contracts with Municipal Resource Inc., to retain the services of Ken Knowlton. Knowlton is used for Code Enforcement, in the areas of pit inspections, licensed junkyard inspections, and unlicensed junkyard violations.

Selectman, Ed Haskell, stated he spoke to the site manager and was told that the fence was up. The fence that is used is movable in fashion, so it can be moved as the pit expands following a blast.

Fire Chief, David Coursey, stated he is present during each blast, and there have been two this spring. Coursey indicated the actual pit inspection is different for a blast inspection and should be conducted by Ken Knowlton.

The consensus of the Select Board has been that all pits should be treated the same out of fairness, to include inactive pits. Thibodeau agreed that all the pits in town, active and inactive, should be inspected. Fire Chief, Coursey, agreed that

there could be reclaim issues with closed pits.

The process of scheduling Ken Knowlton be complete inspections in Rumney has started. All parties felt that starting the inspections of all pits was the fair thing to do and will be discussed with Ken Knowlton.

8:40 PM

Administrative Assistant Report:

- March 19, 2018, minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting were reviewed. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion to accept the March 19, 2018, meeting minutes. Selectman, Ed Haskell, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.
- April 2, 2018 minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting were reviewed. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion to accept the April 2, 2018 meeting minutes. Selectman, Ed Haskell, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.
- Intents to cut on map 9 lot 1002 and map 2-0403 were signed
- Yield tax warrants for map 2 lot 0401, map 2 lot 0403, map 15 lot 0108, map 12 lot 1301, map 5 lot 0303. Map 2 lot 0316, and map 11 lot 0220 were reviewed and signed.
- Kathy Sobetzer had requested to have the fee waived for disposing of tires that had been illegally dumped on East Rumney Road. The Board agreed to waive the fee.
- A group had requested permission to donate and plant a tree in the town common. The Board agreed to accept the donation of the tree and labor to place a new tree in the common. It was also agreed to move on tree that is starting to rot.
- The 2018 MS-232 was reviewed, signed to be submitted to NH-DRA.
- Personnel Action Form were signed to end a probationary period of a highway department member.
- Personnel Action Form was signed for a vacation request.
- Abatement requests submitted by public utilities were denied and signed.
- FEMA status was updated.
 - The final report for the July 2017 storm is ready for review and submission. Final numbers will be ready for the next meeting.
 - The initial intake meeting for the October 2017 storm will be May 9, 2018.

8:55 PM

Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion to enter Nonpublic session under NH RSA 91-A:3, II(c). Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed.

9:05 PM

Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion to leave Nonpublic session and return to public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman, Ed Haskell. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to indefinitely seal the Nonpublic session

minutes as they could adversely affect the reputation of another person other than a member of the Board. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

9:05 PM Old Business:

Administrative assistant, Joe Chivell, indicated the C.M Whitcher was the low bid to provide a 30-yard canister to clean up the town owned property at 470 Rumney Route 25. The Board approved the lease of the canister. The Rumney Highway Department and the Rumney Transfer Station will work jointly on May 31st and June 1st to clean the debris that had been left behind by the prior owners of the property. Chivell is in the process of having the vehicles that were left behind removed.

Paving bids for the 2018 Road Improvement project will be opened during the Selectmen's May 21, 2018 meeting.

9:10 PM New Business: The Town office will be closed May 28, 2018 in observance of Memorial Day.

9:11 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 3-0.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell
Administrative Assistant
Town of Rumney

Up-coming events

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| Fire Commissions Meeting | May 14, 2018 | |
| Selectmen's Meeting | May 21, 2018 | |
| Memorial Day | May 28, 2018 | Town Office Closed |
| Planning Board Meeting | May 29, 2018 | |
| Selectmen's Meeting | June 4, 2018 | |
| Fire Commissioners Meeting | June 11, 2018 | |
| Selectmen's Meeting | June 18, 2018 | |