

**Town of Rumney  
Board of Selectmen  
May 21, 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, Bob Berti.  
Payroll and accounts payable checks reviewed for signature.

6:30 PM Police Chief, Brett Miller, met with the Board to give a bi-weekly update. Miller provided the June police coverage schedule and the activity report for the prior two weeks. An overview of cruiser maintenance was given, the 2010 cruiser had a minor drivetrain repair. The tablet that was budgeted for has been installed and issued to Officer Patten.

Chief Miller reported that he had completed the prerequisites to attend the Primex Leadership course on June 5,6 and 7<sup>th</sup>. Officer Patten and Officer Maes will be offered extra hours to cover the open shifts on those days.

Selectman, Ed Haskell, reported to Chief Miller that it seems there is a high number of speeding vehicles on the west end of Old Route 25 and requested the area be patrolled.

6:45 The Ellsworth Board of Selectmen requested to meet with the Rumney Board of Selectmen regarding the maintenance of Doetown Road. Rumney Road Agent, Nick Coursey attended this portion of the meeting.

The Ellsworth Board's first question concerned the bonding for road damage by logging operations. The Ellsworth Board had a question concerning a logging operation that was in Rumney and one of the trucks may have caused damage to a road in Ellsworth. At the time in question there were three operations in process on Doetown Road. It was not known which operation the truck was coming from. In any case, a road bond would not cover such damage.

In the past, Ellsworth had asked the town of Rumney if the highway department would snow plow the mile of Doetown Road that is between the town line and Stinson Lake Road. At that time, then road agent Frank Simpson, did not want to maintain that section of road. Current road agent, Nick Coursey, forwarded a proposal to provide summer maintenance, such as grading and roadside mowing and an estimated cost for those services. The Ellsworth Board felt that since Stinson Lake Road will be paved this summer more Rumney residents will use the Ellsworth end of Doetown Road. With that, the Ellsworth Board thought that Rumney would be more interested in maintaining the Ellsworth section of road.

Rumney Selectman, Bob Berti, stated that in fairness to Rumney tax payers any maintenance done on a road in Ellsworth should be paid for by Ellsworth. Rumney does want to be a good neighbor and would be willing to do the work at a reasonable cost.

Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, asked who Ellsworth is using for Property & Liability insurance. Ellsworth uses Primex, the same at Rumney. Chivell indicated he would like to inquire from Primex and NHMA if there should be a contract or MOU if maintenance is provided by Rumney in Ellsworth.

At this point there will be no maintenance on the Ellsworth section of Doetown Road by the Rumney Highway Department.

7:05 PM 2018 Road Improvement Project, Paving Bids were opened. Four bids were received. Bidders were; Blacktop, Inc., GMI, Pike and R&D. Upon review of the bids and comments on past paving projects, Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to accept the bid submitted by R&D Paving to complete the paving as outlined in the 2018 Road Improvement Project Bid sheet. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

7:15 PM Janice Mulherin, Rumney Conservation Commission, met with the Board of Selectmen. Road Agent, Nick Coursey, was still in attendance. Mulherin asked Coursey if there was any stone that could be put down in the water area in the parking section of the Darling Natural Area. There was a brief discussion of how best to recreate a parking area for that area. This is a project that can be completed by the Highway Department for the Conservation Commission for the cost of materials.

Janice Mulherin reported a day was spent at the Darling Natural Area clearing knot weed. There are now two nice open pathways to the river.

Janice Mulherin spoke of three possible waterfront properties that may become available for the town. Mulherin reported that she had been able to contact the State concerning the former Rumney Rest Area. There is no rush on the States part to sell the property, but the Town of Rumney would have first refusal when the sale is listed.

Mulherin then stated that if the Paly property were to come up for sale, it would be a possible option for the town to purchase to gain some water front property.

Last, Mulherin stated that she felt that the former Backwoods Farm property, taken for tax deed, is another property that may be good for the town.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of the three properties. At this point the Board is not in favor of retaining ownership of the former Backwoods property.

They would rather auction the property with restriction placed on the section of that property that runs along the river. Mulherin hopes there can be additional discussion concerning obtaining some waterfront property for the town.

7:40 PM The Board of Selectmen had asked the Trustee of the Trust Funds to tonight's meeting. The Board wanted the Trustees to know they understand that the trustees are a volunteer group, but there are some requirements that need to be met. The Board asked that the trustees meet and record their meetings as required and to act on payment requests in a timely fashion. The payment requests being requests for funds from the capital reserve funds and payment of scholarships.

The Trustee stated they understood that the Board needs to make sure everything is working correctly and that it is important to make sure the Charter Trust is handling the town's funds correctly.

8:00 PM Administrative Assistant Report:

- The meeting minutes of the April 16, 2018, Board of Selectmen meeting were reviewed. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion of accept the April 16, 2018, meeting minutes. Selectman, Ed Haskell, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.
- A Personnel Action Form, request for vacation was reviewed and signed. The Selectmen's Office will be closed June 22, 2018.
- Town Property use forms were reviewed. The Board approved the use of the Baker Athletic field by the local softball team. The Board approved the use of the Town Common/Gazebo for a family gathering.
- The Rumney School Building Improvement Committee requested a member of the Board of Selectmen attend the upcoming meeting. The Board of Selectmen will be represented by Selectman, Ed Haskell. The next Rumney School Building Committee meeting is June 12, 2018.
- New Hampshire Homeland Security had made funding available for a Warm Zone Grant. The funding is for the purchase and protective ballistic items to be worn by EMS/First responders that enter active shooter area after the primary sweep is made by law enforcement to render aid to possible victims. The Board authorized Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, to research this grant further.
- Abatement requests that had been submitted by Rumney property owners, that had been assessed by Commerford Nieder Perkins Appraisal & Assessment Service, LLC were reviewed by the Board. Following the recommendations of CNP the Board denied abatements requests on the following properties; Map 12 Lot 01-01 and Map 16 Lot 06-35-A. Following the recommendations of CNP the Board granted the abatement request for Map 2 Lot 01-03-01.

8:40 PM New Business:

- The Board received a property owner complaint of traffic in and out of a pit off Quincy Road and of campers in the same pit. The Board asked that

Police Chief, Brett Miller, investigate this situation and report back to the Board.

8:45 PM Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, 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

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	