

**Town of Rumney
Board of Selectmen
June 18, 2018
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

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

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

6:30 PM The Board met with representatives from James R. St. Jean Auctioneers to discuss the options to auction the tax deeded property at 470 Rumney Route 25. Jay St. Jean gave each member of the Board a packet containing information on their tax deeded property auction proposal. St. Jeans Auctioneers have been used by the Town of Rumney, in the past, to auction tax deeded properties. There was a discussion of the deference between absolute and public auctions. The cost of the auction is covered by the sale of the property, there is no upfront cost to the town. All advertising and viewing of the property is handled by St. Jean.

St. Jean asked if the junk cars would be removed from the property. The town has completed a considerable amount of clean-up of the property. The Board explained that the town highway crew and a transfer station worker completed a major clean up of the exterior of the portion of the property. The junk cars will be the next items removed from the property.

The Board explained that the property, if auctioned, would be done so with a deed restriction covering the land that is in the 100-year flood zone. The land in the flood zone will be restricted to only be used for forestry and agriculture. It is the Board's intention to start the auctioning process by sending the prior owners the required 90-day notice of auction.

With that in mind, the week around Columbus Day would be the week to auction the property. St. Jean asked, if they are used to auction the property if they would be allowed to place a 4X4 sign on the property. The Board agreed to the signage.

Based on the discussion, Jay St. Jean will forward a contract for the Board to review allowing St. Jean to be the auction company.

6:50 PM Police Chief, Brett Miller, met with the Board to give the department's update.

The Chief provided the Board with a schedule of police coverage. Miller stated that traffic was heavy during the past week. Chief Miller reported that there should only be 1 or 2 unlicensed dogs by the end of the week.

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Chief Miller indicated that he had received only one application for the part-time police officer position that had been advertised. The candidate was prior full-time certified and worked for Rumney part-time in the past. Miller asked if he could bring the applicant before the Board at the July 2, 2018 meeting.

Selectman, Ed Haskell, spoke to Chief Miller about the ongoing speed issue on Old Route 25. They discussed the time of day these issues occur. Chief Miller stated he would handle the situation.

7:15 PM Town Clerk Tax Collector, Paulette Bowers, meet with the Board of Selectmen.

Bowers asked that the camper trailers with PID's: 16-5015-53, 16-5015-31, and 16-5015-99 have their 2018 tax bill abated. She reported that these campers had been removed and should no longer receive a tax bill. The Board agreed to grant the requested abatements.

Bowers reported that there are six other camper trailers that were located at Riverbrook Campground that may have been removed, but the camper trailer owners have not responded to the tax bill as of this date.

Property owners of 13-08-06 purchased a camper trailer (13-08-C46L) on a lot in NEF. The owners have since had the camper removed. Attached to the camper is a tax lien of \$358.00, dating back to 2016. Since the camper is no longer available to tax deed Tax Collector Bowers would like to remove it from the tax lien list. The Board was hesitant about abating the amount but had nothing to take under a tax deed. Bowers was asked if the outstanding tax bill could be attached to the 13-08-06 property. She was unsure if that could be done but will check into the legality of do so.

7:35 PM Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II(c). Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

7:45 PM Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to indefinitely seal the nonpublic minutes because it could adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a member of the Board. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

7:50 PM Administrative Assistant Report:

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting held on May 7th and May 21st were reviewed. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to accept the meeting minutes

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for both meetings. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

The review of four Yield Tax Warrants was tabled until selectman, Bob Berti, was in attendance.

Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, reported to the Board that a draft model of a required 90 Day Notice to Sell Tax Deeded property was provided by the town's attorney. The Board directed Chivell to prepare a draft of the notice for the July 2, 2018 Board meeting. Chivell will also obtain legal direction on placing restriction of the use of parts of the tax deeded property located at 470 Rumney Route 25.

Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, reported that the Rumney Climbers Association had notified him that the parcel of land located on Buffalo Road, that the RCA purchased, will be purchased by the US Forest Service by the end of this year. The association had invited Chivell and or the Board to attend their next meeting, scheduled for June 27th. The Board authorized Chivell to attend that meeting.

A Timber Cut Tax Abatement was submitted by Eagle Point Development Group, LLC. That property is located along Doetown. The Board determined to address this at the July 2nd meeting, when Selectmen, Bob Berti would be in attendance.

The Administrative Assistant reported to the Board that the property located at 22 Hawkensen Road had been purchased by Mount Prospect Academy. Its exact use has not been conveyed by the new owner at this time.

Letters requested on site visits to be made by contracted Code Enforcement Ken Knowlton have been mailed. Upon receipt of the letter the owner of 284 School Street property Steven Coursey visited the selectmen's office. Coursey requested a meeting with the Board of Selectmen stating he did not feel he was in violation of the state junkyard law. Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, stated that he recommended to Coursey to meet with Ken Knowlton. Selectman, Ed Haskell, agreed that Coursey should meet with Knowlton first and the Board should have Knowlton's report, that is the best way to have a productive meeting.

Old Business:

Selectman, Ed Haskell, reported that he attended the Russell School Building Committee meeting. He reported that the meeting went well, and the proposed changes are set up to be dealt with in phases. The first phase uses funds that are already available and a grant, so no new tax money should be required.

As part of the first phase the school will need a new generator that is capable to run the 3-phase sprinkler system. The town will retain ownership of the generator

that is currently at the school. The town owned generator should be moved to a location between the Town Office and the Depot Street Fire Station.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell
Administrative Assistant
Town of Rumney

Up-coming events

Selectmen's Meeting	July 2, 2018	
Independence Day	July 4, 2018	Town Office Closed
Fire Commissioners Meeting	July 9, 2018	
Planning Board Meeting	July 31, 2018	
Selectmen's Meeting	August 6, 2018	
Fire Commissioners Meeting	August 13, 2018	
Selectmen's Meeting	August 20, 2018	
Planning Board Meeting	August 28, 2018	