

**Town of Rumney
Board of Selectmen
July 2, 2018
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

Present: Select Board Members Present – Robert Berti and George Bonfiglio
Administrative Assistant – Joe Chivell

Excused Absence: Select Board Member – Ed Haskell

6:30 PM Meeting opened by Selectman, Bob Berti

NH State Senator Bob Giuda (Rep.) stopped into the meeting. Senator Giuda made the Board aware that he was running for re-election. He asked the Board if there were any issues in Rumney that he could address. Selectman, Bob Berti, told Giuda that the status of the Rumney Rest Area is of concern and there doesn't seem to be any input from Rumney being requested. Giuda explained that the Rumney Rest Area, along with a couple of other rest areas, status is undetermined. Giuda agrees that local input should be requested and taken under advisement. He will forward a letter voicing his concern. Giuda advised the Board that the Town should also forward a letter of concern to the State.

6:35 PM Chief of Police, Brett Miller, met with the Board to give the Police Department update. Miller provided the Board with the past two weeks activity. He stated that traffic activity is busy, and the department received two sexual assault reports. Chief Miller provided a copy of a certificate of completion of the Primex Supervisor Course.

Chief Miller introduced Gary Robinson as a candidate for the part-time police officer position. Miller presented that Robinson worked part-time for the Rumney Police Department during 2009. During the time he worked part-time in Rumney he learned roads and layout of the town and the software used by the police department. Miller explained that Robinson was a full-time police officer in Tilton. He went on to say Robinson will only need to take the Law Package at the NH Police Academy to re-gain his police certification. Miller was authorized to move forward in the hiring process, to include obtaining a completed application packet, conduct a background check, have the required medical check completed and administer a physical fitness test. This was not an authorization to hire, just to move forward with the process. Chief Miller stated he would be ready to provide the results of the above follow up in two weeks, at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Selectman, George Bonfiglio, asked Chief Miller on the status of the "old swimming hole" on the Nolan property. The chief reported that he was in the

process of writing a procedure to cover the issue. The property was recently posted for no trespassing by the owners. There was a brief discussion on the type of posting that was done and if the owners can give permission for some to use it. If permission is given to some, it would be best that it be given in written form.

Selectman, Bob Berti, stated he was glad to see that vehicles parked in the “No Parking” area on Buffalo Road had received parking tickets.

7:00 PM Public Forum:

Bill Bolton (Dem.) a candidate for NH Senator asked to meet the Board. Bolton gave each Board member a handout outlining his political stance. Selectman, Bob Berti, spoke to Bolton about the Rumney Rest Area issue and asked him for a position. Bolton explained the town should contact their representatives and outline the town’s concerns.

7:10 PM Town Clerk / Tax Collector, Paulette Bowers, asked to meet with the Board. At the June 16th Board meeting there was a question asked concerning the town’s ability to forward a lien from a camper trailer, that had been moved, on to the house and property of the camper trailer owner. Bowers was advised, by legal counsel, that a lien such as this could not be passed. With that information the Board abated the outstanding lien and the camper trailer will be removed from the accessing system.

7:14 PM Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c). Selectman, Bob Berti, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

7:35 PM Selectman, Bob Berti, 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, Bob Berti, made a motion to indefinitely seal the minutes of the nonpublic session in that they could adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a member of the Board. The motion was seconded by selectman, George Bonfiglio. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

7:37 PM Steven Coursey, of 284 School Street Rumney, requested to meet with the Board. Coursey requested the meeting to discuss a letter that was sent to him and a subsequent visit by Ken Knowlton. Ken Knowlton is the contracted Code Enforcement Consultant the town retains through Municipal Resources Incorporated.

Coursey stated he met with Knowlton at his property to discuss the assorted items on his property. Coursey admitted this had been an ongoing issue for the past 3 years and that he had agreed to build a barn to store the items that are in violation of the state statute. Coursey stated that the building has been slow to go up, but there is a plan to have the roof trusses set on July 21st and that should allow the vehicles in question to be moved in under cover.

Selectman, Bob Berti, read the notes that Ken Knowlton had prepared concerning Steve Coursey's property. In the notes it states that the property is in violation of state statute and that it was agreed that Knowlton re-visits in approximately 30 days to see if there was any progress on resolving the issue.

The Board agreed to allow the 30 days, as mentioned by Knowlton and did expect to see progress being made, by Coursey, on the issue.

Steve Coursey also stated that he was concerned that his brother and neighbor, David Coursey also received a letter requesting a site visit. Steve Coursey did not want the reputation of David Coursey questioned because of the letter. Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, explained that the letter sent to David Coursey was detailed that the visit was to point out what property and equipment belonged to who. There are a number of people that believe the property that Steve uses to store his vehicles and equipment on belong to David Coursey. The fact that David Coursey could clarify properties and that clarification was noted in Ken Knowlton's finding should help anyone that complains that it is not David Coursey's property. Chivell went on that explain he has had several people comment that the field that Steve Coursey uses belongs to David Coursey, even after Chivell attempts to correct them on that matter. Steve Coursey was allowed to read the notes from Ken Knowlton indicating that David Coursey was not in violation.

Sam Coes, of 22 Cross Road Rumney, asked to meet with the Board on the matter of receiving a letter requesting that Ken Knowlton be allowed to visit his property. Coes admits to having too many vehicles on his property and will have them removed.

Coes explained that he did not like the tone of the letter and felt it was worded in a manner that bullied people that received it. He also felt that the RSA that was cited in the body of the letter, and given as an attachment, was incorrect.

Selectman, Bob Berti, read the notes that were provided by Ken Knowlton which indicated that the Coes property was found to be in violation of NH-RSA 236:111-129. There was a brief discussion of concerning that RSA and the RSA cited in the town's letter.

Coes, again, stated he would have the property cleaned and ready for a follow up visit by Ken Knowlton in approximately 30 days.

8:00 PM A copy of the recommendation, from the town attorney, as to how to place a restriction of land use on the property that was obtained by the town by tax deed; parcel at 470 Rumney Route 25, was provided to the members of the Board to read. The Board agreed that when that property was either sold or re-purchased it would be done so restricting the use of the part of that property that is located within the 100-year FEMA Flood Zone. That area will only to allowed to be used for agriculture and/or forestry.

Selectman, George Bonfiglio made a motion that: upon sale of the Town owned property located at 470 Rumney Route 25, parcel number 16-05-04, a restriction will be placed on the land that runs adjacent to the Baker River that is noted in the FEMA Flood Maps to be in the 100 Year Flood Zone. The use of the acreage located in the FEMA 100 Year Flood Zone will be limited in use to agricultural and forestry only. These restrictions will be noted in the deed used to convey the property from the Town of Rumney to the Purchaser. The motion was seconded by Selectman, Bob Berti. There was no additional discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

The Board then directed Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, to mail the required 90-day notice of sale of the property to the prior owner at the last address used to mail the last tax bill, this as required to NH-RSA. The Board also directed that the Notice of Restriction be attached to the Notice of Sale.

8:15 PM Administrative Assistant Report:

- The DRA order form for the 2019 Inventory Forms was reviewed and signed.
- Junkyard renewal form for Property 11-02-18 was reviewed and signed.
- Three employee actions forms requesting vacation were signed.
- Minutes from the June Old Home Day Committee were available for review. The committee is moving forward to hold Rumney Old Home Day on August 11th. There is no plan for fireworks this year.
- A request for an abatement on a Timber Yield Tax for Timber Operation 17-395-07-T located on Doetown Road was discussed. Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion to deny the requested abatement. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion. The motion passed 2-0.
- An email from State Representative Duane Brown was read. Rep. Brown had forward that he had heard there had been a discussion, at the State level, of burning down the Rumney Rest area. He is opposed to this idea and has serious concern that no public input has been asked for or

allowed. The Board asked for follow up and a letter to be sent to the State address this issue and the concern of the lack of local input.

- The Month of June Fire Chief report was available for review.
- The 2nd Quarter Report from the Transfer Station Superintendent was available for review.
- The Rumney Baptist Church submitted a request to use the Town Common the Sunday of Old Home Day Week. The request was reviewed and approved.
- A copy of a recommendation, from the town attorney, as to placing a restriction of land use for the tax deeded property at 470 Rumney Route 25 was provided to the members of the Board to read. The Board agreed that when that property was either sold or re-purchased it would be done so restricting the use of the property that is located in the 100-year FEMA Flood Zone to be used only for agriculture and/or forestry.

8:35 PM New Business – Selectman, Bob Berti, addressed the issue of the Rumney Rest area. Berti wanted to make sure that the Town addresses the issue that the State is not requesting local input on the future of the Rumney Rest Area. He asked that a letter be drafted and reviewed at the next Board meeting.

8:40 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.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell
Administrative Assistant
Town of Rumney

Up-coming events

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	