

Board of Selectmen
July 16, 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, Robert Berti.
Payroll and accounts payable checks reviewed for signature.

6:30 PM Chief Miller Police Department update;
A printout of activity for July 2 – July 16 was provided, A copy of an August 2018 schedule of coverage was handed out. The Chief reported that there is only one dog remaining on the unlicensed list.

Chief Miller had been asked to check the tax deeded property located at 47 Beaver Street as it had been reported someone was living on the property. Chief Miller reported that no one was found living on the property but the “No Trespassing” signs have been removed and it appears juveniles may have been on the property. The property will be reposted for “No Trespassing”.

There was a brief discussion on the terms Parking Complaint, Motor Vehicle Complaint, and Citation that are listed on the activity sheet. The Chief's clarification was that there were 9 parking complaints and that parking tickets are listed under citations. All the activity in the Crime Star Software are initiated as a call for service (CFS) and then move forward from that entry. Chief Miller stated he believes there were 8-9 parking tickets issued over the past two weeks, and that did not count the number of verbal warning given for parking issues.

A discussion followed concerning the current fine for a parking ticket, currently \$25.00, and if it should be increased. The Chief did not have an opinion on what the fine amounts should be for parking violations at this time.

6:50 PM Myles Sinclair asked to meet with the Board concerning the marker at the corner where the town lines of Groton, Dorchester, Rumney meet. Sinclair is working on the perambulation for the town of Groton and is concerned about how badly the marker at that corner is tipping. He would like to straighten the marker. Selectman, Bob Berti, stated that if the corner needs to be set it should be set by a surveyor, but if the marker is merely being straighten there should be no issue. After it was clarified that the marker was just being straighten the Board agreed to authorize Sinclair to straighten the corner marker.

7:00 PM Chris Fournier, HEB Engineering, asked to meet with the Board regarding the 2022 State Bridge funding. HEB handled the design and the oversight of the recent

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Buffalo Road Bridge replacement. HEB also assisted the town with wet land permitting following the October 2017 storm.

The Buffalo Road Bridge, located near the Rumney Transfer Station, is listed for replacement funding in 2022 through the State Bridge funding program. Rumney started the process to be on this list in 2013. There are steps to be taken to continue to be on the state list. Each step needs the approval of NH-DOT. The estimated cost for the bridge replacement, in 2007, was \$450,000.00. When asked if there was a way to compare 2007 construction costs to 2018 construction costs Fournier stated he could forward that to the town.

The process, as required by NH DOT, was discussed and if NH DOT is to fund 80% of the project the town must follow their process. No decisions need to be made now, if the town stays within the State's time lines the project could be shovel ready for July 2021. The State requires the town to post an RFP, but if the town wishes, they could ask for a waive and use HEB based on the prior work relationship. The Board thanked Chris Fournier for his time, information provided and will keep an eye on the time frames of the process.

7:40 PM Kevin Maes (D-Rep.) requested to meet with the Board to let them know he was running for re-election. Maes introduced Francesca Diggs (D) who is running for House District 16, currently held by Duane Brown who is not running for re-election.

Kevin Maes reported that he attended 100% of the House Sessions and Committee Sessions. Maes also let the Board know that he has always been available for the town of gathering information on items such as the Rumney Rest Area. Selectman, Bob Berti, stated that, although it would take a vote of the Town, he feels the Rumney Rest Area could serve Rumney well and feels the town should be given a purchase option or even better a donation of the property from the State. Maes indicated that State DOT has oversight of the building and he recommends that any such request should be forwarded to the Assistant Commissioner, William Cass.

Francesca Diggs (D) has been a Rumney resident for six years. She states she would be an advocate for the youth, elderly and people in need of a voice. Diggs' two primary issues are: Broadband access and affordable/safe housing.

7:50 PM Nick Coursey, Rumney Road Agent, met with the Board to give a department update. Coursey reported that the culvert replacements and paving project of the west end of Old Route 25 is complete. R&D Paving will return to complete the shoulder dirt work, as their schedule allows. During the project six culverts were replaced and the ditch lines were opened. Coursey mentioned that he would also like to complete some tree limb trimming before the summer is over. Selectman, Ed Haskell, commented that he felt the highway crew did a great job on the Old Route 25 project.

Selectman, Bob Berti, stated he had noticed a tractor and trailer being parked road side on the west end of Old Route 25 and asked Road Agent Coursey if that hindered road maintenance. Coursey stated that during the winter it does hinder the plowing effort in that area. In the summer, both Coursey and Berti, felt it was a safety issue parking on the edge of the travel way and could damage the edge of the pavement. Selectmen, Bob Berti and Ed Haskell, directed the concern be passed along to the Police Chief to investigate and handle.

Coursey reported that roadside mowing will start the first part of August. He will again lease tractors from Owens Tractors. Frank Simpson, former Road Agent and current part-time Highway Department employee, will be used to assist with the mowing. Coursey asked the Board to be allowed to lease Simpson's tractor/mower in addition to the tractors leased from Owens. The Board approved the lease, with a signed agreement in place.

Selectman, Bob Berti, reported that he, the Road Agent and Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, had walked the area of Groton Hollow Road and Clark Brook, that was damaged during the October 2017, storm. The area has been recognized by FEMA as a storm damaged area. The damage includes a section approximately 66' long that was washed away and approaching the roadway. There are sections above and below the washout that are congested with debris, both stone and timber, that should be cleared. To complete the work, it is thought that a wetlands permit would be needed. Additional area information is being gathered, then Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, will request an onsite inspection with DES to project the extent of work they will allow in the brook. Selectman, Ed Haskell, inquired if the Town's Highway Department would be able to handle the project. Road Agent, Nick Coursey, stated for the most part the project would need to be contracted to an outside company.

8:15 PM

Administrative Assistant Report;

- Septic System Design for 12-06-04 was reviewed and signed.
- Meeting minutes for the June 18, 2018 and July 2, 2018, Select Board meetings were available for review.
 - Upon review Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion to accept the June 18, 2018 meeting minutes. Selectman, Ed Haskell, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.
 - Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion to accept the July 2, 2018 meeting minutes. Selectman, Bob Berti, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.
- The Town of Groton had inquired of the perambulation of the Groton/Rumney town line. The Board asked that Myles Sinclair be contacted and if interested gain an estimate to complete the perambulation.
- Fire Chief, David Coursey, reported that the boiler has a crack in the wall and is beyond repair. More information will be needed to clarify the type

of units that may be needed, i.e. new boiler, type of heat, ductwork, or blower systems. This will be an ongoing matter.

- The Board was told that the Planning Board will start the C.I.P process this week.
- Following up on a meeting with the Fire Commission a draft version of the Safety Equipment Policy was made available for review. Input was noted, and the proposed policy will be revisited at an upcoming meeting.
- The Board was asked if they wanted any adjustments to the time line of the upcoming budget process. The Board indicated to follow the same time line as last year's budget process.
- The task of website manager was discussed. Former Selectman, Dan Kimble, has been handling the website. He had asked that the town find a different option. Judy Hall, Planning Board Clerk, had note her interest in handling the website. The Board approved Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, to arrange a meeting and training process between Kimble and Hall.
- In addition to the "NO PARKING" signs for Buffalo Road there has been a request to a "Caution Children Playing" sign for the west end of Old Route 25 and the west end of Buffalo. The Board approved the ordering of the requested signs.
- One of the two heating oil tanks in the basement of the Historical Society building has developed a leak. The Board approved the removal of the tank that is leaking and that the Historical Building could function with only one tank.
- The Old Home Day Committee meeting minutes were made available for review. The OHDC Chairman, Roger Scroggins, had inquired of instituting a revolving account for funds raised by the OHDC. It did not appear that NH Statute allowed this type of revolving account. The Board felt that such an account would require the OHDC to be funded and operated separate from the town.
- The Kane County, Utah v. United States class action was initially discussed at the July 2, 2018 meeting. Further information was gathered that validated the notice of the action. The Board asked that guidance be requested from the NHMA Legal Department, and that other towns in NH that have Forest Service land be contacted concerning their actions on this matter.

9:00 PM Old Business:

- Code enforcement of junkyards is moving forward. Follow up visits will be scheduled in the next 3-4 weeks. The Board asked if MRI conducted any other type of Code Inspections. The information will be gathered for the next meeting. The Board wanted the residents to remember that any junkyard complaint or any other illegal actions can be brought to the Selectmen attention.

9:15 PM Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion

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was seconded by Selectman, Ed Haskell. There was no discussion. The motion passed 3-0.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell
Administrative Assistant
Town of Rumney

Up-coming events

Planning Board Meeting	July 31, 2018
Selectmen's Meeting	August 6, 2018
Selectmen's Office Closed	August 8, 9 & 10, 2018
Fire Commissioners Meeting	August 13, 2018
Selectmen's Meeting	August 20, 2018
Planning Board Meeting	August 28, 2018