

**Board of Selectmen
September 4, 2018
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

Present: Select Board Members Present – Robert Berti, George Bonfiglio, Ed Haskell

Town Administrator - 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: Chief Miller provided the Board with statistics for the past two weeks.

A follow up discussion on the proposed parking ordinance was on the agenda. During the last meeting it was suggested that there be no parking the entire length of Buffalo Road. This would do away with the two places traditionally used directly in front of the library. The discussion pointed out that there is no parking within 15 feet of an intersection, Buffalo Road is narrow in this section, parking is available in front of the Historical Building and the door to the new lift was accessible from the parking lot behind the library. Chief Miller had contacted Susan Turbyne, Byron Merrill Librarian, concerning the change. At that point Turbyne was OK with the proposal. Chief Miller reported that Turbyne had just contacted him and had changed her mind and did not agree with the proposal. Chief Miller went on to discuss the agreement that the church and library have for plowing and lawn mowing.

Selectman, Ed Haskell, asked if the Rumney Highway Department could handle plowing the town owned portion of the parking area. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, stated that he had asked Road Agent, Nick Coursey, about plowing in front of the Historical Society Building to allow parking for library use in the winter. Coursey reported that plowing in front of the Historical Building could be handled by the Rumney Highway Department while plowing that end of Buffalo Road. Chivell stated that he and Coursey spoke briefly about plowing the town owned portion of the parking area behind the library and church. Coursey thought that the Highway Department could plow that area, Chivell just wants to be sure that the town is not plowing privately owned property.

A final review of the proposed parking ordinance will be on September 17th, with a public hearing to follow on October 15th. Chief Miller indicated that with the changes to the parking ordinance he would need to order new parking tickets. The last order was completed while Bill Main was the Chief of Police. Miller will look into the cost to order new parking tickets.

Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, recommended that if the new parking ordinance is adopted that it go into effect 30-45 days after the hearing to allow time for the ordinance to be posted and for new tickets to be ordered.

7:00 PM Public Forum – There was no public in put

7:01 PM Town Administrator Report:

During a meeting on February 19, 2018, between the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Commissioners the Board of Selectmen asked if the Fire Department had a policy regulating the proper and safe use of equipment. The commissions thought it would be better if the Board of Selectmen adopted a Personnel Policy outlining the proper and safe use of equipment. A policy was drafted and reviewed by the Board of Selectmen and Primex. The policy outlined the requirement for Town's department members to properly and safely use town owned equipment. The Board of Selectmen formally adopted the policy during this meeting. A copy of the policy, with an acknowledgement of receipt, will be sent to all departments.

The meeting minutes from the August 6, 2018 Selectmen's Meeting were reviewed. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Selectman, Ed Haskell, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

St. Jean Auctioneer's sent a copy of the Buyers Terms and Agreement to be used for the auction of 470 Rumney Route 25. The Board agreed with the Terms and Agreements. St. Jeans Auctioneer's will be notified of the acceptance.

The Board was briefed on the current status of the properties to be inspected by Ken Knowlton, of MRI. A follow up inspection will be completed in approximately 30 days.

The Board was reminded of a Tax Payment Agreement for the property located at 12-09-01. There is a lumpsum payment due on or before October 31, 2018.

The LUCT document created by CNP Appraisal was reviewed by the Board. Selectman, Bob Berti, had questions about the properties used in the comparison. It will be passed along to CNP for clarification or confirmation that other like campgrounds were used as a comparison.

Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, spoke with Executive Councilor, Joe Kenney, concerning the Rumney Rest Area. Kenney gave Chivell the contact name for the person at NH-DOT, Chuck Schmidt with direct oversite of the property. Chivell reported that he e-mailed Chuck Schmidt and was waiting on a return e-mail or

telephone call.

Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, shared an e-mail sent to both the Fire Department and the Police Department regarding possible special details worked by the departments. The Fire Department indicated that, in their case, the detail was cancelled. The Police Department indicated that, in their case, the detail was not worked as a detail. Chivell was concerned that there is no record of an updated standardized detail rate for either department and the rate should not be left for the last minute to be set. The Board asked that a comparison of detail rates be obtained by surrounding towns, so that Rumney could set a detail rate.

September 11, 2018 is the Primary Election date in New Hampshire. The Board of Selectmen will cover the day as follows: Selectman, Ed Haskell, will cover opening to noon. Selectman, Bob Berti, will cover noon to 4:00PM. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, will cover 4:00PM to close.

7:45PM

Old Business:

Letters were sent to parties interested in being part of the EMS Advisory Committee. Once the availability of the members is determined meeting dates and time will be set. An outline to the focus of the committee is still in the works.

A bid from Pemi River Fuels, to replace the furnace at the fire department, is still pending. This will make the third bid for the furnace replacement project. After it is received the Board will move forward on planning the project.

Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, stated he had spoken with Fire Chief, David Coursey, about Coursey's concern of the structural integrity of the Depot Street Fire Station. Chivell gave Coursey a name of one company that can conduct a structural integrity study. It was felt that the Fire Chief and the Fire Commissioners could obtain three bids to have the building walls tested to determine the best course of action to take for any future expansion of the fire station.

7:55PM

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

8:03 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 this motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to indefinitely seal the nonpublic minutes

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

There were no actions taken during the nonpublic session.

8:04PM New Business:

Letters requesting our local elected officials to vote to overturn the Governor's veto of Senate Bills 365 and 446 were reviewed. The Bills in question effects the use and purchase of biomass wood chips and would have an extremely negative affect of New Hampshire's logging industry. The Board agreed to sign the letters.

Selectman, Bob Berti, stated that in his opinion the Board has done a good job at keeping the town portion of the tax rate stable, that being said Berti would like to take a close look at the different departments reporting major needs. Berti understands that there are needs but wants to move forward in a responsible manner. It should be kept in mind that the recently purchased Highway Department truck will be paid off in 2019 and the library addition will be paid off in 2020. Selectman, Ed Haskell, agrees that for retired citizens, the tax rate needs to be kept as level as possible. Both Berti and Haskell stated the Board can only control the Town portion of the tax rate, they have no control over the school's portion of the tax rate.

There was a brief discussion comparing the use of capital reserve funds, leasing and bonding for major expenditures, this was more to compare the philosophies of each. Moving forward Selectman, Bob Berti, stated the Board needs to look at the big picture as each department head may be focused primarily on their department request. Berti asked Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, to invite Road Agent, Nick Coursey, to the next meeting and asked to have Coursey bring in the department's thoughts on equipment replacement timelines along with any information on pricing and interest rates. Berti also asked Chivell to obtain current bank loan rates.

8:30 PM Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion to adjourn. The motion passed 3-0.

Joe Chivell
Town Administrator
Rumney, New Hampshire

Up-coming events

Approved Version of the September 4, 2018 Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Fire Commissioner's Meeting	September 11, 2018
Selectmen's Meeting	September 17, 2018
Selectmen's Office Closed	September 21 & 28, 2018
Planning Board meeting	September 25, 2018
Selectmen's Meeting	October 1, 2018
Town Office Closed Columbus Day	October 8, 2018
Fire Commissioner's Meeting	October 9, 2019
Tax Deed Auction	October 13, 2018
Selectmen's Meeting	October 15, 2018
Public Hearing Parking Ordinance	October 15, 2018