

**Board of Selectmen
September 17, 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 period covering September 4th through September 17th. Miller indicated that traffic has been lighter during the past two weeks.

Chief Miller reported that the 2010 cruiser did pass inspection but will need some additional work to the gas tank and sensor.

The two-way base radio in the police office is not working properly. Chief Miller stated that the radio is at least twenty years old. Two-way Communications is scheduled to look at the radio to see if it can be repaired. A replacement radio is approximately \$4,700.00.

Chief Miller reported that New Hampshire Police Standards and Training will require Gary Robinson to complete a medical exam and a physical agility test, to be held on October 22nd, in order to regain his police certification.

Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, had talked to Chief Miller about reporting compensatory time for his department. A waiver of overtime, allowing the option of compensatory time is required. Compensatory time accrued or used needed to be listed on the weekly time cards. Chief Miller completed the waiver form and will give a copy the waiver form to Officer Patten if he wants to waive overtime pay for compensatory time.

Selectman, George Bonfiglio, commented that the parking on Buffalo Road this past weekend was a mess.

The final revision of the proposed Parking Ordinance was reviewed. Chief Miller recommended the following changes:

Payment of fines due within 15 days, not 30 days as in the past.
Charge a Late Fee of \$25.00 after the 15th day of nonpayment of fine.
Change the “No Parking from Intersection” distance from 15 feet to 30 feet.

Chief Miller is still waiting for a quote for new parking tickets.

Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, suggested holding a Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance on October 15, 2018. If the ordinance is then accepted and signed by the Board of Selectman it could have an enactment date of November 1, 2018, allowing time for the new ordinance to be posted.

Chief Miller spoke about the Craggin' Classic that is taking place October 5th, 6st & 7th primarily centralized in the area of The American Alpine Club and the Rumney Rocks on Buffalo Road. The Rumney Climbers Association has held a similar gathering the past two years. This year's gather is being sponsored by The American Alpine Club. Event coordinators were present to provide information and offer to answer any questions. They explained that they have been working with the Rumney Fire Chief for the past several months as it related to permitting. The event will start with check-in on Friday night and an Adventure Film Festival. There will be a midway with vendors and demonstrations at the camp site during the entire event. Saturday night the club will provide live music and a bonfire. Sunday will include a Stewardship project and site cleanup. The group is still working on obtaining a liquor license

Selectman, Bob Berti, stated that he just wants to be assured this will be a safe event and proper planning is in plan to make sure everyone is safe during the weekend.

Event coordinators stated they have contacted Plymouth Police Department, New Hampshire State Police and NH State Liquor Commission to make sure they all know about the event in case any extra help is needed.

Selectman, Bob Berti, asked Police Chief Miller if he was ok with this event. Chief Miller stated that he was. Selectman, Bob Berti, stated that the Board of Selectmen wants to be assured that the community, including the police department, are safe during the event. Chief Miller stated he would just rather the event not be on Columbus weekend next year.

Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, asked how the liquor sales will be supervised. The coordinator indicated that they have a private group volunteering the check identification for the liquor sales. Chivell asked if fencing is required to restrict the area in which alcohol can be purchased and served, the group was unsure of any required restrictions.

7:00 PM The Board of Selectmen asked to meet with Road Agent, Nick Coursey, to discuss his projected time lines to purchase major equipment and talk about different options of paying for the equipment.

Current municipal lease interest rate was compared with the current bank loan

interest rate, both numbers were obtained for the sake of discussion. The difference between a traditional lease program and a municipal lease were also discussed. Although the payment is higher for a municipal lease, the town has the option for a \$1.00 purchase at the end of the lease period.

Road Agent, Nick Coursey, explained his time frame on needed equipment is: Replace the backhoe in 2019, and replace the oldest F-550 truck in 2020.

The Board and Coursey discussed the make of the backhoes being looked at and if a demo model could be obtained to assure it works the way the Highway Department needs it to work.

As the discussion continued on the funding of the equipment, the final payment on the last dump truck the town purchased will be made in 2019. If a lease or loan, with approximately the same payment as the current truck payment could be arranged, the purchase of the backhoe would have a minimal town tax rate impact and wouldn't affect the Highway Department Capital Reserve. Then, in 2020, the truck replacement could be funded out of the Highway Department Capital Reserve, again, with minimal impact on the town tax rate.

There was a review of the amounts in the capital reserves and how much the funds were increased each year. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, asked if rather than the same amount of funding be placed in each account, year after year, based on the original equipment replace cost, should the funding amount be increased a percentage base on the annual consumer price index? This will be looked at during the budget process.

Selectman, Bob Berti, commented on the number of dead trees along Buffalo Road. Road Agent, Nick Coursey, stated he did start a tree cutting/trimming program this year, primarily along Old Route 25. Coursey would like to continue the program with some additional tree work this year and more next year, as the budget allows. Coursey will look at completing some tree cutting/removal on Buffalo Road.

Coursey was also asked about crack sealing some of the paved roads. He stated he would like to plan on some sealing next year. This should prolong the life of some of the paved town roads and allow them to be chip sealed.

Coursey stated he would like to start stockpiling winter sand soon and order salt. The Board authorized Coursey to do both.

7:35 PM The Board of Selectmen met with the Rumney Fire Chief, David Coursey. Chief Coursey stated he had been working with Jen Brine, coordinator of the Craggin' Classic. Chief Coursey stated he had been provided with the ticket sale numbers.

He indicated that 250 tickets have been pre-sold, and they are hoping for 350 to be sold. Coursey reported they plan to have a 30'X90' tent installed on site that will need to be inspected by the fire department. They also plan to sell beer two nights of the event. Coursey has approved the barn to be used as a food venue. He will also have to inspect and permit a bonfire they expect to have on Saturday night. Chief Coursey has an indication that the event will grow in numbers next year.

Normally the field at the campground is the landing zone for DHART, so that will need to be changed during the event. Coursey also stated there is foreseeable parking issues and increase number of people walking on and along Buffalo Road.

Selectman, Bob Berti, stated he is not against people having fun, or having fun events, but he just wants assurance the events are planned safely. Berti asked Fire Chief, David Coursey, if he was comfortable with his portion of the planned event. Coursey indicated he will be, after all the items have been inspected and approved. Selectman, Berti, stated that the campground is only approved for 64 campers, and that it sounds like the campground will far exceed that number. Berti stated again he just has the safety of everyone attending or in that area during the event in mind.

8:05 PM Town Administrator Report:

- The advertisements and brochures that will be used by St. Jean Auctioneers were reviewed and approved by the Board.
- The Town received notice from the NH Board of Tax & Land Appeals that the owners of Eagle Point Development are requesting a hearing. Earlier this year the Board of Selectmen denied the owners of Eagle Point Development an abatement on the Timber Yield Tax Bill for the timber cut on that property. No date of hearing has been set for the appeal.
- Budget worksheets have been sent out to all Town Departments.
- A reminder was sent to all Department Heads that Personnel Evaluations are due by October 29, 2018.
- Mark Foote, 227 Quincy Road, had asked permission to remove a few large pine trees along the boarder of his property and Highland North Cemetery. Foote will have the trees removed at his expense, no expense to the Town. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, had discussed Foote's request with the Trustees of the Cemetery, they had no objections. The Board had no objection to the removal of the trees as long as the Town had no financial obligation for the removal.
- The August Treasurers Report was made available for review.
- The August 20, 2018 Selectmen's Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion to accept the minutes.

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

- Three Personnel Action requests were reviewed and approved.

8:30 PM Old Business:

- The EMS Advisory Committee members have responded to the Town Administrators letter asking for their availability. The first meeting will be held at the Rumney Town Office on September 27th at 4:30 PM. The Board is looking for the advisory committee to report back to them on items such as: Response, Equipment needs, levels of training, and the future of Rumney EMS.
- Personnel:

8:40 PM A motion was made to by Selectman, Bob Berti, to enter nonpublic session as allowed by RSA 91-A:3, II (a) & (c). Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

8:54 PM Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to leave nonpublic session and returned to public session. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Selectmen, Ed Haskell, made a motion to indefinitely seal the minutes of the nonpublic session in that they could adversely affect the reputation of any person other than a member of this Board. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

During the nonpublic session the Board reviewed and voted to sign a contract to hire MRI to conduct a Risk Assessment of the Rumney Police Department.

8:55 PM New Business:

There was follow up discussion on the town's emergency departments plan for the Craggin' Classic. The Boards major concern was to have a safe weekend for everyone involved. A member of the RCA had mentioned that he had reached out to the Plymouth Police Department and the New Hampshire State Police to let them know the event was planned "in case something was to happen, and extra help was needed". The Board did not hear that type of communication had been sent out by the Rumney Fire or Police Chief. Selectman, Ed Haskell, asked that the Town Administrator contact Plymouth EMS to alert them to the extra activity that the event may bring. The Board agreed this contact should be made. Selectman, Bob Berti, asked the Town Administrator to ask that the Rumney Fire and Police chiefs and EMS Director to forward their departments' operational plan for the event. The Board agreed with this request and asked that their plans

be provided by September 27, 2018.

9:05 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
Town Administrator
Rumney, New Hampshire

Up-coming events

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