

**Board of Selectmen
October 1, 2018
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

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

6:30 PM Meeting opened by Selectman, Ed Haskell.
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 17th through October 1st. Miller indicated that traffic has been lighter during the past two weeks.

Chief Miller reported that the department was taking part in the required annual use of force qualifications this week.

Miller did have questions concerning the Material and Safety Personnel Policy that was put into place. During a recent Town Safety Meeting Chief Miller had questioned if it covered items such as whiteout. The new policy was placed on the agenda to allow Chief Miller to question the Board. Miller stated he did not know at what level training was expected. Miller stated he felt that policy was too vague. The Chief stated his staff uses everything from staplers to guns. It was explained to Miller that if he requires someone to use a piece of equipment there is an expectation they know how to properly use the equipment. It was explained that the level of training would differ between a paperclip and a handgun. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, indicated it would be nearly impossible to list each piece of equipment that would be used, Department Heads need to be responsible in the training of their department members properly. Chief Miller stated he now understood and would have his members sign the acknowledgement form.

Chief Miller stated the police department budget is nearly complete. The budget will show a slight increase.

Chief Miller stated he will adjust schedules so that the Craggin' Classic event will have the proper coverage, but not create overtime. The Chief will ask Scott Howlett, NFS, to make an appearance during the weekend. The Chief thinks the event's organizer has obtained all permits needed from NFS. Chief Miller was asked if the event organizer had obtained a liquor license, the Chief stated he did not know. Selectman, Ed Haskell, stated he recalled the event organizer had spoken with the Plymouth Police Chief and the Lieutenant for State Police, Troop

F, but Haskell would like Plymouth Fire Chief, Casino Clogston, to be given a heads up about the weekend event. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, stated he needed to speak to Chief Clogston about a different item and he could notify him of the event. Chief Miller stated there were 250 pre-sold tickets, he did not expect more than 300, participants at the most.

New part-time hire, Gary Robinson will complete his require physical fitness test at NHPSTC on October 22, 2018.

Halloween hours will be on October 31st between 5:00pm and 8:00pm.

7:00 PM Public Forum – No one was present for the public forum

Town Clerk / Tax Collector, Paulette Bowers, submitted her resignation due to personal reasons. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to accept the resignation from Paulette Bowers with regrets. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. The Board members wished the Bowers their best and thanked Paulette for the work she had done for the Town of Rumney. The Board did vote to accept the resignation 2-0.

Lila Williams, who had been the Deputy Town Clerk / Tax Collector had been named Interim Town Clerk / Tax Collector while Paulette Bowers was on leave. Lila Williams agreed to stay on as Town Clerk / Tax Collector until the March 2019 elections. In the resignation letter submitted Paulette Bower, Bowers recommended Lila Williams to be appointed to the position. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to appoint Lila Williams to the position of Town Clerk / Tax Collector until the March 2019 elections and to allow her the benefits of a full-time employee. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, stated that an audit would need to be completed on the Tax Collector accounts as soon as possible, as required by State statute Recommittal warrants to be signed over to the newly appointed Tax Collector would follow the audit. The Board agreed to have the audit completed by Plodzick and Sanderson, the firm used to conduct the annual town audit.

The Board agreed to post an advertisement for a Deputy Town Clerk / Tax Collector. The position will require the applicant to be a Rumney Resident.

Tax Collector, Lila Williams, reported on four properties that were up for tax deeding:

- Parcel on map 13 lot 01-17 is a mobile home, converted into a storage trailer, on a second parties land. The Board authorized waiving the

deeding process in the best interest of the town until further information can be obtained from the land owner.

- The owner of map 7 lot 06-03-02 had worked out a payment plan with the Tax Collector and was scheduled to meet with the Board tonight to sign the agreement but was unable to get a ride to the meeting. The Board agreed to the agreement as explained by the Tax Collector and will sign the agreement during the next meeting.
- The owner of map 16 lot 0108 has not responded to the notices of tax deeding. The Board agreed to sign a Tax Deed at the next meeting.
- The owner of map 12 lot 0901 has a payment agreement, but recently filed for Bankruptcy under Chapter 13. No deeding action may be taken until the bankruptcy court determines to accept the filing or not. The Town has filed the appropriate proof of claim with the court.

7:30

Town Administrator Report:

- Meeting minutes from the September 4, 2018 Board of Selectmen's meeting were reviewed. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 4, 2018 Selectmen's meeting. Selectman, Ed Haskell, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.
- LUTC warrant for map 12 lot 0614 was reviewed and signed.
- The monthly Fire Department Report was available for review.
- The monthly EMS Report was available for review.
- The EMS Advisory Committee met for the first time September 27th at 4:30 PM. Isaac Dewever was voted in as chairman, Judy Hall and Janice Mulherin will keep minutes. A series of questions were developed, and a list of potential guests was compiled. The committee will meet again on October 11th.
- Grafton County Sheriff, Doug Dutile, offered to assist the town in documenting the need to change the traffic pattern along Rumney Route 25 between the junction of School Street and Heritage Apartments. The Board was receptive to the offer and feels some change is needed to make the area safer.

7:55 PM

Fire Department Furnace bids were reviewed. Three bids were obtained, Pemi River Fuels was the low bid. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion to accept the bid from Pemi River Fuels to replace the furnace at the Depot Street Fire Station. Selectman, Ed Haskell, seconded the motion. There was a discussion on the replacement time line, billing and payment time line, and funding of the furnace. Once the replacement time line is determined the funding will be determined. Motion was moved and passed on a vote of 2-0.

- 8:10 PM Old Business:
- There have been several inquiries of the Tax Deeded Property Auction. Most inquires have been forwarded to the auction company to assure that the same information is given to everyone that calls. The two junk cars have been removed from the property. The Highway Department will remove the jersey barriers after Columbus Day. The Police Department will be asked to assist with traffic the morning of the auction.
- 8:15 PM Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second from Selectman, George Bonfiglio. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Sincerely Submitted,

Joe Chivell
Town Administrator
Rumney, New Hampshire

Up-coming events

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