

Board of Selectmen
October 15, 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 October 1st through October 15th. Miller indicated that traffic has been lighter during the past two weeks.

Chief Miller reported three calls for service during the Craggin' Classic. One was a lost hiker, unrelated to the event. The second call for service was the band running past the quiet time agreement, the third was a person traveling on Buffalo and threatening campers at the event site.

Critiquing the event, if it is held again next year, Chief Miller would like to see light towers in the parking lots during the evening to help the visibility of the pedestrians.

Police Chief Miller report that the Fire Chief had no issues and the large bonfire was cancelled.

Chief Miller indicated he has been asking for feedback, good or bad, about the event. He has only received a couple comments, both were on the positive side.

Miller reported he will be attending the New Police Chief Course put on by Primex. Miller reported that the new part-time officer had to cancel the October 22nd physical agility test due to a minor injury. The test will be rescheduled for November.

6:45 PM Senator Bob Giuda appeared before the Board of Selectmen. Senator Giuda asked if the Board had any questions of him? The Board had no direct questions at his time. Selectman, Bob Berti, did want to thank Senator Giuda for his assistance in the override vote on the biomass bill.

Senator Giuda stated he will continue to work with the town on the issues of the Rumney Rest Area and the traffic issues in the area of Polar Caves and NHCA. On the topic of the traffic issue by Polar Caves Selectman, Ed Haskell, suggested that the State should utilize their right of way and widen the road to create breakdown lanes.

Senator Giuda asked if any of the street lights, paid for by the State, had been shut

off. Giuda had been told by other towns the State was shutting off street lights in a cost saving effort. Senator Giuda, and others, feel this is a safety issue and not worth the pennies that may be saved. Chief Miller was still in attendance and was asked to take note if any street lights had been shut off.

7:00 PM Public Hearing – Parking Ordinance

Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion to suspend the regularly schedule Board of Selectmen’s Meeting and to open a Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Revised Parking Ordinance. Selectman, Ed Haskell, seconded the motion. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, commented that the notice of the Public Hearing had been posted in the Plymouth Record Enterprise, at the Rumney Town Office (inside and outside), the Rumney Post Office and the Rumney Transfer Station. There were no other comments. The motion passed 3-0.

Selectman, Bob Berti, asked how this ordinance and the ordinance to Prevent Hazards to Public Safety on Town Road interacted. Road Agent, Nick Coursey, stated he felt the Hazards to Public Safety ordinance was more of a materials issue and would be reported to the Police Department to investigate. Police Chief, Brett Miller, agreed with Coursey and stated the Parking ordinance was an “issue a ticket” issue and the Hazard to Public was a summon type of issue. Selectman, Berti, wants to make sure that the Road Agent and the Police Department work together on these types of issues.

Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, stated that if the Board did adopt the new ordinance this evening, it could have an enactment date in approximately 30-days, allowing for new ordinance to be posted prior to enactment.

There was no further questions or discussions of the Parking Ordinance. Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion to close the Public Hearing and enter back into the regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting. Selectman, Ed Haskell, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to accept the Parking Ordinance as drafted and to have it take effect in thirty days. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

7:15 PM Road Agent, Nick Coursey asked to meet with the Board of Selectmen regarding tree removal and an equipment trailer.

Coursey had contracted tree and limb work during the summer. He stated that there are a couple of trees on Buffalo Road that should be removed and would require a crane for the removal. Coursey stated that while obtaining quotes to have the trees removed next year, Pemi Tree Service indicated that they would have a crane in Rumney this month and if they could combine the job with

another job it would save money. Coursey stated the cost to remove the trees on Buffalo Road would be approximately \$1,200.00. A review of the Highway Department budget showed that this job could be afforded this year and allow for a cost savings. The Board authorized the job to be completed.

The next topic that Road Agent Coursey spoke about was an equipment trailer that he had used this summer. A local contractor had allowed the town to use an equipment trailer on a few occasions this summer to move Highway Department equipment. The Rumney Highway Department does not have a heavy equipment trailer. Recently, the contractor offered to sell the trailer to the town for \$2,000.00. A review of the Highway Department budget showed that the cost of the trailer could be afforded and stay within budget. The Board authorized the Road Agent to go forward with the purchase.

- 7:30 PM Omar Ahern, District 3 Grafton County Commissioner, asked to meet with the Board. Ahern is running for re-election to the position of District 3 Grafton County Commissioner. Ahern gave an overview of the Grafton County Nursing Home, Correctional Facility and Dairy Barn.
- 7:45 PM Tax Collector, Lila Williams, met with the Board to discuss a property tax payment plan. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c). Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.
- 7:55 PM Selectman, Ed Haskell, 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 3-0.
- Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to indefinitely seal the nonpublic session minutes, in that it may affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the board. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.
- 7:50 PM Town Administrators Report-
- As voted on during the October 1st Selectmen's meeting the new furnace for the Depot Street Fire Department was ordered. It will be delivered and installed the week of October 29th. A discussion following concerning the payment of the new furnace and the installation. It was determined when the invoice is received the furnace will be paid for out of the Heating line item for the Fire Department.
 - A brief overview was given of the second EMS Advisory Committee Meeting, which had been held on October 11th.
 - As required by State Law the Tax Collectors finances were reviewed by the town's auditors, Plodzick & Sanderson. Recommittal warrants will be drafted for review and signature of the Board of Selectmen.
 - The August 2018 Treasures Report was made available for review.

- The Tax Deed Auction of 470 Rumney Route 25 was held on October 13th. The auction amount will cover the outstanding taxes, penalties and interest on the property. It will also cover the expenses, as allowed, that the town had for the properties upkeep while in the town's possession. A closing date with the high bidder will be set up within the next 30 days.
- The Town has discussed hosting an open house to try to encourage new members to take part in the many different Boards that help the Town to operate. A proposed sign was provided and approved. A date for the open house was set for November 10th at the Russell Elementary School. All town departments, Boards and groups will be invited to take part in the open house. Department equipment will also be on display.
- The Board was updated on the open positions at the Transfer Station and the Town Clerk/Tax Collectors office. Both positions have been posted at town locations and in the local paper.
- Rachel Anderson wanted the Board to know that the annual Christmas Tree lighting will be on December 2, 2018. The Historical Society tea and cookie open house will be held prior to the lighting.
- Septic Designs for the following properties were reviewed and signed
 - 2-3-12
 - 16-4-15
 - 2-3-17
 - 2-3-9-1
- An application for a Veteran's Credit on 16-06-26 was reviewed and signed
- Lila Williams was appointed at the Town Clerk / Tax Collector during the October 1st Board of Selectmen's meeting. The paperwork for the appointment was reviewed and signed by the Board.
- The paperwork for the Posting of the General Election was reviewed and signed by the Board of Selectmen.
- The annual MS-1 was reviewed and signed by the Board of Selectmen
- The annual MS-535 was reviewed and signed by the Board of Selectmen

8:30 PM Old Business-

- During the September 17, 2018 the Board of Selectmen had voted to contract MRI to conduct a Risk Audit of the Rumney Police Department. A letter had been prepared to apprise the Chief of Police that a Risk Audit will be preformed by the MRI and is requesting that he and the members of the police department fully cooperate with the representative(s) of MRI during the audit, was reviewed and signed by the three members of the Board of Selectmen.
- Selectmen, Ed Haskell, indicated that he will attend the Russell School Building Committee meeting on October 16th.
- Selectman, Bob Berti, stated that the town should investigate gathering the trees that have been cut along the Eversource Right of Way and sell the trees either for timber or chips.

8:45 PM Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman, Ed Haskell, 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

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| EMS Advisory Committee meeting | October 25, 2018 |
| Board of Selectmen with Public Forum | November 4, 2018 |
| General Elections (at Russell School) | November 6, 2018 |
| Town Open House (at Russell School) | November 10, 2018 |
| Town Office Closed in Observance of Veteran Day | November 12, 2018 |
| Fire Commissioners Meeting | November 12, 2018 |
| Board of Selectmen Meeting | November 18, 2018 |
| Town Office Closed for Thanksgiving | November 22, 2018 |
| Town Office Closed Day after Thanksgiving | November 23, 2018 |