

**Board of Selectmen  
December 3, 2018  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

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

6:30 PM Meeting opened by Selectman, Robert Berti.  
Payroll and accounts payable checks reviewed for signature.

6:35 PM Police Chief, Brett Miller, gave an update on the Police Department.  
Chief Miller provided the Board with activity covering November 5<sup>th</sup> through  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Miller then gave an update on the department's cruisers. The 2010  
cruiser will need the radiator replaced due to a leak. The base radio has still not  
been repaired. The Chief will look into a federal grant.

During the recent power outage, Chief Miller reported assisting an elderly  
resident who had lost power, to stay at the Pemi Bridge House.

Part-time Officer Gary Robinson will take the police academy required physical  
fitness test in December.

7:00 PM Public Forum:  
Mark Andrew asked to speak to the Board. Mr. Andrew asked for a status update  
on the fire department Dry Hydrant Project. Andrew stated that last March during  
the annual town meeting the Rumney Fire Department requested funding to repair  
dry hydrants. The repairs were to be completed during the summer of 2018. Mr.  
Andrew reminded the Board that he actually stood up during the Town Meeting  
and made a motion to increase the amount requested to assure that the project was  
completed. Andrew also commented on the issue that funds have been available  
to work on a dry hydrant on Groton Hollow Road for at least four years. Andrew  
is concerned that the only working hydrant in this area is at the NEF. Mr. Andrew  
is very concerned about the lack of available water from town dry hydrants.  
Selectman, Bob Berti, read from the monthly Fire Chief Report that he, the fire  
chief, has been working on permits for the work to be completed. Selectman, Ed  
Haskell, stated that under the current set-up the three Rumney Fire  
Commissioners oversee the operations of the Rumney Fire Department. Mr.  
Andrew asked that the Board of Selectmen attempt to put more pressure on the  
Fire Commissioners so that the project is completed.

Mark Andrew asked if the Fire Department purchased the five sets of breathing  
apparatus. He was told that purchase had been made.

Selectman, Ed Haskell, asked that the Fire Commissioners submit a written  
update on the dry hydrant project at, or before, the Fire Department budget  
review.

Mark Andrew commented on the tree work along Buffalo Road. Andrew stated it was a great job.

7:15 PM Budget Review with Budget Advisory Committee.  
Committee members present: Isaac Dewever, Roger Daniels, Jerry Thebodeau

Salary and related items will be discussed after the budget review process is completed.

Police Chief, Brett Miller, presented the proposed 2019 Police budget. Chief Miller had submitted a proposed warrant article to purchase a radar sign. The model that the chief proposed purchasing mounts to posts and can be moved location to location. It allows for collection of data, such as; vehicle counts, times of day travelled, and speeds of vehicles. The data can be shared with other departments like the Highway Department, if needed. The cost for the radar sign and all required accessories is \$4,025.

During the review of the Police Department Operational Budget, the line items increased were: Dispatch increased by \$763.00, Chief Miller indicated that he anticipates that increasing, again, next year. Vehicle maintenance was increased by \$2,000.00. Chief Miller stated that the 2010 is a year older and the 2015 is out of warranty. The Computer Updates was decreased by \$1,500.00, as most all items will be covered by the newly requested 5-year IT contract.

The Police Department Capital Reserve for Cruisers/equipment was kept at the 2018 rate \$14,500.00.

Animal Control stayed the same as 2018.

Safety Committee stayed the same as 2018.

7:50 PM Road Agent, Nick Coursey, presented the Highway Department Budget. During the review of the Highway Department Operational Budget line items that increased were: Outside Labor increased by \$2,500 allowing for additional roadside tree work. Fuel increased by \$500, covering the working cost of fuel for the equipment. Road signs increased by \$500 to allow for replacement of several road side signs that are either missing or damaged. Winter Sand/Salt increased by \$500 to allow additional purchase of sand and salt.

An increase of \$1,879.00 to the Highway Truck Loan payment allows for the truck to be paid off one year early, making this the final payment.

Road Improvement remained the same as 2018. Primary project area being Cross Road.

Street lights remain the same as 2018.

Highway Capital Reserve for Equipment was kept at the 2018 rate of \$40,000.

A warrant article for the purchase of a replacement backhoe was discussed. The backhoe is considered an emergency response vehicle. The current Highway Department backhoe is model year 2001. The warrant article will propose trading in the current backhoe and purchasing a new backhoe by combining from the Highway Department Equipment fund and a loan. The loan pay back amount would be approximately the same as the loan payment has been for the highway truck. Keeping the loan payment level will not affect the tax rate.

8:25 PM EMS Director Dan Medaglia, presented the Rumney EMS budget. The proposed EMS budget was the same as the 2018 budget. Following a brief discussion, the Training/Mileage line item was increased by \$250.

A warrant article for the purchase of a replacement heart monitor/defibrillator was discussed. A budget figure of \$35,000 is being used. The discussed funding of the purchase included using \$30,000 for the EMS Major Equipment Capital Reserve and the remaining \$5,000 to be raised by taxes.

8:40 PM The Capital Reserve funds were reviewed. Jerry Thebodeau represented the Planning Board and the CIP discussion they had with the town department heads. Thebodeau stated it was the Board of Selectmen's final decision. The final capital reserve funding proposals will be listed with the budget.

9:00 PM Town Administrator Report

- The minutes of the 11/05/2018 Selectmen's meeting was 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.
- Correspondence for the DTC Law Office concerning the on-going utility company tax appeal was reviewed. There was no action required on this update.
- A reminder that an appeal hearing on the Timber Yield Tax on the Eagle Point Development Group abatement request will be held on December 6, 2018. Bob Berti and Janice Mulherin will be presenting the Town's information.
- The Board approved the annual Christmas appreciation gifts for town employees.
- A draft list of funds to encumber for 2018 to 2019 was presented to the Board. The funds include unfinished projects and ongoing services stated in 2018 but will not be completed until 2019. A finalized request will be submitted for signature at the last Board of the year.
- The EMS Advisory Committee is continuing to meet and making good

progress.

- The Police Department Risk Assessment is ongoing. The reporter is awaiting additional information from the Chief of Police. A report should be coming shortly after the first of the year.
- Dry Hydrant status had been on the agenda for this meeting. This topic was taken up during the public forum. There was no additional discussion aside from that during the public forum.

10:00 PM Selectman, Ed Haskell, 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, NH