

**Board of Selectmen  
February 18, 2019  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

Present: Select Board Members Present – Robert Berti, George Bonfiglio  
Selectman, Ed Haskell, excused absences  
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, met with the Board to give the Police Department update. Chief Miller provided an outline of the March schedule and the stats for the past two weeks. Officer Patten recently completed Taser Instructor training.

Selectman, George Bonfiglio, asked the chief about Officer Maes program for the local seniors. Chief Miller gave a brief overview stating it is a way to check in on local senior's welfare. Selectman, Bob Berti, stated that would be a good item to have listed in the annual town report.

The issue of non-residents and commercial sanders taking sand from the resident sand pile was reported again. There was a brief discussion of placing barriers around the pile to limit trucks backing into the pile. There was also a brief discussion of moving the sand pile. Discussions will continue at the next meeting on how to address this issue.

Chief Miller reported that the 2010 cruiser has been starting and running OK. Miller reported that he had received one application to date for the part-time officer opening. Miller reported that he plans to use vacation time at the end of the month.

6:50 PM Town Administrator Report:

Superintendent, Sonny Ouellette, had met with members of Hydrosourse regarding a three-year quote of testing the dry wells at the Rumney Transfer Station. For the past several year Duffield Engineering has provided this testing. Comparative pricing and service was being obtained to assure that the best product was being used. Selectman, Bob Berti, provided a brief history of the town's transfer station and the testing required by NH-DES. The Board requested additional information for Duffield so that an equal comparison could be made. The Board also felt it may be time for a meeting with NH-DES to determine the duration of the required testing, as there have been no findings of contaminants since the testing was begun.

The Town of Ellsworth sent a letter to the Town of Rumney, dated February 12, 2019, indicating the town of Ellsworth would not be renewing the emergency contract for fire and EMS services for 2019-2020. The Ellsworth Board of Selectmen indicated they felt their affiliation with the Campton-Thornton Fire would suffice. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, had notified Rumney Fire Chief, David Coursey, and Rumney EMS Director, Dan Medaglia, of the letter.

The Rumney Board members felt it was unfortunate, mostly for the Ellsworth residents that live on the Rumney side of Ellsworth. The Board members agree that Rumney will continue providing mutual aid upon request, but nothing more. The Board did request to have Fire Chief, David Coursey, attend the next Board meeting. The Board wants to be clear that Rumney will not provide primary fire or EMS services to Ellsworth and will ask that Chief Coursey make Lakes Region Mutual Aid Dispatch aware of the change's effective mid-night March 31, 2019, when the current contracts expires.

The Board of Selectmen had requested clarification of the difference between the new line item in the Fire Department Budget titled "Gas/Oil Permits" and the line titled "Code Enforcement". The Rumney Fire Commissions had forwarded an outline explaining the two budget lines.

An Administrative Abatement for past due taxes on 16-05-04, had been filed by Tax Collector, Lila Williams. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, explained this was a housekeeping item. This property was taken by tax deed and to track taxes owed while in possession of the town, the Board had not placed the property into exempt mode. Now that the property had been auctioned to a new owner the accumulated taxes needed to be removed from the books. The administrative abatement will remove those tax amounts for the tax collectors' books. The new owners are now responsible for the property taxes going forward. The Board signed the abatement.

The Rumney Route 25 traffic report developed by the Grafton County Sheriff's Department was made available for review.

A follow up meeting with Mike Casella was schedule for 2/19/2019 at 4:00pm.

The Board was advised that the EMS Advisory Committee will start meeting again soon.

The annual Inventory Forms will be mailed out the second and third week of March. They are due April 15<sup>th</sup>.

At the February 4, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting the town audit services were awarded to Plodzik & Sanderson. A three-year agreement for the audit services was made available for review and signing. The Board members did sign the agreement.

The Selectmen's Office will be closed on February 27<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell will represent the Town at a mediation hearing with NHEC and several other municipalities regarding the utilities abatement and appeals.

8:15 PM New Business:

Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, explained that the holder of the Rumney Boston Cane was no longer a resident of Rumney. Chivell asked if he would arrange the Boston Cane be presented to the current eldest town resident during the opening of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting. The Board agreed with this request pending the arrangements being made with the recipient, the Town Moderator, and anyone else that needs to be part of the ceremony.

8:25 PM Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion to enter nonpublic session under NH RSA 91-A:3, II (a). The motion was seconded by Selectman, George Bonfiglio. There was no discussion. The motion passed 2-0.

8:30 PM Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman, George Bonfiglio. There was no discussion. The motion passed 2-0.  
Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion to indefinitely seal the nonpublic minutes. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0

8:35 PM Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 2-0.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell  
Town Administrator

Up-coming events:

February 26 <sup>st</sup>	Planning Board Meeting
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Selectmen's Office Closed
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Selectmen's Office Closed
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Selectmen Meeting
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Commissioners Meeting
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Town Election Day
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Town Meeting