

Board of Selectmen
March 4, 2019
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, met with the Board to give the Police Department update. The prior two weeks stats were provided to the Board. Chief Miller reported obtaining 12-15 youth size bicycle helmets that can be handed out to local children that may need a helmet.

Miller reported that the closing date for the part-time officer opening was today. Miller stated he received one applicant and will start a background investigation as time allows.

Chief Miller reported that he had submitted a request to attend the NHPSTC FTO Training Course. This will be the third time submitting a request, having been denied a spot two times prior, Miller stated there is an FTO Course being offered in Dover with a cost of \$600.00, the NHPSTC course is free. Selectman, Bob Berti, asked if he had the funds in his training budget. Miller reported that his attendance would exhaust his training budget. It was determined that Chief Miller would wait on the results of his latest training submission to NHPSTC.

Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, stated that Road Agent, Nick Coursey, had brought an issue to his attention concerning the local snowmobile club grooming snow into the road. The issue being on School Street, where the groomer had pulled enough snow into the road that it blocked on lane and required the highway crew to respond with the backhoe to clear the lane. Coursey asked that either the Board contact the club, or the police department could speak to them and bring the Road Hazard ordinance to their attention. Chief Miller stated he would speak to the club members that groom that area.

Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, stated that he, Road Agent, Nick Coursey, and Transfer Station Superintendent, Sonny Ouellette, had discussed the location of the resident sand pile. Chivell asked Miller if he'd had an opportunity to talk with either Coursey or Ouellette about the sand pile location. As noted in the past few meeting minutes, Chief Miller had talked about residents and non-residents abusing the availability of the free sand, by taking truck loads and apparently sanding drive ways for pay.

Chivell indicated that he and Coursey had talked about, next year, moving the resident sand pile to the transfer station allowing for some supervision, by Ouellette, as to who and how much sand was being taken. There could be a small amount either at the traditional area or just outside the transfer station gate, to make a small amount of sand available when the transfer station is closed. Copies of surrounding towns' resident sand policies were also discussed.

During the February 4, 2019 Select Board Meeting, Chief Miller stated the department had been monitoring the "commercial" use of the sand pile and would provide the Board with names of the possible offenders. Miller stated that he was unable to determine the owners of the vehicle that may be misusing the sand allotment.

No determination was made at this meeting how to move forward with next year's resident sand pile, further discussion will be needed.

7:00 PM

Public Forum:

There was no one for the public forum

Town Administrator Report (started early):

Election day, March 12th, coverage was discussed. 8:00 AM to noon will be covered by Selectman, Ed Haskell. Noon to 4:00PM will be covered by Selectman, Bob Berti. 4:00 PM to closing will be covered by Selectman, George Bonfiglio.

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2019 were reviewed. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to accept the minutes. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

7:15 PM

Fire Chief, David Coursey, had been invited to speak with the Board regarding the letter from the town of Ellsworth. A brief recap of the contents of the letter was discussed. Chief Coursey reported that the information he received was that Ellsworth had bought into Campton-Thornton Fire some time ago. In doing so it is Ellsworth's opinion that this will cover the town and the contracted services with Rumney will no longer be needed. Chief Coursey gave a brief history of fire calls in Ellsworth the and response provided by the Town of Rumney.

Selectman, Bob Berti, stated that he understands we will provide mutual aid response to Ellsworth, but with no contract mutual aid will be the extent of coverage provided.

Chief Coursey agreed and mutual aid is one truck with five crew members. Anything different would be an abuse of the mutual aid agreement. Coursey stated he will make sure the changes are made with Lakes Region Fire Mutual

Aid dispatch for both fire and EMS calls.

Selectman, Bob Berti, asked the town administrator to draft a letter from the Board and that the letter be signed by both the fire chief and EMS director and sent to the Ellsworth Board of selectmen outlining this information.

7:35 PM Town Administrator Report (Continued):

An update on the NHEC v. Town of Rumney Mediation meeting. Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II (1). Selectman, Ed Haskell, seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

8:05 PM Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to seal the nonpublic session minutes as they could render a proposed action ineffective. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

No action was taken by the Board at this time.

The Fire Chief had provided a monthly activity report for review.

Road Agent, Nick Coursey, reported to the Town Administrator that the head gasket on the loader had let go and they were making the repairs in hours. Coursey also reported that he would be meeting with the Warren Road Agent on Wednesday regarding equipment.

Items for the Annual Town Meeting are set for the March 14th meeting at Russell School.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell
Town Administrator

Up-coming events:

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| March 11 th | Fire Commissioners Meeting |
| March 12 th | Town Election Day |
| March 14 th | Annual Town Meeting |
| March 18 th | Board of Selectmen Meeting |
| March 26 st | Planning Board Meeting |