

**Board of Selectmen**  
**April 1, 2019**  
**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

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

4:30 PM Meeting opened by Selectman, Robert Berti.  
Payroll and accounts payable checks reviewed for signature.

Rumney Road Agent, Nick Coursey, met with the Board to discuss moving forward on the purchase of a backhoe. The funds for this purchase were approved at the March 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

Coursey reported that he had meet with sales representatives that handle several different makes and models of backhoes. After having the opportunity to tryout different models and then compare pricing, Coursey is recommending the Town purchase a John Deere 310SL backhoe loader. The trade in value of the backhoe the Town currently owns was increase to \$28,000.00. The final cost of the backhoe, with the trade in value is \$108,744.00. There will be a few additional items that will be needed, such as a two-way radio, fire extinguisher and bracket.

Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion to authorize the purchase of the John Deere 310SL backhoe loader as described in the Purchase Order 6129450 presented. Selectman, Bob Berti, seconded the motion. There was no further discussion on the request to purchase. The motion passed 2-0.

The Board members present signed the purchase agreement. Selectman, Bob Berti, complimented Road Agent, Nick Coursey, on the research he had done and the price that he did.

The warrant article to purchase the backhoe was worded to use \$50,000.00 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and up to \$65,000.00 in notes and bonds. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, reported that he was working with Woodsville Guaranty Bank on the note portion of this purchase. Woodsville Guaranty Bank will provide up to \$65,000.00 for five years at an interest rate of 3.38%. Chivell asked if the Board would authorize him to formulize the note request with Woodsville Guaranty Bank. The board granted that authorization.

4:55 PM Board Reorganization – During the March 2019 elections Bob Berti was re-elected to the position of Selectman. A brief discussion occurred to determine who would be the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion to keep the current structure of the Board as is, that being Bob Berti chairman and Ed Haskell as vice chairman. Bob Berti Seconded the motion. There was no discussion, but Bonfiglio commented that Bob Berti

has a vast amount of experience and knowledge of the town and the workings of the Board. Bonfiglio state he looks to Berti for guidance, that is why he would like to see Berti stay on as the chairman. The motion passed 2-0.

5:00 PM Town Administrator Report:

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

5:10 PM Selectman, Bob Berti, 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 2-0.

Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session indefinitely, as they could adversely affect the reputation of any person other than a member of the Board of Selectmen.

There is no action required at this time.

5:12 PM A settlement agreement has been provided by the town's legal representation in the utilities appeals in the matter involving the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative. Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) &(l). Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

5:30 PM Selectman, Bob Berti, 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 2-0.

Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion to accept the Settlement Agreement, as drafted, between the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. and the Town of Rumney that covers the Board of Tax and land Appeals 27891-14PT, 28055-15PT, 28649-16PT, 29188-17PT. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. The discussion that followed outlined that the settlement covers all outstanding appeals, there will be no appeal filed for the 2018, 2019, and 2020 tax bills. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, explained that although Selectman, Ed Haskell, could not be at the meeting he was in favor of accepting and signing the agreement. The motion passed 2-0 with the members present and Selectman, Ed Haskell, verbal agreement to vote in favor.

Conservation Commission Chair, Janice Mulherin, requested that the Board of Selectmen reappoint Maggie Brox and Joel Grass as members of the Conservation Commission. Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion to appoint Maggie Brox and Joel Grass to three-year terms on the Rumney Conservation Commission. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2019, March 4, 2019 and March 18, 2019 were provided for review. A motion to accept the meeting minutes for February 18, 2019 and March 4, 2019 was made by Selectman, George Bonfiglio and seconded by Selectman, Bob Berti. The minutes for March 18, 2019 can not be accepted at this meeting because Selectman Bob Berti was not in attendance at that meeting. The motion passed 2-0.

Police Department biweekly stats were made available for review.

Fire Department Monthly report was made available for review.

Treasures Report was made available for review.

Notice from State DOT that the State will be paving Halls Brook Road this summer.

Road Agent, Nick Coursey, is working on the summer paving bids.

The Health Insurance rates have been set for the 2019 – 2020 period. The initial rates were projected to increase by 14.6%. Following the annual insurance meeting it was found that the increase will be 11.3%.

The Town Office Building copier lease expires next month. Bids to replace the copier and to enter a new lease were obtained by Town Administrator, Joe Chivell. Chivell asked to be authorized to renew a copier lease with Seacoast Business Machines. This request is based on Seacoast Business Machines being the low bid, prior service and performance of the copier currently being leased by Seacoast Business Machines. The Board authorized Chivell to move forward and enter into a new copier lease.

6:00 PM New Business:

Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, asked the Board if there were goals, they would like to have set for 2019. Selectman, Bob Berti, stated the goal he feels should be set is to have plans in place to be able to have a warrant article ready for the 2020 Town Meeting to build an addition to the Town Office. In doing so funding that would be needed in the form of a loan or note would be in place after the final Library Project load payment is made. Berti stated there is local and inhouse expertise that should be used in making the planned addition.

Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, asked if the Board would like to meet with all the Department Heads to review summer plans they may have. The Board suggested to have all the department heads attend the May 6st meeting.

6:15 PM Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman, George Bonfiglio. Motion passed 2-0.  
Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell  
Town Administrator  
Rumney, NH

Up-coming events:

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| April 3, 2019      | Town Clerk / Tax Collector Office Closed |
| April 8, 2019      | Fire Commission Meeting                  |
| April 9, 2019      | EMS Advisory Meeting                     |
| April 10, 2019     | Conservation Commission Meeting          |
| April 15, 2019     | Selectmen's Meeting                      |
| April 24 & 26 2019 | Selectmen's Office                       |