

**Board of Selectmen
May 6, 2019
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

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

6:30 PM Meeting opened by Chairman, Bob 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's update. The prior two weeks stats were provided to the Board. The chief explained that with the onset of spring people are finding issues that occurred over the winter, so more time was spent taking reports than on motor vehicle activity.

The 2010 police cruiser will need rocker panels and will be repaired in conjunction with the State Safety Inspection.

The Chief is working with the Town Clerk, Lila Williams, on the annual dog licensing process. To date there are still about 120 dogs not licensed.

The applicant for the part-time police officer position has withdrawn from the process. Chief Miller stated that the applicant ended his employment with the Grafton County Sheriff's Office on or about February 1, 2019, so at this point in time he would be required to complete a physical agility test to regain his certification.

The radar sign has been delivered and is ready for installation. Road Agent, Nick Coursey, has the poles and will be putting them in place. The Chief stated the radar sign will be up and running in a few weeks.

6:50 PM Request for bids for the 2019 Cross Road Paving Project and the projected 2020 paving project tonnage price request had been sent out, with a due date of May 6, 2019. The sealed bids were opened with the following results:

2019	R&D	GMI	Blacktop	Pike
Reclaim Sq Yds	3498	3445		No Bid Submitted
Reclaim Cost Sq Yd	1.15	0.68	1.37	

Sub-total	4,022.70	2,342.60		
Grade/Compact Sq Yd	5343	5438		
Grade/Compact Cost Sq Yd	0.50	0.68		
Sub-total	2,671.50	3,697.84		
Tonnage	1,061.00	1,083.00		
Cost per Ton	75.30	68.90	80.85	
Sub-total for Tonnage	79,893.30	74,618.70		
Other:	0.00	1,000.00		
2019 Total	86,587.50	81,158.90		
2020 Tonnage	635.00	856.00	81.49/ton	
2020 Total	52,387.50	59,978.40		
2019 & 2020 Total	138,975.00	141,173.30		

A discussion on the pricing, the totaled pricing for combined two years of paving work and prior history of work completed followed the opening of the sealed bids.

Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to accept the two-year bid from R&D Paving and to award the 2019 paving project and 2020 paving project, pending the anticipated appropriations for the 2020 budget, to R&D Paving. The motion was seconded by Selectman, George Bonfiglio. There was no further discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

7:40 PM Public Forum – There was no one in attendance for the Public Forum.

7:41 PM Road Agent, Nick Coursey, met with the Board to discuss Highway Department projects.

- Rumney Highway Department garage LED lighting project: An overview of the project was provided by Town Administrator, Joe Chivell. The project includes replacing all fluorescent tube style lights at the highway garage with LED light strips. The light strips will include motion detectors. The project fits the requirements of the NH Electric CO-OP 50% refund program. The cost of the project will \$4,500.00. The NHEC will refund 50% of the cost for the changeover. It was requested that the project be funded in part or in full using funds from the Town Facility Improved Capital Reserve Fund. The Board agreed to move forward with the project and will hold a public hearing at the May 20, 2019, Selectmen’s Meeting to discuss and request using the capital reserve funds. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion to accept the project

and bid price of \$4,500.00 from Brian Weeks Electric. The motion was seconded by Selectman, Ed Haskell. There was no additional discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

- Road Agent, Nick Coursey, explained that in his “New Equipment” he had planned to purchase a plasma cutter. Coursey showed the Board the three bids he had obtained to purchase the cutter. The Board authorized the purchase of the low bid plasma cutter from Maine Oxy using the fund from the “New Equipment Line” of the Highway Department operating budget.
- Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, reported to the Board that he had received a complaint from a resident of Doetown Road concerning the ditches and culvert being plugged by silt and run off from the clear cut and stumping at parcel 02-04-03. Chivell had asked Coursey to inspect the ditches and culvert in that area. Coursey reported he had observed seeing brown silt in the snow this winter running off the bank in that area into the ditches. Coursey went on to describe the ditches as being filled with run off dirt and that the culvert was full of dirt from that runoff. Coursey stated he had spoken to a contractor working in the stream about the work plugging the ditch and culvert. The town incurred expense in labor and equipment time repairing the ditches, culvert and roadside due to the runoff. The Board directed the Road Agent to track the expense the town incurs from this issue, to document and photograph damaged area. The Board directed the Town Administrator to contact NH DES and request they investigate this to see if there is a violation.
- The roadside damage and winter icing issue at the Rumney Rocks Climbing area on Buffalo Road was also discussed. There continues to be erosion to the roadside and runoff from the parking lot and hillside walkway due to lack of or ineffective draining in the area that the National Forest Service has had work completed. This is an ongoing issue, for the past several years, that is only getting worse. The Board directed the Town Administrator to send a letter to the National Forest Office in Campton requesting a meeting surrounding the damage being done to the town’s road and the runoff and erosion into the Baker River.
- Coursey requested to continue to use Pemi Tree Service for tree work along Cross Road, before the paving project is started, and then along Buffalo Road. During the 2019 budget process this project was discussed as being funded in the Highway Department “Summer Maintenance” line item. The Buffalo Road tree and limb work is a safety issue and will also allow sunlight to hit the road during the winter. The Board authorized this request.
- Road Agent, Nick Coursey, reported that the Backhoe has been ordered and is due to arrive at Nortrax late May and should be delivered the first week of June.
- Selectman, Bob Berti, stated he had spoke with the road agent about mechanical abilities of his staff and inquired if they could complete some of the routine maintenance and repairs of town vehicles, other than the

Highway Departments trucks and equipment. Coursey reported that most repairs could be handled by the staff he currently has and would be open to the idea on a “as time allowed” basis. A further discussion with the Police Chief and Fire Chief will follow, along with how the expense will be shared.

8:20 PM

Town Administrator Report:

- Elderly Exemption request for 12-07-16 was reviewed by the Board and signed by all members.
- Two employee leave requests were reviewed and granted
- Septic design for 02-01-16-A was reviewed and town approval was granted.
- Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, reported that the ambulance contract with the town of Plymouth will expire December 31, 2019. Chivell reported that he had an initial meeting with Plymouth Fire Chief, Tom Morrison, regarding the possibility of renewing the contract. Chivell explained that Plymouth may look to change the method of charging towns under contract. Discussions will continue between the two towns.
- An arrangement has been made with NH-DOT to conduct a visit to see the inside of the building that was the Rumney Rest Area. The State is assessing what action they will take with the building and property. After the visit the Board will discuss whether the property would be of use to the town and if there is interest in the town to acquire the lot. The onsite visit will be May 7, 2019. Members of the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission and Planning Board have been invited to take part in the visit, along with Senator Guida and Representative Maes.
- The review of space needs in the Rumney Town Office is continuing. The visit to the Rumney Rest Area will also be taken under advisement in this review.
- There has been a request to investigate revitalizing the spring water trough on Quincy Road. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, reported that the town doesn't own that property but does have a deeded water easement. Chivell visited the area and found that the set tiles for the spring are still in place along with the stone base where the trough is located. The area is overgrown and there is an open catch basin and culvert located in front of the spring head. Chivell is concerned that with the basin, culvert and the layout of the road, as it may be difficult to obtain permission from the State DOT to renew a pull off at the spring head. Chivell reported he will continue looking into the possibilities of reopening the spring.
- A Facilities Use Request form had been submitted by the Pemi Baker Valley Pickleball group to use the paved area of the Quincy Athletic Field. The Board signed the request.
- Board of Selectmen minutes for meetings held on April 1 and April 15, 2019, were made available for review. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion to accept the April 1, 2019 meeting minutes. Selectman, Bob Berti, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion the motion

passed 2-0. Selectman, Ed Haskell, abstained from voting as he was not at the April 1, 2019, Board meeting. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to accept the April 15, 2019 meeting minutes. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0. Selectman, Bob Berti, abstained from voting as he was not at the April 15, 2019, meeting.

- The monthly Town Treasurer's Report was made available for review.
- The monthly Rumney Fire Chief Report was made available for review.
- The 2019 Code Enforcement contract from MRI was made available for review. The Board indicated they would like to meet with Ken Knowlton, of MRI, to ask what his plan of action entailed this year before signing the contract.
- The Board had received a complaint that one of the 2018 scholarship recipients, who met all the requirements, had not received payment. Payment should have been sent by the Trustees of the Trust Fund in January 2019. The Board directed the Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, to send a letter to the Trustees inquiring the status of the payment and explanation why the payment was delayed.
- Old Home Day meeting minutes were made available for review.

9:15 PM

New Business –

- Wendy Hills of the Library and Historical Society Trustees had dropped off a letter requesting permission to bring items to the Rumney Transfer Station free of charge while they clean the basement of the Historical Society building. Hills, while at the town office, suggested that some items could be donated to local non-profits. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, explained to Hills that permission would be needed from the Board of Selectmen prior to disposing of or donating Town owned property. Tom Wallace had been into the Selectmen's Office about a week prior speaking about setting up a time to complete a walk through of the Historical Society building's basement before starting a cleanup. The Board indicated they wanted more information regarding the items that the group is looking to dispose of or donating. Also, the Board would like to arrange a walk through with Tom Wallace and Roger Daniels before any major cleaning is done.
- Selectman, Ed Haskell, stated he has received several complaints about mail being delivered to the wrong address or placed in the wrong Post Office box. Haskell understands that the Post Office is under the Federal Government but would like a letter sent on behalf of the residents outlining the concerns of the delivery of mail.

9:35 PM

Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Selectman, George Bonfiglio. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Sincerely Submitted,

Joe Chivell
Town Administrator
Rumney, NH

Up-coming Events:

May 13	Fire Commission Meeting
May 15	Selectmen's Office Closed
May 20	Selectmen's Meeting
May 27	Town Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
May 28	Planning Board Meeting