

**Board of Selectmen**  
**July 1, 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 Rumney Road Agent, Nick Coursey, met with the Board to provide an update on the Rumney Highway Department. Coursey reported there is an ongoing dispute between a few of the residents at the end of Groton Hollow Road. The issues are primarily drainage and location of the road's edge. The owner of 16-03-01 had placed rocks where he believes his property line is located. Coursey reported that the rocks appear to be in the roadway. Town Administrator Joe Chivell reported he had spoken with the property owner several weeks prior. At that time the property owner complained about melting snow running out of Groton Wind Farm onto his property. He thought that the melting snow looked to have an oily film to it. The landowner feels that the corner markers for his property have been moved. He is also concerned that when the town was grading Groton Hollow Road they are coming near or onto his property where his septic system is located. Chivell reported that he advised to do the following; contact the Town of Groton to inquire on any draining plans that Groton Wind Farm may have had in their plans. Regarding the oily melting snow, the property owner was given information about contacting NH-DES. Concerning the grading issue, Chivell suggested that he speak to the Rumney Road Agent, and to all the boundary issues; since the property has not been surveyed Chivell recommended that the property be surveyed to allow for the locating of the property corners.

Selectman Bob Berti commented that Groton Hollow Road should be a 2-rod road and finding the center of the road would show where the edge of the town road would be. The Road Agent, Nick Coursey, will speak with the property owner again.

Road Agent Nick Coursey stated that Highway Department member, Steve Tallman, turned in his notice. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion to accept the notice of resignation from Steve Tallman. Selectman Ed Haskell seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

A help wanted ad will be placed in the Plymouth Record Enterprise, the Plymouth Penny Saver and posted at the Rumney Town Office, the Transfer Station and the Rumney Post Office. There was a brief discussion on the wording of the ad.

Selectman Bob Berti mentions the tree work that has been done along Buffalo

Road. Berti and the other Board members commented that the work looks good and asked if any more tree work was planned. Road Agent Coursey stated that he has asked Pemi Tree to continue the tree work further down Buffalo Road as it fits into their schedule.

The Board and Road Agent discussed the issue of driveways that have no application on file. The Town adopted the current driveway permit regulations May 30, 2000. The four properties that were discussed as having driveways with permits are: 13-02-28, 10-01-08-01, 12-06-26, and 11-06-09-01. The Board directed the Town Administrator to send letters by certified mail to the property owners directing them to correct their driveway issue.

Road Agent Nick Coursey reported that the new backhoe is in service and being used by the department.

7:05 PM Public Forum – There was no one at the meeting to take part in the public forum.

#### Town Administrator Report:

- The EMS Study Committee has completed its report. The committee asked that the report be given to the Board of Selectmen to review and develop any questions they may have. The recommendation from the committee was to meet with the Board of Selectmen at a future meeting to answering any questions or discuss any of the issues from the report.
- A proposed Structural Assessment agreement, to study the Depot Street fire station, was received from HEB Engineers. Based on the agreement alone the Board wanted more information as to the process HEB would use to determine the structural soundness of the building walls. The Board asked the Town Administrator to clarify the process with HEB.
- A letter from Phillip Miles, Chief of Property Management, NH DOT, acknowledged that the State had received the towns letter requesting to start the process to acquire the former Rumney Rest Area. The Board directed the Town Administrator to continue forward with the project. The process to acquire State property can take upwards to 18 months. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, asked the Board if this project should be in lieu of the Town Office Building addition project or in conjunction with that project? The Board determined that whether the town is able to obtain the old rest area, or not, it is time to request an addition to the Town Office Building. So, the Town Administrator will move forward on both projects.
- The Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2019 were made available for review. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 17, 2019 Board of Selectmen meeting. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded that motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0, Selectman Bob Berti abstained from the vote as he was not at the June 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
- The June Fire Chief Report was available for review.

- The Board reviewed and approved two requests of leave for the Highway Department.
- The Tax Collector submitted a report showing the 75% of the 2019 Part 1 Tax Bill has been paid to date.
- The Town Clerk submitted the 2019 Warrant for Unlicensed Dogs for review and signature. The Board reviewed and signed the warrant.
- The Town Treasurer submitted the May 2019 Treasurers Report for review.
- A Junkyard License Renewal for property 09-08-08 was submitted for review and signature. The Board reviewed and signed the renewal request.
- The Town Administrator reported that the USFS responded to the letter sent to them concerning road issues on Buffalo Road adjacent to the parking lots. Members of the USFS will be available to meeting on July 24, 2019. Representatives for the USFS, Rumney Road Agent, Rumney Town Administrator and a member of the Rumney Board of Selectmen will initially meet at the Town Office then walk the area along Buffalo Road.

8:00 PM Old Business:

- Selectman Ed Haskell spoke to the recent response from NH-DOT concerning the Rumney Route 25 area between Polar Coves and CNHA. Haskell mentioned that he has noticed seasonal speed limits in other towns such as: Meredith, Laconia and Hebron. Haskell would like to know the States opinion on posting a seasonal speed limit in an attempt to make that area of Rumney Route 25 safer.
- The Board will discuss the Risk Assessment Report with the input that the Police Chief gave at the June 17, 2019 meeting during a full Board member meeting or workshop.

8:15 PM New Business:

The owner of property 16-04-02 submitted a complaint concerning her water turning color. Selectman Bob Berti made a motion to enter Nonpublic Session as allowed by NH-RSA 91-A:3, II (c).

8:35 PM Selectman George Bonfiglio made a motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session. Selectman Ed Haskell seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0

Selectman Ed Haskell made a motion to indefinitely seal the nonpublic session minutes in that it could adversely affect the reputation of any person other than a member of the Board. Selectman George Bonfiglio seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Board has requested that the Fire Chief attend the next Board meeting to discuss this issue.

8:40 PM Selectman George Bonfiglio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman

Ed Haskell seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell  
Town Administrator  
Rumney, NH

Upcoming Events:

Fire Commissioners' Meeting	July 8, 2019
Conservation Commission	July 10, 2019
Board of Selectmen Meeting	July 15, 2019
Planning Board Meeting	July 30, 2019
Board of Selectmen Meeting	August 5, 2019
Fire Commissioners' Meeting	August 12, 2019