

Board of Selectmen
August 5, 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.

An agreement between the Town and HEB Engineers relating to work to be done on Groton Hollow Road was reviewed and signed.

Coursey explained that the practice of renting roadside mowing equipment has become more difficult and expensive. The rental fee last year was over \$4,000.00. Coursey knows of an equipment auction this weekend and a fully equipped roadside mower will be up for auction. Coursey stated if he could purchase a mower for \$4,000 - \$5,000 the town would break even. A brief discussion of the Board determined that a mower that is worth purchasing would cost more in line of \$10,000. The Board did agree that even at a cost of \$10,000 the town would break even in less than three years. The Board agreed to sign a purchase order not to exceed \$10,000 to be used at the auction this weekend.

Road Agent Nick Coursey reported that he has ranked the applicates that applied for the vacancy in the Highway Department. He provided the applications for the Board to review. The Board agreed to have Coursey move forward with his top ranked applicate, pending his follow up interview and background checks.

The paving is complete on Cross Road and looks very good. The overall job came in approximately 50 ton under bid. After the final bill has been submitted Coursey would like to look into having some crack sealing done. Selectman Bob Berti stated that Buffalo Road should be looked at if any crack sealing is to be done.

7:00 PM Public Forum –
Resident and Baker River Watershed Association member David Saad was present for public forum. Saad wanted the Board of Selectmen to know that the association supports the town's attempts to purchase the former Rumney Rest Area. Selectman Bob Berti indicated that a letter of support from the Baker River Watershed Association may be helpful as the process moves forward.

7:05 PM Personnel Issue – Selectman George Bonfiglio made a motion to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c). Selectman Ed Haskell seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

7:25 PM Motion was made by Selectman Bob Berti to leave nonpublic session and return to public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Ed Haskell. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Motion was made by Selectman Ed Haskell to indefinitely seal the nonpublic meeting minutes as they could affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this Board. Selectman George Bonfiglio seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

7:30 PM Rumney Police Chief Brett Miller presented his weekly update to the Board. Miller gave handouts showing the Calls for Service and Weekly Update.

Miller reported that a part had been ordered to attempt to repair the air conditioning in the Expedition cruiser.

Chief Miller provided a copy of the Unlicensed Dog Warrant explaining that both dogs were now licensed.

Chief Miller provided another advertisement of a local police department vacancy highlighting the salary range.

The Board had asked for clarification of the status of the department's staff. Chief Miller stated he would like to discuss the request in nonpublic session. The Board agreed. At 7:35 PM a motion to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) was made by Selectman Bob Berti. The motion was seconded by Selectman Ed Haskell. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 7:37 PM a motion was made by Selectman Bob Berti to leave nonpublic session and return to public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Ed Haskell. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Motion was made by Selectman Ed Haskell to seal the nonpublic meeting minutes as they could affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this Board. Selectman Bob Berti seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Old Home Day will be covered by Chief Miller and Officer Patten. There will be some set up on the Friday prior to Old Home Day, with coverage provided during the day and evening of Old Home Day by both officers and no outside help.

Stinson Lake 5K is August 17th. Chief Miller reported that he signed the parade permit to allow the event to take place on a State road. The route starts at the Happy T, down Stinson Lake Road to the Stinson Lake Store and back to the Happy T. Chief Miller stated the events takes about 15-20 minutes. Miller indicated that the department will just cover the event and there is no need to charge a detail to coordinators. Chief Miller equated it to assisting a local resident during a wedding or family event.

Selectman Ed Haskell explained to Chief Miller that based on the recent MRI Risk Management report, a document outlining required follow up changes, along with a timeline, had been drafted by the Board of Selectmen. Haskell stated the Board understands that the Chief does not agree with the entire report, but changes need to be made. The document does not have to be read line by line tonight, but it needs to be read, and the Board expects the Chief to report back to them at the August 19th meeting. Selectman Bob Berti added that the Board is responsible to the Town and department members to assure the everything is being run in a proper and safe manner.

7:50 PM Town Administrator Report

- The Town Clerk had files a follow up report of Unlicensed Dogs for the Boards review.
- The Town Clerk requested to change the job description for the current vacancy in her office. The current job description requires the applicant to be a resident. With a modification to the description of Tax Collector it would allow for non-resident applicants. The Board approved the change.
- An ad for a pending vacancy at the Transfer Station was read and approved to post.
- Supervisor of the Check List member Polly Bartlett submitted her resignation. The process to replace her has been started.
- The Town received an email from the US Forest Service indicating that the parking lot on Buffalo Road will be closed August 14th – August 22nd for repairs to the toilet building and associated groundwork.
- Meeting minutes were provided for review and approval
 - A motion to accept the July 1, 2019 Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes was made by Selectman Ed Haskell. Selectman George Bonfiglio seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 3-0.
 - A motion to accept the July 15, 2019 Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes was made by Selectman George Bonfiglio. Selectman Bob Berti seconded the motion. Selectman Ed Haskell abstained from the motion as he was not at the July 15, 2019 meeting. There was no further discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.
- Correspondence from NH DES concerning the violation of the inground fuel tanks at the former Ryzak Oil Company was provided for review.
- A copy of the letter sent to Sabourn & Tower outlining the requested scope of work to be completed on Groton Hollow Road was reviewed.
- The July 2019 Fire Chief Report was made available for review.
- The June 2019 Treasurers Report was made available for review.
- The Audit Representation was made available for review.
- The MS-535 was presented for review and signature. The Board members agreed with the document and signed it for submission to NH DRA.
- The Rumney Baptist Church submitted a request to use the Rumney Town Common on August 11, 2019. The Board agreed with the requested and signed the document.

8:10 PM Old Business

- Town Administrator Joe Chivell reported he had contacted NH DOT regarding the status of the Rumney Rest Area. Chivell confirmed that the town has completed everything needed to date, the State is still completing the research they need to do. NH DOT will contact the town when it is time to take the next step in the town's request to acquire the property.
- Town Administrator Joe Chivell reported that he is continuing to put together a draft of the space needs for an addition to the Rumney Town Office.

8:15 PM New Business

- Selectman Ed Haskell reported that the Rumney Fire Chief, David Coursey, had spoke with the Plymouth Fire Chief, Tom Morrison, regarding the upcoming EMS contract. They will look at the possibility of a 3- or 5-year contract.
- Selectman George Bonfiglio reported that the Rumney Planning Board had received a letter of complaint concerning the noise level at the motorcycle track located off Rumney Route 25. The complaint was addressed to the Board of Selectmen but delivered to the Planning Board. Rumney has no zoning regulations or ordinances that would regulate the daytime noise generated by the track. The owner/operator of the track reported to the Planning Board that the track is in compliance with the rules set by NH Fish & Game and NH-DES. The Board would like a courtesy call made to NH Fish & Game and NH-DES pertaining to their rules for a motorcycle track and how often the area is inspected.
- Selectman Bob Berti reported that he has notice that the use of the climbing rocks in the area known as the Town Pound, off Quincy Road, is causing erosion. People using the area are dislodging rocks that is enhancing the erosion in that area. Berti said he doesn't want to be a kill joy but would not want to see the property damaged more or have rocks rolling into the roadway.

8:30 PM Selectman Bob Berti made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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

Upcoming Events:

Old Home Day	August 10, 2019
Fire Commissioners' Meeting	August 12, 2019
Planning Board Meeting	August 13, 2019
Conservation Commission Meeting	August 14, 2019
Selectmen's Meeting	August 19, 2019
Planning Board Meeting	August 27, 2019