

**Board of Selectmen**  
**September 3, 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 The Board met with Road Agent Nick Coursey and Town Administrator Joe Chivell to discuss the possibility creating a job share position between the Highway Department and the Transfer Station.

During the August 19, 2019 Board of Selectmen Meeting the topic of creating a job share position with the Highway Department and the Transfer Station was initiated. It is becoming very difficult to find applicants for the part-time position at the transfer station, or for any part-time opening for that matter. The Transfer Station portion of the job share is on average a 15 hour a week position used to fill Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday schedule. Road Agent Nick Coursey was asked to clarify how the Highway Department would use this position for the additional 25 hours a week. Most of the hours, in the summer, would be used to mow the town properties, but not the cemeteries. Other time would be used for painting and other light maintenance that may otherwise be outsourced. The position could also be used to cover vacations at both the transfer station and at the highway department. During the plowing season the position could be used as an added truck in the plow route, shoveling walkways, clean roofs and coverage if someone was out sick. The Town Administrator had prepared a partial cost analyst using FY 2018 mowing, transfer station part-time coverage, and outsourced items that could have been handled by this new position. Creating this position would be an increase to the overall budget, but it would address the difficulty of hiring part-time transfer station employees and increase the services provided by the Highway Department.

Selectman Bob Berti commented that during the last several years it has become increasing difficult to staff the part-time position at the transfer station. Berti stated that years ago he would be the first one to say no to this idea, but as times have changed it may be time to move forward towards an idea like this.

Selectman George Bonfiglio stated that it makes sense to avoid more downtime and retraining. Selectman Ed Haskell was concerned that it may be difficult to sell the plan to the towns' people.

The Board members determined they would like more time to think about this idea. In the meantime, the Board would like to move forward with the idea of having the current members of the highway department certified to work at the transfer station.

7:06 PM Public Forum – No one was present for the public forum.

7:06 PM Police Chief Brett Miller met with the Board to present his weekly update. Chief Miller provided copies of “Calls For Service Totals By Call Type” and Weekly Update 08/19/2019 – 09/03/2019. The Chief noted that he had 11 parking complaints over the Labor Day weekend. The radar sign had been placed on Buffalo Road over the holiday weekend, but the data had not been downloaded in time for this meeting. Chief Miller provided a copy of police coverage for the month of September. Miller reported that school is back in session.

Selectman George Bonfiglio noted that there were 2 “scams” noted on the weekly update and asked the Chief to explain what they were. Chief Miller explained that they were the type of scam that a telephone call is made indicating a family member is in jail and needs help. Miller indicated that if two were reported many more probably went unreported.

Selectman Bob Berti explained that he had it brought to his attention that people are aware that they may receive a parking ticket if they park in the posted no parking zones along Buffalo Road but feel they will not be towed for such a violation.

Chief Miller explained his theory of towing and not towing vehicles. For the most part he feels that if he were to tow a car on Buffalo Road, he is creating more pedestrian traffic on that road.

Selectman Bob Berti asked if the Chief knew the ratio between parking tickets issued and parking tickets paid. Chief Miller did not know that number but will get it for the Board.

Selectman George Bonfiglio asked the Chief if someone doesn’t pay a parking ticket will it affect the persons ability to renew their license. Chief Miller stated that unless a ticket is entered into the court system, it would not affect the persons license status. The Chief continued stating the point is more to educate the motoring public, the issue is that there is not enough parking for the number of people that want to use the climbing and hiking area.

7:30 PM Town Administrator Report:

- The meeting minutes for the August 19, 2019 Board of Selectmen’s meeting were provided for review. Selectman George Bonfiglio made a motion to accept the August 19, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Selectman Ed Haskell. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion was passed 3-0.
- A Personal Action Form was submitted by Town Administrator Joe Chivell, requesting to use vacation time on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The Board approved the request. The Selectmen’s Office will be closed on both those days.
- The Rumney Fire Chief supplied an activity report for the month of August.

- Preliminary Revaluation information should be available on September 16<sup>th</sup>. The assessors will forward letter to Rumney taxpayers regarding the revaluation. The assessors plan on being available for telephone calls at the end of that week for telephone calls and in town the following week to answer any questions.
- Plymouth Fire Chief, Tom Morrison, forwarded a letter to the Board of Selectmen showing the proposed changes to a new ambulance contract. The letter was accompanied with a spreadsheet showing FY2017 activity, billing amount, contract amount, and uncollected amounts. The proposed changes to the billed amount would include a large percentage of the uncollected fees as they relate to calls in Rumney.

Selectman Ed Haskell stated he appreciated the service and professionalism provided by the Plymouth Fire Department staff. He feels that Plymouth and Rumney members work well together. But Haskell also knows that the contract rate needs to be reasonable.

Selectman Bob Berti wants to make sure that the columns on the spreadsheet are titled and explained correctly. Berti would want to see additional years add to the spreadsheet to get a better picture of the numbers.

Know that Plymouth Ambulance increase could be approximately \$10,000 lead into the discussion of the Rumney EMS Study. The Board would like updated EMS call/response/transport number and how they relate to the numbers provided by Plymouth.

Town Administrator Joe Chivell will try to have this information available for the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

8:30 PM Selectman Ed Haskell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman Bob Berti. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell  
Town Administrator  
Rumney, NH