

**Board of Selectmen
November 18, 2019
Russell School
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

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

6:00 PM Meeting opened by Selectman Robert Berti.
The Board attended the Rumney School Board Meeting during the time the School Board was scheduled to discuss the Russell School Building renovation bond. School Board Chairman, Roger Scroggins, recognized that the Board of Selectmen were present to voice their opinion of the duration of the bond for the project. Scroggins stated the Selectmen could speak, but by the School Board's rules they would only hear from one member of the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman, Bob Berti, spoke on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Berti indicated that the Board of Selectmen must look at the big picture of the financial operations of the Town of Rumney, that include repairs of bridges, buildings and equipment, to name just a few items. Berti reported that the Board, as a whole, is recommending that the School Board look at the bond term to be no less than 20-years.

There was some discussion among the School Board members. The School Board made a motion to table any action of the building renovation bond to a future meeting. This motion passed. The Board of Selectmen then moved to the school cafeteria to continue their business meeting.

The Board reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable checks.

6:45 PM Budget Review with Advisory Board. Advisory Board members present were Jerry Thibodeau, Isaac Dewever and Roger Daniels. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, reminded everyone that during the review of operational budget, salary and related items will be discussed at a different time.

Highway Department – Road Agent, Nick Coursey, presented the Rumney Highway Department budget request. The funding amount for line item 4311.1-394 "Outside Labor" reflects the same amount, \$18,500.00, for 2020 as it did for 2019. This amount will be reduced between \$3,000.00 and \$5,000.00 before the budget is finalized. The reduction can be made because the town was able to acquire a roadside mowing tractor and will not have to rent this equipment in the future. Line item 4311.1-650 "General Repairs & Maintenance" shows an increase of \$600.00, for 2020 over the 2019 request. The increase reflects the real cost of items purchased from this line. Jerry Thibodeau asked why the Sander Repair line was so small. Coursey explained that the sander is part of the trucks,

so some expense is covered out the of the truck line. Also, when a new truck is purchased a new sander is also purchased. Thibodeau ask what will be purchased from New Equipment line. Coursey stated that he plans to purchase a large floor jack. Line item 4311.1-885 "Winter Sand & Salt" shows an increase of \$1,500.00 for 2020 over the 2019 request. The increase reflects the increase in cost per ton for sand and salt. The proposed increase from 2019 to 2020 is \$2,700.00. Jerry Thibodeau wanted to state he feels that Nick Coursey and the Highway Department are doing a good job.

EMS – Director Dan Medaglia presented the proposed EMS budget request. The 2020 proposed budget is \$16,800.00, down \$550.00 from the approved 2019 budget. When asked how the squad was doing, Medaglia stated they are still having staffing issues. Medaglia was asked about the response to calls, he indicated he did not bring that information with him.

Old Home Day – Roger Scroggins presented the Old Home Day Committee budget request. The proposed budget is \$7800.00 which will include fireworks. Selectmen, Bob Berti, asked if there is a need for fireworks each year and how the turnout was. Scroggins stated that there was a backlash the one year there were no fireworks. As far as turnout Scroggins stated he did not do a head count during the show, nor is there anyway to determine how many people watch from there homes. Scroggins stated they have discussed having prizes for parade entrants in hopes to increase the number of people taking part in the parade.

8:15 PM Town Administrator Report –

Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes for November 4, 2019, were reviewed. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Rumney Christmas Tree lighting will be December 8th. There was a discussion related to setting up the Common and who will participate. Bob Berti asked if a tree was needed again this year. Town Administrator Joe Chivell stated there was a need for a tree. Berti agreed to drop one off in the Common.

Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, asked the Board if they wanted to recognize the town employees in the same manner as in years past. The Board agreed to continue the tradition.

The Board determined that the Board members assigned as department liaisons will complete the Department Head evaluations.

A draft copy of a letter to be sent to NH-DOT outlining the process the Town of Rumney will take to address a Red List Bridge was reviewed and approved by the Board. Selectman Ed Haskell made a motion to approve the letter as written and

to authorize Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, to forward it to NH-DOT and to copy HEB Engineers. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Correspondence from Attorney Matt Decker outlining his recommendation moving forward on the unlicensed junk yards was reviewed by the Board. Selectman George Buonfiglio made a motion to authorize Attorney Matt Decker to move forward on his recommendations. Selectman, Ed Haskell, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, had received a complaint from Road Agent, Nick Coursey, relating to: A property on Old Route 25 where a vehicle is parking on the edge of the road hindering road maintenance, rocks that had been placed along the property line of Water Street that is hindering road maintenance, and a vehicle parked on Buffalo Road hindering road maintenance. Coursey asked if the Board wanted to send a letter or how it should be handled. The Board agreed that the Road Maintenance ordinance that was pass last year outlines matters such as this. The Board indicated that the highway department needs to work with the police department to address these matters.

An initial tax rate from the State of NH-DRA has been received by the Town of Rumney. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, supplied several variations of the initial tax rate, overlay and unrestricted fund balance. The Board approved moving forward with a tax rate of \$22.94 per \$1000.00. The prior years rate was \$24.22. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to submit the tax rate information to State of NH-DRA to finalize the rate of \$22.94. Further authorizing the printing of the tax warrant once the tax rate is finalized. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion. The motion passed 3-0.

A Shoreline Protection Application Permit for Map 2 Lot 2-17. The Board reviewed the plan, no action was required.

8:30 PM Nonpublic session as allowed by NH RSA 9-A:3, II9(c). Selectman Ed Haskell made a motion to inter into nonpublic session under NH RSA 9-A:3, II9(c). Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

8:45 PM Selectmen, Ed Haskell, made a motion to leave nonpublic session and re-enter public session. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, 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 minutes of the nonpublic session as it would likely adversely affect the reputation of any person other than a member of the Board. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

There was no action taken during the nonpublic session.

- 8:47 PM New Business –
Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, report that the Town Common has been closed for the winter, the fountain is closed, and the water is shut off. The flag has been taken in for the winter. Chivell asked for guidance from the Board as to what to do with the items left behind as a monument for the Butlers. It was determined to box the items and place them on the front porch of the Butler property.
- 8:50 PM Old Business –
A letter will be sent to the property owners adjacent to the area of Groton Hollow Road that had been surveyed by the town, inviting them to the December 2, 2019 Board Meeting. During this time the map of the survey can be shown and explained, along with the plans to add ditching and a culvert.
- 8:55 PM Selectman, Ed Haskell, 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

Up-coming meeting dates

Planning Board Meeting	November 19, 2019
Town Office Closed Thanksgiving	November 28, 2019
Town Office Closed Day After	November 29, 2019
Select Board Meeting	December 2, 2019
Fire Commissioner Meeting	December 9, 2019
Conservation Commission	December 9, 2019
Trustee of Trust Funds	December 11, 2019
Selectmen Board Meeting	December 16, 2019