

**Board of Selectmen
December 16, 2019
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

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

6:30 PM Meeting opened by Selectman Robert Berti. Payroll and accounts payable were review and signed.

6:35 PM Police Chief, Brett Miller, met with the Board to give a Department update. The Chief provided the Board with handouts reflecting the last two week's statistics along with a brief overview of the activity.

Chief Miller reported he had completed the Field Training Officer class at the NH PSTC. Miller reported that the department will be conducting year end inhouse training over the next week.

Chief Miller provided a handout of a salary survey that had been completed by the Greenland, NH Police Chief. Miller asked the Board to review the survey and keep the payrates in mind while discussing the salary items during the budgeting process. Miller asked if the full-time office could earn compensatory time in lieu of overtime pay. Miller was told that the full-time office could opt out of overtime and accept compensatory time if he signed a waiver.

Chief Miller asked the Board to consider entering into to an agreement which would allow him to change is family health insurance coverage to a single user health insurance coverage and sharing the saving. The Board will research this idea and it can be discussed at the next meeting.

7:00 PM Budget Review with Advisory Board. Advisory Board members present were Isaac Dewever and Roger Daniels.

Library – Library budget was presented by Stacy Winsor and Susan Turbyne. The request for funds for the 2020 Library budget is increased by \$1,791.00. All increases are based on actual cost for: Heating Oil \$1,000.00, supplies \$50.00, Telephone\$41.00, and a salary/staff development increase of \$1,200.00. There was a budging decrease of \$500.00 for interior maintenance.

The remaining budget items were presented by Town Administrator - Joe Chivell.

General Buildings – Minor adjustments were made according to actual costs for heat, telephone and electrical costs. The maintenance line for the Transfer Station was reduced by \$1,000.00. These adjustment level funded the overall budget line.

Safety Committee – This line item showed no change from last year.

Capital Reserve Funds – This line item will be discussed further then the warrant articles are discussed. Currently, the bottom of the funding will be the same or slightly less than the 2019 budget item.

Property Liability & Workers Compensation – Primex of NH provides cover for both items. The property liability increased by \$1,500.00 primarily due to the increased value of the town’s assets. Workers Compensation showed a decrease of \$1,200.00.

Health and Welfare – This line item will be level funded as it related to the 2019 budget.

8:00 PM Town Administrator Report

Property tax refunds were reviewed and signed for two camper trailers that had been removed from the property, but not removed from the assessing software.

A request to encumber funds from 2019 to 2020, for open or ongoing projects, was supplied for the Board of Selectmen to review. Upon review the Board agreed to encumber the requested funds.

The Town Administrator request that the Board meet for a workshop to review warrant articles and to finalize the 2020 proposed operating budget. The Board agreed to meeting for a workshop on December 30, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Upcoming dates to work towards are: Public Budget Hearing February 3, 2020, Town Election March 10, 2020, and Town Meeting March 12, 2020.

The owner of parcel 12-06-16 sent a letter requesting that the Board of Selectmen reduce the amount of Timber Yield Tax recently sent to them. The paperwork relating to the timber cut was provided to the Board for this discussion. The Board agreed with the rating to the cut and reviewed the stumpage scale provided by the State of NH DRA. The Board agreed to stay with the yield tax billing amount. The Board asked that the Town Administrator reply to the parcel owner indicating that there would be no changes made to the yield tax bill.

The Board was reminded that the School Board will be meeting December 18, 2019 to discuss the duration of the building project bond.

The list of earned time being requested as a carryover from 2019 to 2020 was provided for review.

Copies of various towns’ policies cover Public meeting Participation were provided for the Board for review. The Board would like to move forward with

adopting a policy such as these. A clean copy will be obtained from Primex of NH.

The Town Administrator asked the Board if there were any specific topics, they would like added their report of the Annual Town Report. Items such as space needs, the library being paid off and the former Rumney Rest Area were mentioned.

The Planning Board requested to have the contract with Tara Bamford be extended so that the Sub-division amendments can be completed. Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion to extend the contract with Tara Bamford to allow for the completion of the Planning Board Sub-division amendments and to authorize Selectman, George Bonfiglio, to sign the contract extension during the December 17, 2019 Planning Board meeting. Selectman, Ed Haskell, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

8:50 PM New Business – Selectman, George Bonfiglio, reported seeing an add online of a parcel, 13-04-04, located on Quincy Road taking reservation to host special events and camping. It was recommended that the Planning Board invite the owners of this property to a Planning Board meeting and review the requirement to provide such services.

8:55 PM Old Business – Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, reported that Ken Knowlton, of MRI, was in Rumney today revisiting two sites that may be in violation of the NH Junk Yard laws. If these properties are reported to be in violation, the reports will be forwarded to the town's legal counsel for further action.

9:00 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

Up-coming meeting dates

Planning Board Meeting
Town Offices Closed
Select Board Meeting

December 17, 2019
December 25th, 2019 and January 1st, 2020
January 6, 2020