

**Board of Selectmen
January 2, 2020
Selectmen's Workshop**

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

6:30 PM The Board of Selectmen arranged a workshop to review the proposed 2020 Town of Rumney Budget. The original workshop date was set for December 20, 2019 but was moved to this date due to a winter storm.

The printed budget was reviewed by line item. Notes of that review:

The Board would like to review the ambulance agreement with the town of Plymouth, for the 2021 contract year in mid-summer of 2020.

A correction was made to the Solid Waste District to reflect \$1,710.00

Executive - The Board members asked to have surrounding towns queried as to the Selectmen's annual stipends being paid. It has been several years since Rumney has adjusted that pay.

The Board discussed adding funding to the Retirement line item of the Executive budget. Currently, all full-time employees are enrolled in the New Hampshire State Retirement system, with the exceptions of the Town Clerk (optional) and the Town Administrator (exempt). The Town Clerk budget reflects funding for retirement, but the Town Administrator budget doesn't. There was a discussion on funding the Town Administrators budget line. Additional information was requested.

Financial - Town Report cost was reduced from \$3,000.00 to \$2,500.00.

Fire – The Town Clerk and Fire Chief requested a 6% increase to the pay lines. It was reduced to a 3% increase. Protective clothing was reduced from \$10,000.00 to \$8,000.00.

General Buildings – Transfer Station Building Maintenance was reduced from \$3,250.00 to \$2,250.00.

Health Insurance – This may be reduced if coverage buyout agreement(s) are reached.

Highway Department – Outside labor was reduced by \$4,500.00 passed on the purchase of the used mower tractor this year.

Insurance – Property and Liability coverage was reduced by \$1,163.00 based on actual cost.

Planning Board – New Equipment was reduced from \$2,500.00 to \$100.00, as requested by the Planning Board.

Police – Vehicle Maintenance may be reduced if a new cruiser is purchased. Grants line was reduced from \$2,000.00 to \$1,000.00.

The Board discussed hiring a part-time person to complete fall and spring cleanups of the town's properties and to mow the properties. This would not include the cemeteries. It was determined whether or not the town moves in that direction the funding will stay in the appropriate category this year and if someone is paid as a part-time employee the funds will be removed from those accounts.

The Board asked that the Fire Department be rescheduled to present their warrant article times. The Board members would like to know more information on the truck request and why a boat is needed. Selectman, Ed Haskell, wants the Fire Chief and Fire commissioners to remember that on all major purchases three bids are required.

The Board requested more information on the request to purchase a new cruiser.

The Board discussed the need for a port-a-potty in the center of town. The added funds to the Common line item for a summer rental.

9:00 PM Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion to adjourn. 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

Up-coming meeting dates

Supervisors of the Check List	January 7, 2020
Cemetery Trustees	January 8, 2020
Fire Commissioner Meeting	January 13, 2020

Select Board Meeting	January 20, 2020
Supervisors of the Check List	January 21, 2020
Planning Board Meeting	January 28, 2020
Select Board Meeting	February 3, 2020
Public Budget Hearing	February 3, 2020