

Board of Selectmen
March 16, 2020
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

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

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

The Board reviewed a report for the Rumney Health Officer regarding an inspection conducted at 2018 Buffalo Road.

6:40 PM Following the March 10, 2020 Town Election the Board of Selectmen discussed reorganization and assignment of duties. Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion nominating Ed Haskell to be the Board of Selectman Chairman. Selectman, Isaac DeWever, seconded the motion. Ed Haskell accepted the nomination. It was discussed that traditionally the Board member in their last year of a three-year term is nominated as chair. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion nominating Bob Berti as Vice-chair of the Board of Selectmen. Bob Berti accepted the nomination. There was no discussion of the motion. The motion passed 3-0

Selectman, Bob Berti, offered a historical overview of the Board of Selectmen's operations and meeting procedures. Both Selectmen Haskell and Berti welcomed newly elected Selectman Isaac DeWever to the Board.

The Board determined to continue the practice of assigning an individual Board member to be a liaison to the various town departments. They are as follows.

Ed Haskell – Police Department and Fire Department

Bob Berti – Highway Department and Transfer Station

Isaac DeWever – Town Administrator, Town Clerk / Tax Collector, and Planning Board

7:00 PM Town Administrator Report:

- The Coronavirus (COVID-19) onset in NH Departments were asked to forward any actions being taken or policy/practice changes.
 - Town Office is still open and taking safety practices
 - Police Department has closed the office to the public and limiting public contact
 - EMS is following State EMS protocols
 - Fire Department is cancelling training and meetings

- Library is closed
- Transfer Station is still open and put into place a new safety policy
- It was reported that the Russell School will continue to deliver meals to students
- Meeting minutes for the Board of Selectmen Meeting on February 17, 2020. The minutes were review by the Board members. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Bob Berti seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 2-0. Selectman Isaac DeWever abstained from the vote as he was not a member of the Board at that time.
- Rumney Town Elections was held March 10th and Annual Town Meeting was held on March 12th. Both seemed to have gone smoothly. Town information has been finalized with DRA and budget adjustments have been made inhouse. The Board would like to have the police department more involved and visible at the next election. Both sides of the road near Russell School need to be posted with “Temporary NO PARKING” signs.
- With the change of Board members, new signature cards are needed for the Town’s bank accounts. Forms were provided for all the Board members to sign.
- Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, requested to attend the Annual Primex Conference. The Board approved Chivell going to the conference.
- A letter was sent to the Town from the State regarding moving forward on the possible acquisition of the former “Rumney Rest Area”. Part of the letter addressed access to the waterfront. The Board wants to be assured that if the Town is able to acquire the property, we need to make it very clear what water “access” is, and the Town will control parking restricting and times of use.
- A follow up meeting for the EMS Study will be scheduled in April. The Town of Administrator will check of availabilities.
- A copy of the updated 2020 Town Budget with expenditures to date was provided for review.
- A copy of a non-compliance status for the Rumney Transfer Station was sent by NH-DES. The non-compliance is due to the failure of the filing of documents by Tom Duffield, engineer used by the Town for Transfer Station water testing. The Board asked the Town Administrator to follow up with Duffield and DES. It was noted this is not the first-time documents have not been filed properly by Duffield.
- Purchase order for a new highway truck that was approved during the Annual Town Meeting has been delivered to Freightliner. The chassis will, hopefully, be delivered in July.

7:25 PM Old Business:
• Sale of the Bond for the Russell School project should be soon.
The Town Administrator will report any news from the School Board.

7:30 PM New Business:
• The Board asked that a letter be drafted placing a spending freeze on all non-essential purchases until such time it is determined how COVID-19 will affect revenue. A letter concerning spending issues should be forwarded to Russell School and SAU 48 as well.

7:35 PM Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman, Bob Berti, 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

Planning Board Meeting	March 31,2020
Selectman's Office Closed	March 30 thru April 3, 2020
Select Board Meeting	April 6, 2020
Fire Commissioners Meeting	April 13, 2020
Select Board Meeting	April 20, 2020