

**Board of Selectmen**  
**April 2, 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 Ed Haskell. Payroll and accounts payable were reviewed and signed.
- 6:45 PM Conservation Commission Chair, Janice Mulherin, submitted the following names to be re-appointed to the Rumney Conservation Commission:
- Margaret Brox
  - Doug Earick
  - Joel Grass
  - Susan Sepenoski
- The Board of Selectmen approve the re-appointment of the four members and signed the appointment forms.
- 6:55 PM Town Administrator Report:
- COVID-19 Updates
    - Signs have been placed at the Town Office Building requesting limited access, social distancing and a list of transactions that can be completed on-line. Signs outlining social distancing have been placed at the Rumney Transfer Station, Town Common and Baker Athletic Field.
    - Transfer Station Superintendent, Milton “Sonny” Ouellette reported an increase in activity since the Stay at Home Emergency Order was enacted. He reported out of state vehicles with trailers of trash, some local trucks with full loads of debris trying to make multiple trips and one upset person trying to dispose of a boat. The Board supports Ouellette efforts to limit the amounts of non-traditional residential debris to a reasonable amount of residential trash. Selectman Bob Berti made a motion to support and empower the Transfer Station Superintendent to limit the amount of trash brought to the Transfer Station. Selectmen Ed Haskell seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.
    - Transfer Station Superintendent, Milton “Sonny” Ouellette, requested to temporarily have a second canister on site, because of the increase activity at the Transfer Station. The Board approved the request
    - Several notices concerning the ongoing COVID-19 legal and health update were provided to the Board for their review.
    - Selectman Bob Berti reported that the property adjacent to the Town owned “Town Pound” on Quincy Road had been posted for

“No Trespassing”. Berti was concerned with that property being posted, with the Rumney Rocks Climbing area being closed due to COVID-19 and the proximity of the boulder that is used for bouldering the “Town Pound” may be overly used. Erosion has been a concern in that area and with overuse it would compound the issue. It was determined to post the Town owned “Town Pound” until further notice.

- Town Administrator Joe Chivell stated he is taking part in daily conference calls set up by the State EOC. Three days a week the calls are focused on health and response updates and issues. Two days a week the calls focus on legal issues.
- Intent to Cut for parcel 12-15-09 was reviewed for signage. Board members had earlier voiced a concern that timber was being cut before the Intent to Cut was signed. Town Administrator Joe Chivell stated that he spoke with one of the owners of the property onsite. The owner felt he was within his rights to cut the amount he did to create a log landing. The Intent to Cut was signed.
- Road Agent Nick Coursey requested clarification on the spending freeze and how it relates to project such as paving and tree work. The Board determined that the Town should move forward on the paving project. The Board members had a concern that a delay could push the project to late into the fall. The tree work was planned to be done along Buffalo Road. The Board determined it would be better to do the tree work while the Rumney Rocks Climbing area is closed, limiting the traffic in the area. Selectman Bob Berti asked that the Road Agent look into the cost of crack seal work along Buffalo Road, again to take advantage of the limited traffic in that area.
- HEB Engineers have completed the Wetlands application for the Groton Hollow Road / Clark Brook project. Town Administrator Joe Chivell was the original applicant listed on the application. Chivell requested the Board vote to authorize him as the signer on behalf of the Town. Selectman Ed Haskell made a motion to authorize Town Administrator Joe Chivell to sign the Clark Brook Wetlands Application on behalf of the Town of Rumney. Selectman Isaac DeWever seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.
- The February 2020 month end Town Treasurer Report was made available for review.
- The March 2020 month end Fire Chief Report was made available for review.
- The past two-week police Department Report was made available for review.
- Town Administrator Joe Chivell asked the Board due to the ongoing COVID-19 restriction should the April 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Selectmen’s meeting to cancelled. After some discussion it was

determined that it may be best to cancel the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. If an issue were to arise that needs to be addressed before the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting the Board will ask that the town Administrator arrange and post a limited work session.

7:45 PM      Selectman Ed Haskell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Isaac DeWever seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell  
Town Administrator  
Rumney, NH

Up-coming meeting dates – Premised on COVID-19 Emergency Orders

Select Board Meeting	April 20, 2020 Cancelled
Planning Board Meeting	April 21, 2020
Select Board Meeting	May 4, 2020