

Board of Selectmen
June 1, 2020
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

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

NOTE: The conference room at the Rumney Town Office Building has been arranged for this meeting so that the three Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator are seated six feet apart from each other. Five chairs are arranged to allow public members to attend and be seated a social distance of six feet apart.

- 6:30 PM Meeting opened by Selectman, Ed Haskell. Payroll and accounts payable were reviewed and signed.
- 6:40 PM Four Property Tax Abatement forms had been submitted for tax year 2019. The Board reviewed the recommendations made by the assessing company Commerford - Nieder – Perkins, LLC. The properties requesting abatements are: 12-11-25, 16-03-01, 8-04-02, 12-12-08. All four abatement requests were approved as recommended by the assessors.
- 6:50 PM The Bruhawachet Sno-Trackers Club had submitted a request to work on Lower Doetown Road under a grant from the State of New Hampshire. A similar request had been submitted in 2017. The Board approved the request pending a final approval from one abutting landowner.
- 6:55 PM The Meeting Minutes from the May 18, 2020 Board of Selectmen meeting were provided for review. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to accept the May 18, 2020 meeting minutes. Selectman, Bob Berti, seconded the motion to accept the minutes. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.
- 7:00 PM Public Forum – No public was present
-George Davenport of HHP had requested to meet with the Board to dispute the bill the Town had sent to HHP for repairing Stone Hill Road following damage that had been done by trucks hauling equipment and logs from a job site. Mr. Davenport did not appear for this meeting.
- 7:05 PM Town Administrator Report
- The Board was informed that 2020 Part 1 Property Tax Bills were mailed May 28, 2020.
- A request to use the Baker Athletic Field for Pickleball had been tabled during the May 4, 2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, until June 1, 2020. The Board

discussed the request of use and approved the group to use the paved area of the Baker Athletic Field on Tuesday and Thursday evening and Saturday mornings. The approval was based on the group following the State of New Hampshire Emergency Orders and abiding by the Re-opening Guidelines.

- The May 2020 Fire Chief Report was made available for the Board members to review.
- Two cemetery lots had been purchased, the deeds were reviewed and signed by the Board members.
- Intent to Cut on Map/Lot 12-1-13/15/42 was reviewed and signed.
- The placement of port-a-toilets for the summer season was discussed. During the 2020 Budget process funding for port-a-toilets had been approved for placement at the Baker Athletic Field, the Stinson Lake boat launch and in the village area. The ordering of the port-a-toilets had been delayed because of COVID-19. There had been prior discussions on the need for a port-a-toilet to be placed in the village area. It had been determined then and now that it should not be placed in the Common or behind the library or Historical Society building. The owner of the Rumney Village Store had offer to have it placed in the corner of his parking lot. The offer was confirmed prior to this meeting. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, suggested placing a handicapped accessible port-a-toilet in the village. Chivell also recommended placing signs on or adjacent to the toilets stating that they are only cleaned and disinfected once a week and they are to be used at the user's discretion. The Board authorized the type, location, and signage of the port-a-toilet for this summer.
- Paving of the Mountain View Drive, Cranberry Bog Road, and Quincy Bog Road has been completed. While the paving company was in that area a driveway entrance was paved into the Baker Athletic Field. The bill was reviewed for the paving job and the attached check was signed.
- The Rumney Road Agent, Nick Coursey, asked the Board to consider paving Mill Street as the 2021 Paving Project. This will be discussed later during the budget season.
- Road Agent, Nick Coursey has scheduled a company to complete crack seal services on Depot Street (one day) and Buffalo Road (2 days).
- COVID-19 updates were provided to the Board for review.
- A year to date and month to date revenue report, comparing 2019 to 2020 was provided for review. As anticipated, do to COVID-19, the Town's 2020 revenue is down compared to 2019.

7:20 PM Old Business

- During last year's budget process, the Fire Department had discussed purchasing a replacement fire truck. The request to

purchase the replacement truck was withdrawn by the Fire Commissioners prior to the 2020 Budget Hearing. During the discussions that occurred during the 2020 budget process between the Fire Commissioners and the Board of Selectmen it was determined that a truck committee would be developed to include Selectman, Ed Haskell, and two others from the public. Selectman, Ed Haskell, stated he would ask one of the Fire Commissioners when they will start meeting again. Haskell will attend the next meeting and discuss a truck committee. Selectman, Ed Haskell, also mentioned he feels it is time to discuss a pay raise for the volunteer fire personnel. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, suggested that if a truck is to be on the warrant next year, it would only be fair to invite the towns that contract fire service to a meeting to inform them of the pending increase in contracted services. Selectman, Bob Berti, recalled that the last truck purchase was initially slated to cost \$225,000. The fire chief at the time was able to get the cost down to \$175,000. Selectman, Ed Haskell, stated that if a new truck were to be purchased it should be done so based on functionality not to be a “parade piece”.

7:37 PM

Nonpublic Session –

Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II(c). Selectman, Isaac DeWever, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

7:57 PM

Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session. Selectman, Isaac DeWever, 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 nonpublic session meeting minutes because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this Board. Selectman, Bob Berti, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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8:18 PM The Rumney Planning Board requested the Rumney Board of Selectmen to review a proposed agreement to use Tara Bamford while the Planning Board conducts a Public Opinion Survey. Selectmen, Bob Berti, commented that he does agree with the contract and its purpose, but it is for two years and he would like to see the project move forward in a timely manner and see it completed in less time.

The Board agreed to enter into the agreement and signed the agreement.

8:25 PM Selectman, Bob Berti, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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 – To be premised upon COVID-19 Emergency Orders

Fire Commissioner Meeting	June 8, 2020
Select Board Meeting	June 15, 2020
Planning Board Meeting	June 30, 2020
Town Closed	July 3, 2020
Select Board Meeting	July 6, 2020
Fire Commissioner Meeting	July 13, 2020
Select Board Meeting	July 20, 2020