

Board of Selectmen
June 15, 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 checks were reviewed and signed.

6:35 PM The annual Unlicensed Dog Warrant was provided by the Town Clerk/Tax Collector for the Board of Selectmen to review and sign. Attached to the warrant was a copy of a service form that will be used this year as proof of service. Years past the Town Clerks office would call each person with an unlicensed dog(s) requesting that they license their dog(s). The Town Clerk would then send by certified mail, notify each owner of an unlicensed dog(s). The list of unlicensed dogs would then be provided to the police department, who in turn would call the owner of the unlicensed dog(s). In an effort to make this a more time efficient process and eliminate the cost of certified mail, a form has been created to be delivered in hand or left abode by a police officer where the unlicensed dog(s) resides. The Board agreed with this change and signed the Unlicensed Dog Warrant.

6:45 PM The following documents were reviewed and signed:

- Intent to Cut 5-1-13 and 13-12-11
- Report of Cut 9-1-14 & 18 and 13-2-11
- Cemetery Deeds (2)
- Septic Design review 2-3-45-1
- Abatement for 16-6-35
- PAF's (2)

The property Tax Abatement submitted by GMR at 7-5-20 had been forwarded to George Sansoucy for review. Upon the recommendation of the Sansoucy Office the Board denied the request for the Property Tax Abatement.

6:55 PM Town Administrator Report

- June 1, 2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes were provided for review. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to approve the June 1, 2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes. Selectman, Isaac DeWever,

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seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

- The Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, stated that he had contacted Roger Scroggins, Chair of Old Home Day Committee, requesting the status of Old Home Day 2020. Scroggins replied that due to the COVID-19 and waiting for the newest Governor's Emergency Order, the committee has not met. Chivell had notified Scroggins that Selectman, Isaac DeWever, would like to be part of the Old Home Day Committee. DeWever stated he had recently spoke with Scroggins about Old Home Day. There will be an attempt to have a ZOOM meeting with the OHD Committee this week. Scroggins did state that he may defer to the Board of Selectmen how to move forward on this years OHD. Scroggins did feel that a fireworks display could be possible if the display were setup at Russ Rigoli's and viewed from the Historical Society parking lot area and possibly obtaining permission to use the field area behind the Historical Society. The usual vendor set up on the Common would be difficult at best and it would be understandable if that were not to occur this year. Scroggins did have a concern about the inability of the 8th Grade Class to fund during OHD. Scroggins also had a question about rolling the 2020 OHD Budget into 2021. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, explained that the 2020 Warrant Article was drafted in such a way that the funds are available until March 2025. Selectman, Ed Haskell, wants to give Russ Rigoli fair notice of the fireworks display plan. Selectman, Bob Berti, reminded everyone that landowner permission would be needed if the Town were to use the field behind the Historical Society as a viewing point for the display. Chivell mentioned that the 8th Grade could possibly sell popcorn and water car to car during prior to the fireworks. Selectmen, Ed Haskell, mentioned a possible 50/50 raffle. Chivell also mentioned that looking to 2021 and forward, with the new Russell School addition, it may limit either the setback for a fireworks display or the size of the fireworks used if the Russell School site is to be used.
- The Rumney Trustee of Trust Funds will be meeting on June 17, 2020. A request had been received for withdrawing \$650,000.00 from the school building capital reserve account. John Francis, Facilities Director for SAU 48, has reported that the school addition project is over 2 weeks ahead of schedule.
- Rumney Transfer Station Superintendent, Milton "Sonny" Ouellette, requested permission to submit a "Used Oil" grant to NH-DES. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to allow for the submission of the NH-DES Used Oil grant, to accept any funding from the Used Oil Grant, and allow Transfer Station Superintendent Ouellette to sign the grant for the town of Rumney. Selectman, Isaac DeWever, seconded the grant. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.
- The Board reviewed the proposed heating oil cost for the 2020-2021 heating season and signed the price lock in with Pemi River Fuels.
- An outline of the recent change to RSA 91-A was provided to the Board to

review. Following the change of RSA 91-A one request had been submitted. Upon a review and discussion with the Town Attorney a response was sent to the requester that no such actions had occurred in Rumney.

- A draft of a letter to be sent to the owners of Map/Lot 15-05-04 concerning the use of a portion of land was reviewed. With two minor changes the Board approved the letter to be mailed to the property owner. The Board will require a response from the landowner by July 20, 2020.

7:15 PM

Old Business

- NH-DOT sent a copy of the appraisal that was completed on the former Rumney Rest Area. A copy of the 36-page document along with the cover letter was given to each Board member. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, stated that he also gave a copy to Janice Mulherin, Chair of the Rumney Conservation Commission, for their review. Chivell understands that the Board would need time to review and make notes on the document before it can be discussed in depth. The following initial comments were noted:
 - Selectman, Bob Berti, stated that ownership of the property would be nice, but with ownership comes maintenance and the ability to use the property as seen fit. With the number of restrictions that appears to be placed on the property following the sale, the property is overvalued. Berti would need to know what the comment restricting “any disturbance” would mean.
 - Selectman, Ed Haskell, stated that NH Fish and Game does not want the property. If the Town were to obtain the property the Town should be able to use it as seen fit and regulate its use when it comes to parking, camping, restricting where the public can be and access to the water. This is a difficult time for funding.
 - It was agreed that a meeting with the Conservation Commission should be scheduled and then a follow up with the State of NH-DOT.
- Meeting with Fire Commission – Selectman, Ed Haskell, reported that he met with the Rumney Fire Commission and Rumney Fire Chief last Monday, June 8th. Haskell reported that he told the Commissioners that he felt a stipend raise was in order for the volunteer firefighters and EMT’s next year. A replacement fire truck committee was discussed. Members from the fire department include: Frank Simpson, Evan Hacker, Nick Coursey and Rachel Legg. Selectman, Ed Haskell, told the Fire Commissioners that he, along with Mark Andrew, would also be part of the replacement truck committee. Haskell reported that the Fire Commissioners felt that this coming year may not be the year to request to replace a fire truck. The Commissioners are concerned that with the impact of the Russell School addition and unknown revenue situation, 2021 may not be the best year to request a new replacement fire truck. Haskell explained to the Commissioners that the Board would need to know what their plan will be as both the Groton and Dorchester Board of

Selectmen should be invited to a meeting to discuss what the impact of this purchase would be on the fire coverage contracts. Haskell stated the second Monday in July will be the first truck committee meeting. Selectman, Bob Berti, wants the truck committee to address the “why” are we replacing a truck. Selectman, Isaac DeWever, understands that trucks can deteriorate, and roads can be harsh, but the right choices need to be the results of the committee discussions.

- 7:33 PM Nonpublic Session – Under NH RSA 91-A:3,II (c) Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c). The motion was seconded by Selectman, Isaac DeWever. 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. The motion was seconded by Selectman, Isaac DeWever. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.
- Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to seal the nonpublic minutes indefinitely 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. The motion was seconded by Selectman, Isaac DeWever. The motion passed 3-0.
- 7:58 PM It was noted that during the nonpublic session the Board voted to hire Municipal Resources, Inc of Meredith, NH to review a citizen complaint filed with the Town of Rumney.

8:00 PM New Business

- Selectman, Bob Berti, stated he would like additional information concerning the crack seal job that was completed on Depot Street and Buffalo Road. He is concerned that not all the cracks in the pavement on these roadways were sealed, primarily the large cracks in the pavement that could do more damage in bad weather. He did not understand why these pavement cracks were not sealed when it appears that other road projects, such as this, had the large cracks in the pavement sealed. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, will follow up with Road Agent, Nick Coursey, about this concern.
- Selectman, Bob Berti, asked when the culvert job will be started at the end of Groton Hollow Road. Chivell reported that Road Agent, Nick Coursey, indicated that project will be started in the next week, unless there is weather that prohibits the work.

8:10 PM Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman, Isaac DeWever, 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

Planning Board Meeting	June 30, 2020
Town Office & Transfer Station Closed	July 3, 2020
Select Board Meeting	July 6, 2020
Fire Commissioner Meeting	July 13, 2020
Select Board Meeting	July 20, 2020