

**Board of Selectmen  
September 21, 2020  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

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

Excused Absence: Selectman Bob Berti

NOTE: The conference room at the Rumney Town Office Building has been arranged for this meeting so that the two 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. Face masks are available and offered to all entering the meeting.

6:30 PM Meeting opened by Selectman, Ed Haskell. Payroll and accounts payable checks were reviewed and signed.

The following documents were reviewed and signed:

- 2020 MS-1
- Amended Cemetery Deed
- Intent to Excavate 16-1-7 & 16-1-18

6:35 PM Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Lila Williams, met with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the 2020 Tax Deeding process. The only property that would be in line for Tax Deeding this year are 07-6003-02. The property owner has a payment plan in place. Williams recommended to the Board that they approve the proposed payment plan that is in place for this property and forego deeding the property. The Board reviewed the payment plan and accepted it as written. There are no other payment plans for review this year.

An Abatement request was submitted by Tax Collector, Lila Williams, that addressed a “housekeeping” issue related to status changes to campsites. The Board reviewed the request and agreed to sign the abatement form.

6:45 PM The August 31, 2020, Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes were provided for review. Selectman, Isaac DeWever, made a motion to accept the August 31, 2020 Rumney Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes. Selectman, Ed Haskell, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, discussed the Federal Payroll Tax Deferral option. Chivell explained that this was strictly an option and employers did not have to offer the option. Chivell stated that no Town of Rumney employee has requested this option, but wanted the Board to issue their position, if someone were to request to take part in the deferral option. Chivell explained that the employer, in this case the Town of Rumney, would be responsible to make any

payment of payroll taxes that the employee may fail to make, or if the employee left the employ of the Town of Rumney prior to January 1, 2021. The Board members felt this was a liability for the Town of Rumney and determined that they were not in favor of offering the Federal Payroll Tax Deferral option.

7:00 PM

Greg Patten, Rumney Police Department, met with the Board to give a status report covering the first two weeks as Officer-in-Charge. Patten explained that much of his time has been spent organizing the police office space. Patten reported that former Police Chief, Brett Miller, had returned his issued town owned property.

Patten explained that he has been inventorying the police department evidence room along with getting up to speed with any pending court cases and case load.

Patten explained how he has been placing the radar sign in different areas of the town. Information gathered by the radar sign while it was place in the village area, near the Rumney Village Store, showed that and average of 540 cars travel on Stinson Lake Road each day. Of those 540 cars, 1% travel at a speed that would be deemed a violation.

The police department secretary is being utilized more, and more effectively, during this transition. Patten stated he is trying to spend 2/3's of his time available by radio and 1/3 of his time directly dedicated to administrative type work.

Selectman, Isaac DeWever, asked if Patten needed anything from the Board of Selectmen. Patten indicated he was all set at this point.

7:40 PM

Town Administrator Report-

Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, explained that a complaint from a Dorchester resident was received about being charged for using the Transfer Station. Chivell had requested the Transfer Station Superintendent write a description of the occurrence. Chivell stated he had spoken with the Dorchester resident, explaining to him the drastic increase of refuse materials being brought to the Transfer Station during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Further, the amount of cardboard that he had brought that day required an additional fee. Chivell reported that he feels the Dorchester resident was satisfied with the explanation.

Chivell also stated that it may be a good practice to include the Town of Rumney Rules and Policies when the annual agreement is sent to user towns, like Dorchester. Like any town government, Dorchester, has experienced turnover and Chivell was not sure when the current Dorchester Board of Selectmen or Dorchester Administrative Assistant had been given a copy of the rules or policies.

Winter sand prices were reviewed. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to purchase the 2020 – 2021 winter sand from Warren Sand and Gravel. Selectman, Isaac DeWever, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Operating Budgets are due to the Town Office by September 30, 2020. Department capital purchases and warrant articles are due to the Town Office by October 5, 2020. The budget books will be given to the Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee members mid to late October. Budget reviews will start in November.

The Police Chief Promotional Board will be on September 24<sup>th</sup>. An overview of the process was provided to the Board of Selectmen.

A copy of the 2019 Audit findings was supplied to the Board for review. There were no issues to be reported.

8:00 PM

Old Business-

Selectman, Ed Haskell, noted that there have been no Fire Truck replacement meetings. Haskell will follow up with Fire Commissioner, Terri French, to see if any action will be taken on the truck replacement in 2021.

No dry hydrant work has been done by the Fire Department this year. Selectman, Ed Haskell, noted that there was a spending freeze, but the Groton Hollow Road dry hydrant is being funded by Groton Wind Farms, which would not affect the Town budget.

The Town website has had a few issues. Going with a new company will be discussed at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Rumney Road Agent, Nick Coursey, reported that the Coursey Lane culvert will be installed in about two weeks by CNHA.

8:10 PM

Selectman, Isaac DeWever made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman, Ed Haskell, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell  
Town Administrator  
Rumney, NH

Up-coming meeting dates – To be premised upon COVID-19 Emergency Orders

Cemetery Trustees Meeting	September 22, 2020
Supervisors of the Check List	September 28, 2020
Planning Board Meeting	September 29, 2020
Select Board Meeting	October 5, 2020
Supervisors of the Check List	October 9, 2020
Fire Commissioner Meeting	October 12, 2020