Town of Rumney  
Board of Selectmen  
February 6, 2017  
Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes

Present: Select Board Members- Mark Andrew, Robert Berti  
Administrative Assistant - Joe Chivell  
Excused absence – Ed Haskell

6:30 PM  
Meeting called to order  
- Payroll and accounts payable checks reviewed and signed

6:35 PM  
Minutes of the January 23, 2017, Selectmen’s meeting were reviewed.  
Selectman, Mark Andrew made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected.  
Selectman, Bob Berti, seconded the motion. There was no discussion concerning  
the minutes. Selectman, Bob Berti, abstained from the vote as he was not at the  
January 23, 2017 meeting.

6:40 PM  
Review for signature the 2017 contract for services with George Sansoucy.  
Sansoucy handles the assessment of the utilizes in the Town of Rumney.

6:45 PM  
Septic system reviewed for Town Pre-approval, Map 13 Lot 5-14. The design was  
signed by selectman, Mark Andrew.

6:50 PM  
Administrative Assistant Report:  
- The Highway Department’s new hire, Steven Tallman, has started work.  
- Two applications for the vacant Transfer Station position have been received.  
- Biennial Municipal Bridge, issued by the State of New Hampshire, report was  
reviewed by the Board members. Selectman, Bob Berti, had some concern of  
The E-2 rating of the Sand Hill Bridge. Berti feels that rating may be too high.  
- The inspector for the Department of Labor will conduct a re-inspection on  
February 7, 2017.  
- An E-mail from Marcosa Santiago concerning the proposed location of the  
proposed gazebo was made available to the Board members.

7:00 PM  
At this time the Public Budget Hearing was opened. See attached draft of the  
proposed 2017 Budget.

8:55 PM  
Public Budget Hearing concluded. Selectman, Mark Andrew, made a motion to  
adjourn the meeting. Selectman, Bob Berti, seconded the motion. There was no  
discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

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Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell
Administrative Assistant
Town of Rumney

Upcoming events:

Pemi-Baker Deliberative Session
February 7, 2017
Russell School Deliberative Session
February 8, 2017
Cemetery Trustee Meeting
February 8, 2017
Fire Commission Meeting
February 13, 2017
Selectmen’s Office Closed
February 15, 2017
Conservation Commission Meeting
February 15, 2017
Selectmen’s Meeting
February 20, 2017
Town Clerk Office Closed
February 20, 2017
Rumney EOP Meeting
February 23, 2017

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF RUMNEY  
WARRANT for  
2017 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To the inhabitants of the Town of Rumney in the County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Russell Elementary School Gymnasium on School Street in said Rumney on Tuesday, the 14th day of March 2017, next, at 8:00 o’clock in the morning at which time the polls shall be opened for balloting on Article 1 and shall close not earlier than 7:00 o’clock in the evening, and you are hereby notified to meet at the Russell Elementary School Gymnasium in said Rumney on Thursday, the 16th day of March 2017, next, at 7:00 o’clock in the evening for the second session of the Town Meeting, for the purpose of discussion, debate, and final action, upon the remaining articles in this warrant.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year (by official ballot on March 14th):

- Selectman for 3 years
- Selectman for 2 years
- Library Trustee for 3 years
- Cemetery Trustee for 3 years
- (2) Planning Board Members for 3 years
- Treasurer for 1 year
- Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years
- Fire Commissioner for 3 years

No comments

ARTICLE 2: To choose three members for the Advisory Committee:

1 for a 3-year term from the Depot
1 for a 2-year term from Quincy
1 for a 3-year term from the Rumney Village

No comments

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $458,551 to defray the following General Government Expenses for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Gerard Thibodeau asked why there was a decrease in the Moderator line item. Answer: Fewer elections during the 2017 year.

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Street Lights $ 9,000
Insurance-Property/Liability & WC $ 34,714
Regional Association Dues $ 2,000
Total General Government Expenses $ 458,551

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $18,000 to build a Gazebo on the town owned property known as the Rumney Common, and further to authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend any donations or other funds which become available for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

No comments

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,617 for the purpose of an Old Home Day celebration; $3,617 will come from the 2016 end-of-year fund balance, with the remaining $12,000 to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

Comment: $2,000.00 of this budget is to cover one-time costs related to Fire or Police Details during the year-long 250th Celebration.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $45,650 for Assessing Services and Tax Map updates for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

David Saad and Gerard Thibodeau asked for clarification what was included in this line item? Answer: $1,650.00 covers map updates. $44,000.00 cover the contract with CNP Assessors. CNP Assessors will complete the second year of a four-year revaluation, handle yearly picks created by the inventory forms, handle abatements and any appeals connected to abatements, and any other assessment issues that occur during the year. Each cost is the same as last year’s.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,500 for the purpose of Code Enforcement for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

No comments

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $27,765 for the operation of the Cemeteries for the ensuing year; $5,000 to come from the Cemetery Trust Fund and $22,765 to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

No comments

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $211,959 to defray the cost of running the Police Department for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Grant line added to allow the town to take advantage of State and Federal training or equipment grants that come during the year.

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No longer part of the local prosecutor association.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $165,000 to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Funds. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

- Highway Equipment Fund (1960) 40,000
- Fire Department Fund (1963) 40,000
- Police Department Fund (1986) 14,500
- EMS Vehicle (2005) 6,500
- EMS Equipment (2012) 7,000
- Transfer Station Compactor Fund (2005) 2,000
- Transfer Station Equipment Fund (2008) 3,000
- Town Facilities Improvement (1998) 20,000
- Cemetery Improvement (2014) 6,500
- Bridge Repair & Maintenance Fund (2008) 20,000
- Merrill Library Capital Improvement Fund (1998) 1,000
- Town Office Equipment Fund (2015) 2,500
- Water Supply-Dry Hydrant (2010) 2,000

**TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS** $165,000

Planning Board Capital Improvement Plan used to create Capital Reserve amounts.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $29,557 for Ambulance Service contracted with the Town of Plymouth for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Service provided is very professional and excellent response time.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,350 to defray the cost of the Safety Committee, E-911, F and Emergency Management, of said sum $5,692 to come from NHDS Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the remaining $6,658 to be raised by taxes. (Majority vote required)

- Safety Committee $ 2,000
- E-911 $ 200
- Emergency Management $ 10,150
- Total Safety, E-911 & Emg Mgt $ 12,350

Emergency Management includes funds for a 50% matching grants.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $77,286 to defray the cost of running the Fire Department for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)
Gerard Thibodeau asked if we profit from Mutual Aid? Answer: We do not gain revenue from Mutual Aid. We do gain revenue from fire, EMS and Transfer Station contracts we have with Ellsworth, Groton and Dorchester. The revenue for fire and EMS is approximately $15,000.00.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,451 to defray the cost of Forest Fire Protection for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

No comments

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000 to defray the cost of purchasing five (5) new Self-contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) bottles to replace expired bottles for the Fire Department and to authorize the withdrawal, for this purpose, of $4,000 from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2009). The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

No comments

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $8,000 to defray the cost of repairing the hydrant in Stinson Brook, located by the bridge on Quincy Road, and of that amount, to authorize the withdrawal of $4,000 from the Water Supply Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2010) with the remaining funds to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

Fire Chief, David Coursey, reported this will allow for a complete remodel of the hydrant this year.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $18,058 to defray the cost of running the EMS (Emergency Medical Services) for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Several new members

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $231,585 to defray the cost of running the Runney Highway Department for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Gerard Thibodeau asked if there was sand available for town residents? Answer: Yes, there is a pile of sand by the old town shed to allow for small amounts to be used by local property owners.

Gerard Thibodeau asked about the sand use so far, this winter. Answer: Road Agent, Frank Simpson, reported there has been a need to use a lot of sand so far, this year and additional sand has already been purchased.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $55,000 for Road Improvements for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Possible roads to be addressed this year: West end of Old Route 25, School Street (between Mail Street and Russell School), or Cross Road. The road will be evaluated after the
winter plow season. Last years’ amount of paving and the lower cost of pavement allowed for the completion of Buffalo Road, Old North Groton Road, the Highway Department parking lot, the Town Office parking lot, and the Depot Street Fire Station parking lot.

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,757 for payment on the **2016 Rumney Highway Dump Truck Purchase bond.** This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

New truck was ordered the week after the 2016 Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $41,909 to defray the cost of operating the **Byron G. Merrill Library** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

No comments

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $47,089 for payment on the Byron G. Merrill Library Improvement bond. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

No comments

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $145,356 to defray the cost of maintaining the **Transfer Station** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

No comments

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,400 to defray the cost of the **Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District** ($1,300) and the annual **Plymouth Water and Sewer District Permit Fee** ($100) for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

No comments

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500 to continue with Phase II of the Landfill Closure process as required by the State of New Hampshire. (Majority vote required)

No comments

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $33,517 for the purposes of **Animal Control, Health and Welfare** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

The **Police Department is handling Animal Control.**

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Mount Mooselauke Health Center 1,500
Pemi-Baker Community Health 4,500
Voices Against Violence 1,000
Bridge House 2,000
Genesis 300
CASA 500
CADI 600
Transport Central 118
Direct Assistance 10,000
Welfare Administrator Stipend, etc 4,306
Grafton County Seniors 2,100
Tri-County CAP 3,895
Tyler Blain Homeless Shelter 250
Total Animal Control, Health & Welfare $ 33,517

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $9,966 for the purposes of Culture, Recreation and Conservation for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Increase in the Baker Athletic Field to cover clean-up project.
Gerard Thibodeau asked if the Town could place a sign board, like the sign board at the fire station, at the Baker Athletic Field for people that travel Quincy Road.

Common-Mowing & Maintenance 1,600
Baker Athletic Field 1,600
Jim Darling Natural Area 750
Patriotic Purposes 400
Conservation Commission 1,146
Baker River Watershed Dues 470
Conservation Trust 3,500
Stinson Lake Port-a-toilet 500
Total Culture, Recreation & Conservation $9,966

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000 for the purpose of purchasing security equipment for the Town Office Building and to authorize the withdrawal of $1,000 from the Town Facilities' Fund (established in 1987). The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

Plan for this year is to address the direct access through the service windows.

ARTICLE 29: To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

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General question: Is there any process in place to help fund the gazebo project? Answer: Yes, letters are being sent to local business owners requesting donations.

Gerard Thibodeau commented on the number of "heavy trucks" traveling on Quincy Road, what can be done about this? Answer: Quincy Road is a State maintained road, the only issue that the town can address if there are spring road postings.

Given our hands this 6th day of February, 2017.

Rumney Board of Selectmen

Edward L. Haskell, Jr. Chairman

Mark H. Andrew

Robert J. Berti

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