Board of Selectmen
April 15, 2019
Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes

Present: Select Board Members Present – Ed Haskell & George Bonfiglio
Selectman Bob Berti Excused Absence
Town Administrator - Joe Chivell

6:30 PM Meeting opened by Selectman Ed Haskell.
Payroll and accounts payable checks reviewed for signature.

6:35 PM Police Chief, Brett Miller, met with the Board to give the Police Department’s update. The prior two weeks stats were provided to the Board along with the May schedule. The check in program had one new referral. The Radar sign should arrive soon and be placed in to operation. The Chief indicated he will be working with the Rumney Highway department to install the poles that the sign will be mounted to. The primary areas the Chief thought of placing the radar sign are: Main Street, Old Route 25, Quincy Road and Buffalo Road. He is open to any other suggesting. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, indicated that there may be a few residents coming to the next Public Forum to complain about traffic issues. Bonfiglio stated he has told them to speak directly to the Chief, but they may want to speak during a Selectmen’s meeting.

Chief Miller reported he and Officer Patten will both be assisting the Russell School students with an earth day clean up project next Friday.

6:37 PM The Town had received correspondence from Attorney Chris Boldt, of Donahue Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC, the firm that handles utility abatements and appeals for the Town of Rumney. A motion to enter nonpublic session under NH RSA 91-A:3, II(l) was made by Selectman, George Bonfiglio. The motion was seconded by Selectman, Ed Haskell. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

6:55 PM Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman, George Bonfiglio. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion to indefinitely seal the nonpublic minutes as they could render a proposed action ineffective. The motion received a second from Selectman, Ed Haskell. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.
6:57 PM Town Administrator Report:

- Minute Review of the 03/18/2019 meeting. Selectman, George Bonfiglio, made a motion to accept the minutes for the 03/18/2019 Select Board Meeting. Selectman, Ed Haskell, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

- Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, reported that during a recent power outage the emergency lights in the Town Office worked for less than 5 minutes. Chivell asked local electrician, Brian Weeks, the cost of replacing the battery packs for the emergency lights. Following an inspection of the emergency lights it was recommended to replace the old-style battery pack lights with new LED emergency lights. Using LED lights will allow for a longer duration of lighting and the cost is less than replacing the old-style battery packs. The proposed cost for replace all the emergency lights in the Town Office Building is $400.00. Selectman, Ed Haskell, asked if the general building maintenance budget could cover the expense? Chivell explained that budget line could cover the expense. Both Selectmen, Ed Haskell and George Bonfiglio, agreed to have the work completed and both signed off on the work request.

- Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, reported that the NHEC was funding a program that refunded up to 50% of the cost to changeover old style florescent lighting to LED light. This style project was used to changeover all the lighting in the Town Office a year ago. The cost to complete the lighting changeover at the Rumney Highway Garage was obtained. To replace all florescent lights with 12 new high bay LED fixtures with motion sensors will cost $4,500.00. After the work is completed the NHEC will refund $2,250.00 of the cost. There was a brief discussion on how to fund the project. Selectmen, Ed Haskell and George Bonfiglio, both agree it is was a worthwhile project. There was no final decision made during this meeting, it will be discussed further at the May 6, 2019 meeting with a full Board and additional funding information available.

- The annual Town audit will take place April 17th & 18th.

- The Selectmen’s Office will be closed April 24th – 26th.

- The new Town Office server will be installed on April 16th. New Desktop computers will also be installed in the Town Clerks office and the Police Department Office. Funding for this project was approved during the 2019 Town Meeting.

- There was a brief discussion concerning a possible town office building expansion next year. The department heads that work in the town building have been asked for their input as to space needs, special item needs, and ideas of making the building more work friendly. Prior members of facility committee will be contacted as this discussion moves forward.

- Jen Brine, coordinator for the Rumney Craggin’ Classic, has contacted the Rumney Selectmen’s Office about the upcoming 2019 Craggin Classic. Chivell is trying to coordinate a conference call with Jen Brine to include the Fire Chief, Police Chief, EMS Director and Town Administrator.
Information will be gathered and provided moving forward.

- Two requests for Tax Abatements covering the 2018 Tax year were filed in a timely fashion this year. They were: 11-2002 and 7-2005. Both requests for abatements were given to Commerford Nieder Perkins, LLC, the firm contracted by the Town of Rumney to handle assessing. Both properties were inspected by an assessor and recommendations were provided outlining changes that would be appropriate. Both recommendations were reviewed and signed by Selectmen, Ed Haskell and George Bonfiglio.

- A Shoreline Permit Application for, 2-1016-A, was received and reviewed by the Board. No action is required by the Board.

- Intent to Excavate on: 12-11-20-1-1 and 16-4-21 were reviewed and signed by the Board.

- Conservation Commission Members Joel Grass and Maggie Brox, whose terms expired in 2019 were re-appointed at the request of Conservation Commission Chair, Janice Mulherin.

8:00 PM Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman, George Bonfiglio. There was no discussion. The motion passed 2-0.

Sincerely Submitted,

Joe Chivell
Town Administrator
Rumney, NH

Up-coming Events:
April 24-26 Selectmen’s Office Closed
April 30 EMS Advisory Committee
April 30 Planning Board Meeting
May 2 Cemetery Trustee Meeting
May 6 Board of Selectmen Meeting
May 13 Fire Commission Meeting
May 15 Selectmen’s Office Closed
May 20 Selectmen’s Meeting
May 27 Town Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
May 28 Planning Board Meeting