

Board of Selectmen
January 15, 2024
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Present: Selectmen Ed Haskell, Bob Berti, and Isaac DeWever
Town Administrator: Joe Chivell

6:30 PM Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Ed Haskell.
Payroll and accounts payable checks were reviewed and signed.

Documents to review & sign:

- Payroll worksheet
- Upper Valley Humane Society 2024 Agreement
- Intent to Cut 11-002 020
- Septic Design 02-001 009
- Timber Yield Tax 09-001 002

6:30 PM Rumney Police Department

Rumney Police Chief, Greg Patten, was scheduled to meet with the Board of Selectmen to provide a Department update. Chief Patten was dispatched to an emergency call and unable to attend this meeting. He will be rescheduled for an upcoming meeting.

6:35 PM Town Administrator Report

The minutes for the January 2, 2024, Board of Selectmen's Meeting were provided for review. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to approve the January 2, 2024, Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Selectman, Isaac DeWever. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The minutes for the January 6, 2024, Board of Selectmen's Workshop were provided for review. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to approve the January 6, 2024, Board of Selectmen's Workshop minutes. The motion was seconded by Selectman, Isaac DeWever. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The 2024 proposed Warrant Articles were provided for the Board of Selectmen to review, along with an updated budget printout for the proposed 2024 Budget. Following the review, the Board of Selectmen approved the articles and authorized them to be forwarded to legal counsel for review.

Primary Presidential Elections will be held on January 23, 2024. Board coverage of the Polls was discussed. Selectman, Ed Haskell, will cover the morning portion. Selectman, Bob Berti, will

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cover the afternoon portion. Selectman, Isaac DeWever, will cover the evening and until the ballot count is complete.

The 2022 audit Governance letter was provided for review.

The 2023 year-end Budget revenue and expenditure report was provided for review.

A printout of property taxes paid to date was provided for review. Approximately 96% of the 2023 Part 2 Property Taxes have been paid.

6:50 PM Old Business

Road Agent, Nick Coursey, and Town Clerk, Lila Williams met to review documents that Williams has been able to collect regarding the Stone Hill Road layout, right-of ways, and easements. They will continue to collaborate working towards an understanding of what may be needed to complete a drainage project on the end of that road.

Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, and Road Agent, Nick Coursey met with representatives from FEMA and NHEM to discuss the damage that Rumney incurred during the December 18, 2023, Winter Storm. Initial figures show that repair costs are approximately \$36,000.

7:00 PM New Business

The 2024-2025 Fire Protection Contracts with the towns of Groton and Dorchester were provided for review. The contracts were reviewed and signed by the members of the Board of Selectmen. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, pointed out that in the cover letter of the contracts he made both towns aware of the purchase of the new Fire Department truck and suggested that the Boards of Selectmen meet to discuss the cost share process of the purchase. There was some discussion about how to approach the cost share, but no decisions were made.

The 2024-2025 EMS Coverage Contract with the Town of Groton was provided for review. After reviewing the contract, the document was signed by the Board members.

The 2024-2025 Transfer Station Contract with the Town of Dorchester was provided for review. After reviewing the contract, the document was signed by the Board members.

All contracts listed above will be forwarded to the respective Towns for their Boards of Selectmen to review.

A request for the use of the Rumney Town Common for a wedding in September 2024 had been submitted by Caroline Siegert. The Board members approved the use and signed the request form.

7:30 PM Selectman, Isaac DeWever, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman, Bob Berti. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell
Town Administrator
Rumney, NH

Up-coming Meeting Dates

Primary Elections	January 23, 2024
Planning Board Meeting	January 30, 2024
Board of Selectmen Meeting	February 5, 2024
Public Budget Hearing	February 12, 2024
Town Office Closed – Presidents’ Day	February 19, 2024
Board of Selectmen Meeting	February 20, 2024
Planning Board	February 27, 2024