

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

Present: Selectmen Isaac DeWever & Ed Haskell
Town Administrator Joe Chivell
Excused Absence: Bob Berti

6:30 PM Meeting was called to order by Board Vice-chair, Isaac DeWever.
Payroll and accounts payable checks were reviewed and signed.

Documents to review & sign:

- Payroll Worksheets
- Notice of Intent to Excavate 12-11-22 & -02, 03, 04
- Notice of Intent to Excavate 16-04-21, 12-12-10*, & 12-11-19-2* -
(*discussed later in the meeting)
- Gravel Tax 23-395-1,2,3,4,5,6,7 - E
- Yield Tax 11-7-8, 7-9-1, & 7-2-28
- PAF – Vacation Request

6:30 PM Summer Paving Project Bid opening –

Road Agent, Nick Coursey, met with the Board of Selectmen to open the three (3) sealed bids for the Summer paving projects, the two (2) paving projects will include 1300' of the entrance of East Rumney Road and 588' of Stone Hill Road. Following the opening of the sealed bids and consultation with Road Agent Coursey, Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to accept the low bid submitted by R&D Paving, Inc. The motion received a second from Selectman, Isaac DeWever. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

6:45 PM Public Hearing –

A notice of a Public Hearing to use EMS Vehicle Capital Reserve Funds had been posted for this meeting. Funds will be used to purchase a 2010 Ford F-450 ambulance from the Town of Hebron to replace the 1999 Ford ambulance currently in use by Rumney EMS.

Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to suspend the regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen's Meeting and to open a Public Hearing on the use of EMS Vehicle Capital Reserve Funds. The motion received a second from Selectman, Isaac DeWever. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

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Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, reported that he along with Fire Chief Evan Hacker and EMS Director Daniel Medaglia visited the Hebron Fire Department to inspect the 2010 Ford F-450 ambulance that Hebron will be replacing with a new vehicle. The 2010 Ford is a 4-wheel drive diesel powered box ambulance with approximately 38,000 miles. Following the inspection both Chief Hacker and Director Medaglia strongly supported the purchase of the vehicle. It was noted the Rumney purchased the currently used 1999 ambulance from Hebron.

Chivell went on to report that, as directed by the Board of Selectmen, he met with the Hebron Board of Selectmen to discuss the possible purchase of the 2010 vehicle. Chivell reported that the Hebron Board of Selectmen voted to offer for sale the 2010 vehicle for \$50,000.00. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, asked that the Board of Selectmen release \$55,000.00 from the EMS Vehicle Capital Reserve, \$50,000.00 for the purchase of the vehicle and \$5,000.00 for preparation work to put the vehicle in use for Rumney EMS. Chivell reported that the EMS Vehicle Capital Reserve has approximately \$70,000.00 available.

Selectman, Ed Haskell, suggested that for that type of vehicle it was a very good price. Haskell also stated that the ambulance Rumney purchased from Hebron ten-years or so ago has served Rumney very well. Haskell supported the purchase of the vehicle.

Selectman, Isaac DeWever, commented that the vehicle being a diesel with only 38,000 miles and that it is a 4-wheel drive it is a smart purchase to make. DeWever supported the purchase.

Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to close the Public Hearing and return to the regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen's Meeting. The motion received a second from Selectman, Isaac DeWever. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to purchase the 2010 Ford F-450 ambulance from the Town of Hebron and to remove \$55,000.00 from the EMS Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase and upfit of the vehicle. The motion received a second from Selectman, Isaac DeWever. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

7:00 PM Town Administrator Report –

A copy of the April 1, 2024, Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes were provided for review. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from the April 1, 2024, Board of Selectmen's Meeting. The motion received a second from Selectman, Isaac DeWever. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Fire Chief, Evan Hacker, and Fire Lieutenant, Frank Simpson, will be leaving April 21st, traveling to Florida to inspect the newly built fire engine before it leaves the factory to be brought to Vermont where the build will be finished. It is still scheduled to be delivered to the Rumney Fire Station in mid-May. Chivell reported that one or more of the Selectmen will

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need to be present to accept the truck, sign all warranty paperwork, and deliver final payment, or the Board can vote to authorize a designee to complete those tasks. Selectman, Isaac DeWever, stated he can be available and it can be finalized during the May 6th board meeting.

The Buffalo Road Bridge Replacement Project meetings are continuing with HEB Engineers and NH-DOT. The project is on schedule to have the job advertised by month end, with an on-site viewing scheduled for May 8th for interested bidders. Sealed bids will be opened on May 23rd at the Rumney Town Office. At least two members of the Board of Selectmen should be at the bid opening. The Project should be put into action August and September 2024. The required tree clearing has been completed within the time frame required by USFS.

The invoice, \$4,800.00, for the refurbishing of the Transfer Station canister has been submitted and was \$1,200.00 under the estimate. When the Board discussed having the work done, it was determined the project would be paid for out of the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. When Transfer Station Superintendent, Sonny Ouellette, saw the cost he suggested that the Town have the second canister refurbished.

After a brief discussion Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to have the second Transfer Station canister refurbished. The motion received a second from Selectman, Isaac DeWever. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0

Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, reported that the Police Department body and cruiser camera system will be completely installed by month-end. When the grant for the camera system was discussed, it was determined that the Town portion of the purchase would be paid out of the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Chivell indicated he did not have the final invoices yet but will have them by May 6th. He suggested that a public hearing for the removal of funds for both the Transfer Station Canister and Police Camera be posted for the May 6th Board of Selectmen's meeting. The Board supported the recommendation to have both public hearings on May 6th.

A notice had been received regarding the Surplus Equipment Auction hosted by the State is scheduled for May 18, 2024, at the White Farm, 144 Clinton Street, Concord. If the Town wants to have any equipment auctioned, it needs to be delivered onsite either May 8th or 9th. Chivell asked the Board if they wanted to have the 2015 Ford Explorer, former police cruiser, taken to auction. The Board did want the vehicle taken to auction. Selectman, Isaac DeWever, made a motion to have the Town owned 2015 Ford Explorer sold at the State Surplus Equipment Auction during May 2024. The motion received a second from Selectman, Ed Haskell. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

7:18 PM Old Business –

A final reading of the proposed Interim Fire Chief Agreement was conducted by the Board of Selectmen. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, reported to Selectmen DeWever and Haskell, that Selectman, Bob Berti, agreed with the document and asked that Chivell share that with them. Chivell also reported that Evan Hacker agrees with the document and will sign it once the Board accepts it. Both Selectmen DeWever and Haskell agreed with the proposal and signed the document.

A Rest Area Committee meeting has been scheduled for April 24th.

No bids were received for the Tax Deeded Camper. Chivell asked if the notice could be reposted specifying a \$10.00 minimum bid. The Board agreed with the request.

A copy of the letter sent to the town employees eligible for Dental Insurance was provided for the Boards review. It outlined the cost to the employee if they wanted to increase it to a two-person or family plan.

The Board authorized Fire Chief, Evan Hacker, to move forward with the Hose and Ladder testing during the April 1, 2024, Board of Selectmen Meeting. The Company being used, FireCatt, requested a purchase order to move forward. A purchase order was prepared for signature. Vice-chair, Isaac DeWever, signed the purchase order.

7:30 PM New Business –

Rumney, along with several other communities along the Baker River, had received a notice from David Strong of Durham, NH, requesting their stance on changing the name of the Baker River. The Board members discussed the request briefly. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to oppose the name change of the Baker River in that it would financially impact several private businesses that have incorporated the Baker River name into their business, it would financially impact several towns and the State that list the Baker River in signage, and the Baker River is part of history and history is not something to be changed or hidden. The motion received a second from Selectman, Isaac DeWever. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Michael Wilson, of the Bruhawahet Sno-Trackers snowmobile club, requested permission to add two-loads of stone to an area of DoeTown Road to fix significant washouts. DoeTown Road is a class-6 road. The Town of Rumney is restricted from completing any work on a class-6 road but can allow others to complete work on them. Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to allow the Bruhawahet Sno-Trackers to complete the reported work on DoeTown Road and to authorize Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, to sign the State form allowing the work once the Bruhawahet Sno-Trackers have it ready for the State. The motion received a second from Selectman, Isaac DeWever. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

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Town Clerk, Lila Williams, submitted Administrative Abatement Requests for 7-7-12 & 7-7-10, for the Boards review and signatures. They reviewed and signed the Administrative Abatements.

An Elderly Exemption request for 8-2-22 had been submitted for review by the property owner. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, and the assessing company contracted by the Town reviewed the application and found that it did not meet the requirements. It was recommended that the Board deny the application. The “Denied” boxes were marked and the Board members signed denying the application.

An application to use the Town Common on August 18, 2024, for an Art Walk was reviewed and signed by the Board members.

The request to have the Notice to Excavate signed by the Board of Selectmen for 12-12-10 was briefly discussed. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, reported to the Board of Selectmen that the only issue with this request is the area exceeds the area that has been taken out of Current Use. Chivell reported he spoke with the owner of the property about Current Use. The property owner is forwarding an updated map, and the needed area will be removed, and a Land Use Change Tax will be assessed.

The request to have the Notice to Excavate signed by the Board of Selectmen for 12-11-19-2 was discussed. There has been discussion, at the Planning Board, about the slope of the current excavation. The Board reviewed the inspection report completed last Fall and read the rules as they relate to the signing of the Notice to Excavate. The only outstanding issue is the need for fencing near the edge of the top of the area excavated. It was determined that there was nothing keeping the Board from signing the Notice to Excavate.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell
Town Administrator
Rumney, NH

Up-coming Meeting Dates

Rest Area Committee Meeting	April 24, 2024
Supervisors of the Checklist	April 23, 2024
Planning Board	April 30, 2024
Board of Selectmen Meeting	May 6, 2024
Trustee of Trust Funds	May 7, 2024
Fire Commissioners	May 7, 2024

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