

RUMNEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2014

Commissioners: Jim McCart, Terry French, John Bagley
Chief David Coursey
Firemen: Nick Coursey, Frank Simpson, Carl Spring, Sam Cooes, Ray Valentin, Gary Easson
Explorer: Paul Spring
Clerk: Diana Kindell

Chairman Jim McCart opened the meeting at 7:08 pm.

Chief Coursey introduced Diana Kindell and explained she would be doing some clerical work for the department.

In the past all three fire commissioners have had to sign off on all bills being paid. Discussion led to reviewing that process and allowing the Chief to sign off on any bill less than \$350.00. John Bagley made a motion to require the commissioners to sign off on any bill in the amount of \$350.00 or more and allow Chief Coursey to sign off on any bill less than \$350.00. Jim McCart seconded this motion and all voted in the affirmative.

Chief Coursey requested his truck committee (Frank Simpson, Carl Spring and Nick Coursey – the last minutes erroneously named Roger Thompson to this committee) prepare the dollar amounts needed to upgrade the retiring town highway truck to a forestry truck for the fire department. Numbers are needed to get a warrant article in for town meeting in March. This truck will also serve as a utility truck at accident scenes providing additional lighting and water as well as responding to fire scenes during icy conditions and mud season allowing the big truck to stage and be available if needed. Frank S. explained the highway truck would not be available until fall, however, the funding for this work must be approved in March. Carl S. will list the equipment needed and split the list amongst the three to obtain dollar amounts by next week. Items discussed included a flatbed body, a skid tank, generator, tool boxes and possibly a paint job. Lights and radios can be used from the present forestry truck. The Chief will make an appointment for the committee to view the Campton truck and the Bridgewater truck which is also a conversion.

Sam Cooes stated he could purchase pro yak tracks at \$21.00 each and the Chief approved his purchasing these for the department.

Chief Coursey stated the final payments are due the town on the fire coverage contracts with Groton, Ellsworth and Dorchester. New contracts for 2014 should be forthcoming in the near future if approved by these towns.

Proof of insurance has been received from Precision Blasting for their work at CNHA pit on Rte 25. No scheduling information was received.

The Explorer unit will be doing an item inventory of the trucks to update last year's inventory.

The Commissioners would like the web site updated and minutes posted there.

The Chief will be contacting Bergeron to purchase two sets of clothing equipment. Two sets are purchased yearly at a cost of \$1500.00. The older sets that are not certifiable are used by the Explorers. Hershel will be contacted to alter any sets presently in use for size.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell
Clerk