

RUMNEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

Present – Commissioners: Terry French, John Bagley, Tim Lewis
Fire Chief: David Coursey
Secretary: Diana Kindell
Guests: Dan Medaglia, Sean Zaikowski, Glen Hanson, John Hemeon, and Chip Sawyer

Chairman Terry French opened the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Pending bills were approved.

The minutes of August 15, 2016 were approved with changes.

John Hemeon was present to speak to Commissioners regarding a letter he had presented to the Selectmen requesting small compensation as retirement in recognition of the many years of service he and others have provided the town. He would like the support of the Commissioners. It was questioned where these funds would come from, if the state had such funding and if a warrant article should be prepared.

Glen Hanson spoke to the Commissioners regarding the siren that was on the '69 Farrar he purchased from the town. All "extras" had been removed from the engine prior to it being put out for sale. This will be discussed at the business meeting with the firefighters and also check with the Selectmen. Should it have been included with the truck?? Glen is willing to purchase it.

Chip Sawyer from 2-Way Communication was present to discuss radios, both mobile and portables and provide quotes to replace units that are out of service. The mobile units in the engines are all out of service by Motorola. He recommended replacing units with a P25 model to have interoperability within the state – to communicate with other agencies. The department has 8 mobile units, 10 newer portable units and 8 older portables.

When asked about available grants, he stated you cannot replace grant units with another grant. He will prepare a quote and send it within the next week. The quotes are only good for 60 days and after that you need to add \$300 to the quote.

Dan was present to gather information on radios for EMS as Deb Thompson was unable to attend.

Chief's update: The certified letter sent to a former member was signed and received. Terry will follow up on that situation.

The check reimbursing for a physical has been signed and delivered.

Steve Sherman has charged the person responsible for starting the forest fire on Quincy Road last year. He is contesting this, so the Chief will have to go to court and testify on behalf of the town.

Regarding the building – the Chief requested Terry look into the cost of having foam insulation blown on to the walls of the station – then it could be strapped and sheetrock installed. Carl Doe has looked at the furnace and recommends a blower be ordered soon.

The Chief met with Deb Thompson, EMS director. They discussed moving the desk and filing cabinet for more privacy and changing the locks on the cage. There was an issue with the ambulance and it has been moved in to the first bay where it does not have to be moved to get an engine out of the bays.

Terry has another issue for discussion, but was not totally prepared. A meeting will be scheduled for Friday night at 6:00 pm for a non-public session.

Budget paperwork is in hand and a budget workshop was set up for Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00 pm at the fire station.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell
Secretary