

RUMNEY FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2018

Commissioners Present: Terry French, Cam Brown
Fire Chief: David Coursey
Secretary: Diana Kindell
Guest: Nick Coursey

Chairman Terry French opened the meeting at 7:12 pm.

Minutes: Cam made a motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2018 as written. This was agreed on.

Bills were signed as needed.

Budget/Warrant Articles: The Chief has spoken with a contractor regarding the dry hydrant upgrade at the town-owned pond on Buffalo Road. He is willing to work with the \$8000 originally requested; however, that does not include the permits needed. He would like to increase that line to \$12,000 to guarantee there will be sufficient funds to complete this job.

Door openers – another door company checked out the openers and stated he could repair both of the defective ones for \$350.00 or replace both for \$2100.00. He did not recommend going to the safety features (we are grandfathered from that) but to retain the tracks etc. presently in place as they are made better than the newer ones. The “eyes” on the safety lifts can cause problems due to the sensitivity of them. It was decided to repair the present openers and pass over the warrant article of \$5000 to replace all three.

Furnace replacement: The furnace has shut down three times in the past month. So far it was started when the reset button was pushed. There is a crack in the plenum and heat is escaping creating a “heat ring” on the outside wall of the furnace.

Mudgett of JCM Plumbing and a design engineer from FW Webb examined the furnace, area being heated and possible future addition to the building. A quote was received to replace the current unit with the same thing for \$13,685. A quote was also given for a propane fed radiant heat system (blowers in the bay area) which heats only objects together with a small oil-fired furnace to heat the meeting room, kitchen and office as well as any future area. This quote was \$22,683. This price does not include a propane tank. (Tank future use would be for town generator as well).

Contracts: The signed contracts for Dorchester and Groton were reviewed – have not received one from Ellsworth yet. The Commissioners do want to be involved in this process and will draft a suggested contract early fall for the Selectmen to review. The Chief will get copies from other towns as to review their procedures.

Permits: A letter has been drafted to all fuel companies requesting prior notice of installation and necessary inspections in town allowing for scheduling. The Commissioners agreed to an increase in the permit fee to \$40 which will also be in this letter.

Autism class: The department is sponsoring an autism class on April 9th at Russell School from 6 – 8 pm. All 1st responders, police, teachers etc. are invited to this very important class. It is put on by the Hill Fire Chief who has autistic children of his own.

The next Commissioner's meeting will be Tuesday, April 10th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell
Secretary