

RUMNEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MINUTES
June 8, 2020

Present: Chairman Cam Brown, Terry French and Tim Lewis
Chief: David Coursey
Guest: Selectman Ed Haskell
Secretary: Diana Kindell

Chairman Brown opened the meeting at 6:05 pm.

The Chairman addressed Ed Haskell to present his concerns for attending the meeting. Ed stated the Selectmen have agreed to increase the hourly rate for service to \$17.00 for the contracted towns of Groton and Dorchester. Representatives of the towns will be invited in to a Selectmen's meeting to discuss this in the near future. The Chief also stated the Commissioners want involvement with the meetings for the contacts. There will be some changes forthcoming with Groton and when this information is available it will be presented to Ed prior to any meetings.

The Selectmen discussed the truck committee that will determine the needs for engine replacement next year. They requested Mark Andrew and Ed be on the committee and definitely want people with truck knowledge involved. The firemen involved are all very versed in trucks and what the firemen need to have for an engine – Frank Simpson, Nick Coursey, Rachel Legg and Evan Hacker.

Cam asked if there was any insight as to the future of EMS and Ed stated there has been no word from the office. Ed left at this time.

The minutes of March 9, 2020 were accepted. Bills were signed for approval.

The Chief stated E3 water leaks had been repaired with new valves last week.

The lights in the office and the cage have been replaced by David Electric. There had been no working lights in the office for over a month. David is working on a quote to replace more lights in the bay.

Recently one of the firefighters showed up on scene in sneakers. It is required they have leather boots with a minimum of 6" height when fighting outside fires, forest fires and rock rescues to prevent burns and injury. The gentleman ordered the boots after the Chief offered to help financially. Discussion ensued regarding a portion of the price be paid by the department, such as the first \$100 and the remainder paid by the person – only when they are in a position to need help. This should fall under the protective clothing line and will be viewed as such only when necessary.

The W. Rumney station is in need of TLC. The doors and windows are in bad shape. We know there is an asbestos situation in the building and will refer this to the Facilities Committee.

The Federal Hazardous pay has been applied for and signed forms were submitted to the Town Administrator today. The Chief was originally submitted as full-time status and that was discussed at length. Cam made a motion to notify the Selectmen the Commissioners feel the classification of full-time is inaccurate and change

that to part-time. Terry seconded the motion and all agreed. This reduces the monies the Chief will receive; however, it avoids any repercussions down the road with the State of New Hampshire.

A stipend increase for the firefighters was discussed. Presently certified men receive \$13.00 per call and the non-certified receive \$11.00 per call regardless of the length of time they are out. An increase of \$2.00 for each status with a two-hour minimum was discussed at length. Cam made a motion to increase the firefighters pay scale from the \$11/\$13 per call to \$13/\$15 per call with a two-hour minimum to be implemented July 1, 2020. Terry seconded this motion with all in favor.

Due to the shut-down the truck committee has not met. Training will start next Monday and a schedule will be discussed for the meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell
Secretary