

Rumney Fire Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2020

Commissioners present: Cam Brown, Terry French and Tim Lewis
Fire Chief: David Coursey
Secretary: Diana Kindell

Chairman Brown opened the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Bills were signed for authorization and the minutes of August 10th were approved as written.

Protective gear has been ordered and when talking with Dean Erickson, it was mentioned that the cost could be covered under Covid funding. The Chief needs to speak with the Administrative Assistant to inquire with FEMA if this can be done.

Radio quotes were reviewed and a 110 W Kenwood can be purchased for under \$2600.00 which does include programming and installation. There was discussion between a new 40 W as opposed to the 110 W and the area we are in requires the 110 W to reach dispatch from more locations. A new radio would be installed in the Forestry truck. There is a problem with the radio in Engine 3 which could be just the mic. That will be checked out. Cam made a motion to purchase two (2) Kenwood radios at \$2600 each. Tim seconded the motion and all agreed.

Another important feature for communications in this area is a cell-phone booster for the main truck. Units and pricing will be researched.

The budget review for 2021 was started. Of considerable discussion was the firefighters' stipend. It is important to compensate the men for the time they spend not only at a fire but also the time spent at the station when returning from a scene. The trucks have to be set up for the next incident, cleaned if necessary and hose tended to. Cam made a motion to change from the stipend system to an hourly system, effective immediately. Terry seconded the motion and all agreed. An increase in the stipend line of the budget reflects this change.

Due to time constraints, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm and there will be another meeting on Monday, September 21st at 6:00 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Diana Kindell
Secretary