

Rumney Fire Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2021

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

Chairman Brown opened the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Bills were signed for approval and the minutes of January 11, 2021 were approved as written.

The proposed town contracts for our coverage areas in Dorchester and Groton were reviewed and discussed. The Dorchester contract appears to be acceptable. As Groton has requested some additional services, this needs further review. The Chief will be meeting with the Groton Selectmen next week and after that time, we should be able to clarify a few details with their contract.

The use of the W. Rumney station and the asbestos in that building was discussed. A few changes could be made at the main station to move the Forestry truck here and have cold storage up there. The health hazard of the asbestos is the problem – and in researching this it appears the air quality is what determines the danger as to how many ppm of asbestos are in the air. This will be further researched. A relocation of the office would provide the necessary space to bring the truck here.

The Chief would like to speak to Charlie Buckley regarding upgrades needed at the station. The obvious is the upkeep issues such as the condition of the concrete blocks that have cracked over time and an upgrade of the doors both walk through and overhead. Other issues are the need for new offices, an improved meeting room, a bath with showers (health requirement), a ventilation system in the bays, a hose tower, improved work area and space for all the trucks. The cancer-causing carcinogens from fire residue have been addressed by the state and they have stated their requirements to address this issue.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell
Secretary