

Rumney Fire Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes  
Mach 8, 2021

Commissioners Present: Cam Brown, Tim Lewis and Terry French (at 6:30)  
Guest: James McCart  
Chief: David Coursey  
Secretary: Diana Kindell

Chairman Brown opened the meeting at 6:10 pm.

Bills were signed for approval and the minutes of February 8, 2021 was approved as written.

Town meeting is this Thursday. We do not expect any issues – no warrant articles for this department.

Town contracts – a signed copy of the contract with Groton has been received. The Chief and the Groton Selectmen are still discussing additional duties for that town. No firm agreement has been reached on inspections as needed for gas and oil installations or certain building situations.

The ventilation for the station has been discussed and a basic quote for \$50,000 to install a direct connect exhaust system was received. The Chief felt that should be incorporated in to the upgrade of the fire station rather than a stand-alone project.

Asbestos in the West Rumney station remains an issue. A phone number was provided by Terry to reach out for an inspection. It is necessary to determine the seriousness of this situation where the building is in constant use both for vehicle storage and equipment storage.

Training: A regional training will take place here on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> put on by New England Fire Training. It is an intense course for use of SCBA and search and rescue/fire fighter down with scenarios set up by NE Fire Training. About 30 people have registered for this course – from New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island. Lunch is proved by the company as well utilizing a local food supplier.

In April a hose training is being planned for the old section of Russell School which is slated to be demolished. Permission has been given to use the building during school vacation.

May holds promise of a certified rope class. This is being developed at this time.

The State's annual Warden Training is being done virtual this year. Our deputies will be attending one of these sessions. There is a new Ranger covering this area and he will be presiding over the local session.

Upcoming town projects – The Goldsmith property at Stinson Lake is planning to develop their property to include houses and a restaurant/bar.

Amanda Gordon has contacted me regarding the “glamping” project on Depot Street. We will meet here upon her return in the spring. Most important is the property access and where and what her building plans are at this time.

During a conversation with Garth Brooks of E-One, pricing for a truck comparable to E2 is now around \$465,000. As there are a few changes that would make working the truck easier, the committee will be meeting soon to discuss these. Upgrades to the controls and valves is important as would be a front hose reel for a couple of ideas. Evan, Nick and Frank will be working on the truck committee – all are drivers, have CDL's and know what is needed to do the job. Not every member is eligible to drive the trucks.

The Chief discussed some maintenance needed for his truck and requested permission to have it billed through the town. The Commissioners granted their approval for this work.

Beautiful wood signs have been donated to the department by the wood shop at MPA Career Development Center. A student living at the Beckett House on Rte 25 took great pride in creating the signs for us.

Tim Lewis is not running for re-election this year. He was thanked for being a Commissioner for the past 6 years and we know he will continue to support us through his involvement at Stinson Lake.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell  
Secretary