

TOWN OF RUMNEY
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
February 24, 2015

Present: Jerry Thibodeau, David Coursey, Cheryl Lewis Selectmen liaison, Carl Spring, Steve Weber, Rob Arey, and David Saad sitting for Brian Flynn. Also attending was Selectman Dan Kimble.

Chairman Jerry Thibodeau opened the meeting at 6:55 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The minutes of January 27, 2015 were approved as written.

The expenditures from January 1st to February 9th were reviewed.

The Select Board joined the Planning Board to discuss the upcoming joint project of updating the Capital Improvement Plan. Prior to this discussion, Steve Weber asked to clarify a situation between the Boards as to whom has authority. He felt this is a local government tool and he believed the Board of Selectmen had authority over this project. David Saad stated this is an extension of the Master Plan with Planning Board Authority. Jerry stated the Selectmen are the governing body. David Saad referred to RSA 674:5 and RSA 674:6 and interprets the Master Plan as arching over this document.

He further stated there can be flexibility on the dollar amounts and time frame, but the RSA drives this with the Planning Board having the final say. Cheryl stated the Selectmen want a cooperative effort to help them with the budget process. The dollar amount and time frame were discussed as the previous amount was \$2500 with a four-year life span. This amount after discussion was reduced to \$1000 and a three-year life span.

Dan mentioned looking at a 20-25 year plan to enable the Board to maintain the Capital Reserve Funds balances to meet future needs, especially major repairs to the town properties.

David Saad suggested creating a ten-year plan in yearly increments with a 15 and 20 year proposed amount for the long term planning. This was agreed to.

The BOS want to include more optional items (may or may not need in a current year) in this plan. They believe they had control over the funds without warrant articles and could plan better for smaller purchases. The control was questioned and will be researched as all withdrawals from the Capital Reserve Funds have been authorized by a town vote.

The information as discussed will be provided to the department heads.

Jerry questioned if anyone knew of a person who researches available grants. Could several towns join together to hire someone for this purpose?

Carl questioned if the situation at Tax Map #16-05-04 was being followed up on and Cheryl stated that yes it was.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

