

RUMNEY PLANNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 30, 2015

Present: David Coursey, Jerry Thibodeau and alternate Ken Weinig sitting for Carl Spring

Absent: Carl Spring, Brian Flynn, Steve Weber and David Saad

Selectmen: Dan Kimble and PB liaison Cheryl Lewis

Clerk: Diana Kindell

Guest: Tom Ambrose

Chairman Jerry Thibodeau opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Ambrose attended the meeting as a possible alternate to the Board. Dave C. made a motion to accept Tom as an alternate, seconded by Cheryl L. He was approved by a unanimous vote. Tom will see the Town Clerk to be sworn in to this three-year position.

Minutes: The minutes of June 9th were approved as written with Cheryl abstaining.

Budget: There were no changes to the budget.

CIP: Library – Susan Turbyne, Librarian and Roger Daniels, Lorraine Eaton and Stacie Winsor, Trustees, met with the Board to review the status of the addition in progress and discuss the future needs of the library. The downstairs area is of concern and whatever problems will surface remain unknown at this time. As a general rule the library takes care of repairs and renovations in house. However, interior finish will be needed after the current project is complete. They are also losing “stack” space on the main level and will need the lower level for book storage. Moisture and ventilation could be a problem in that area. That appears to be the most crucial upgrade (possibly whole building air conditioning with better ventilation). The apron around the building also is in need of being replaced.

Further discussion was held on the Capital Improvement Fund that presently exists for the library. It was increased to help with the cost of the addition and can now be reduced to a lower amount. It was decided \$10,000 a year would offset some of the future upgrades.

Police - Chief Miller met with the Board to discuss present and future needs for the Police Dept. Though grants are often available, they are 50/50 grants and the town's portion of the funding must be available at the time they are applied for. The equipment includes computers, radios, defibrillators, radar units, vests, tasers and cameras. Most of the items mentioned have 5-year life spans with some of the present items being out of date at this time. Therefore, a Capital Reserve Fund for equipment was the focus of the discussion, with the Selectmen as Agents of the account, starting with \$6000 and adjusting the amount as warranted.

The existing fund for vehicles will also need to be increased to keep pace with pricing increases on the units. An increase to \$10,000 yearly should suffice.

Driveway: A proposed driveway off Stone Hill Road to a land-locked property was discussed as the owner of the right-of-way to the property has opposed the location of the driveway. This is a civil matter and a letter stating that must be resolved will be sent to the party requesting this driveway.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell
Clerk