

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES

August 14, 2018

1. 7:04 pm: Gerard Thibodeau opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Gerard Thibodeau, Ken Weinig, Brian Flynn, Brad Eaton, George Bonfiglio, Dave Coursey.

**Absent:** Cheryl Lewis, Diana Kindell, Donald Winsor

**Also present:** Nick Coursey

2. The minutes were approved as written. Moved by Ken Weinig, seconded by Brad Eaton. The motion passed

3. Highway – Nick Coursey

Add Freightliner - replaced International but kept International to be used until it wears out. Used to haul gravel, sand, etc. When the F550 is replaced in 2020 Nick would like to replace it with a mid-size Freightliner (\$140,000 fully equipped). This truck should last longer than the F550 and could be used for hauling gravel.

Jerry asked Nick if he would consider having the town plow the school. Selectmen have not been asked about this yet.

Brad complimented Nick on the brickwork on the common.

Backhoe – Nick would like to move up the backhoe to 2019. A new backhoe would allow for additional equipment such as a york-rake and broom. Jerry suggested moving the F550 to 2019 and the backhoe to 2021. The F550 has been a troublesome from the start and would take considerable time to replace if it broke down during the winter. The backhoe could be replaced quickly although you would have to settle on what was available.

Grader – almost 40 years old. Needs to be replaced on schedule. Many parts are not available and must be fabricated.

Jerry asked what Nick could do to help the town. Nick suggested leasing a backhoe but Jerry (and Bob Berti) are not in favor of that. Jerry asked if Nick would be willing to move the F550 to 2019 and the backhoe to 2021 and leave the grader in 2021 (to be reviewed in 2021). The loader can stay at 2024.

Suggestion is to raise the reserves amount to \$65,00/year to cover the replacement costs.

Recap – 2019 we buy the Freightliner replacing the F550, 2020 no new equipment, 2021 we buy the backhoe and the grader. Capital funds increased to \$65,000 for 2020 and 2021 then \$75,000 starting in 2022.

George suggested we look at lease numbers and see if we could buy the equipment we need as scheduled. Nick suggested that by leasing we have equipment that is up to date and under warranty. The discussion continued about the pluses and minuses of buying vs. leasing equipment. It was suggested that we need to look at spreadsheets and see what the real numbers are.

There may be other pieces of equipment that the town will need in the future. Some equipment is being rented now and the cost of renting is uncertain.

4. Brad Eaton made a motion to adjourn and Ken Weinig seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37

Respectfully submitted

Judi Hall  
Planning Board Clerk