

TOWN OF RUMNEY
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
2/12/07

Selectmen Present: Mark Andrew, Janice Mulherin
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow
Secretary: Janet Sherburne

The meeting was opened at 7:00pm.

MINUTES: The minutes of 02-05-07 were approved.

SELECTMEN'S ISSUES:

At 7:00 the Public Budget Hearing was held. The 2007 budget and town warrant was reviewed and discussed.

The board was asked if there was a maintenance plan in place for town buildings so that a large amount of money does not have to be spent in a given year. There is not a maintenance plan in place but if there was a problem that required a large expenditure, the Town Facilities Capital Reserve Fund could be used. It was noted that Article 4 should be \$51,400. The board explained that the plan is to hire an outside company for assessing. The plan includes computerization of records by April 09. The cost will be approximately \$40,000-\$50,000 for the next three years and then the cost should decrease.

A question was asked about Article 28 which was submitted by petition. The board explained that any discussion or vote on this article is advisory only. The Selectmen have the authority to hire and fire employees. It was explained that the current assessor would continue to work on abatements and/or appeals for 2006 because these are assessment figures that he worked with.

Article 10 – Ambulance – was discussed. The formula for calculating the town's cost was explained and it was also noted that residents and/or insurance companies will be billed for services effective January 1st.

The budget hearing concluded at 8:15pm.

Sonny Ouellette-Transfer Station Superintendent – met with the board to discuss the purchase of two new containers. This is included in the 2007 budget. The containers will be available in June. The board appointed Sonny as the alternate to the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District. The Bobcat will need to be replaced next year. Sonny is looking into grants and there is one available through NH the Beautiful. He will also be able to try out some equipment over the next few months at the Transfer Station to see which piece would be best for the Transfer Station. The board also discussed an increase in the hourly rate for Transfer Station employees.

Non-Conforming Lots – A draft letter was reviewed by the board and will be sent to the Town Attorney for review. The Planning Board and selectmen would like the letter to be sent from the town attorney to landowners that have non-conforming lots.

David Burnham – Assessment – A conference call was held between Mr. Burnham and the selectmen to discuss Mr. Burnham's' current assessment.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The board received a letter from Mr. **Matregano** concerning the Cleary Property. Bill Taffe, Health Officer, will look at the property and check for septic/health concerns. The board will send a letter to Mr. Matregano notifying him that the Health Officer will be inspecting the property and will also send a letter to Mr. Cleary asking what he has done to come into compliance and requesting a meeting.

Nanian Abatement – The town received a check from the previous property owner for the timber tax that was due. Therefore, there is no need for an abatement to Mr. Nanian. The board voted unanimously to rescind the Nanian abatement that was signed last week.

Land Purchase Update - Mr. Sobetzer took some paperwork to Attorney Nizetic and the town is waiting to hear from Town Attorney, Bernie Waugh.

MRI Bill – The January bill from MRI was reviewed and will be held for confirmation on a couple of issues.

Carl Spring – Mr. Spring asked questions about the assessing companies that are being considered.

Signed: Checks; 2007 Warrant; Intent to Cut Faulkner

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Sherburne