

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
09/15/08

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

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES: The minutes of 09-08-08 were approved.

SELECTMEN'S ISSUES:

Fire Commissioners- The board met with Fire Chief, Ken Ward and Fire Commissioners Dave Coursey and Roger Winsor to discuss the status of repairs to the fire station as discussed in March of this year. The commissioners explained that they are in the process of getting a 3rd quote for the door repair; the chimney repair was delayed due to weather, but they will start to tear it down; and they will get an updated quote from Quality Insulation and one additional quote. Inner storm windows are going to be built for the 5 small windows at the fire station at a cost of approximately \$131.00 for materials. The board explained that the money budgeted for 2008 cannot be held over to next year the repairs need to be made this year if possible. The board explained the 2009 budget process will be starting soon and that all departments will be asked to start their budgets from zero. Janice asked if it was possible to look into getting together with other departments in the area for purchasing in order to get lower pricing. The commissioners are considering asking to set up a capital reserve fund for the replacement of air tanks that will be needed in 8 years.

Use of the West Rumney Fire Station was discussed. The police department needs storage for a cruiser and the board wanted to discuss this with the Chief and Commissioners. There is one bay available for a cruiser. The stairs would need to be replaced so that the upstairs could be used for storage and the door would need to be repaired and a door opener installed. The Chief and Commissioners agreed that all items currently stored upstairs could be cleaned out and thrown away.

Transfer Station – Sonny Ouellette, Transfer Station Superintendent, met with the board. He explained to the board that he needs to hire an attendant and feels that the hourly wage should be increased in order to attract applicants. The board asked Sonny to get information from some area towns on hourly rates and the board will review them.

Bus Incident – The school bus has been using the entrance to the Transfer Station as a turn-around point and has run into the fence and gate on several occasions. This happened last year and the bus company was billed for repairs. Sonny has asked for a quote from Superior Fence for repairs resulting from the last incident which occurred last week. The board will write a letter to Robertson's, with a copy to the school, asking the driver not to turn around at the Transfer Station.

Dorchester Stickers – There was an incident at the Transfer Station with a Dorchester resident who did not have a sticker. Sonny discussed sticker enforcement with Officer Miller of the Rumney Police Department and Officer Miller explained that there should be a town ordinance regarding stickers and dumping at the Transfer Station. The board will discuss this further. Dorchester residents are having trouble getting stickers due to the limited hours the Dorchester Town Office is open. The board will write a letter to the Dorchester Selectmen asking them for their cooperation with this matter and making the stickers available to their residents.

Skating Rink Update – Frosty Sobetzer met with the board to update them on the rink project. The rink has been paved and the only issue is a small portion has some pooling of water, but this should not be a problem.

The telephone poles will be placed and lights will be put up. They might not be able to put the side-boards in place for this skating season but the rink will be usable.

Road Committee – John Fucci would like to set up a meeting with the Road Committee on October 16th at 7:00pm. Anne will contact the members of the committee.

ADMINISTRATION:

Guard Rails – The Chevron signs will be ordered and placed on Cross Road and Groton Hollow Road where the guard rails were going to be placed.

Timber Tax:Cersosimo – Janice reviewed the timber tax for Cersosimo Lumber. The board agreed to revise the figure to reflect current DRA rates.

Budget Process – Anne prepared a draft letter for all departments which the board reviewed. The letter will be sent out within the next two weeks. The board discussed the budget process for the upcoming year.

Onofrio Update – Anne received an update from Matt Upton on this case. He is having difficulty getting in contact with Meg Nelson and she has not returned his telephone calls. He has filed the paperwork with the court.

Highway Chainsaw – Frank Simpson notified Anne that a chainsaw was stolen when the crew was working on Cross Road.

Anderson Road – Angela Price, a resident of Anderson Road, asked if the board could provide assistance with an issue she is having with residents of Anderson Road. This road is a private road and needs to be repaired and some residents of the road are not willing to share the cost. The board cannot assist in this matter since it is a private road.

Telephone Service – Anne suggested making some changes in the telephone service. The board discussed canceling two of the lines that come into the town office and canceling the call answering. This will save the town approximately \$80.00/month. Anne and the board agreed to make the changes.

Junkyard Update – Ken Knowlton of MRI was in to give Anne an update. The junkyard list is down to 20 properties with some problems. Ken will assist Bill Shortt with a diagram and pictures.

Bishop Driveway – Frank Simpson and Janice Mulherin have reviewed and approved the driveway.

Halloween Hours – Trick-or-Treat hours will be from 5-7 on October 31st.

M. Ashley – Intent to Cut – The board signed an intent to cut for M. Ashley 13-02-04. The town received the required \$150.00 bond.

To Sign: Checks; Intent to Cut – F. Miranda 04-02-04; M. Ashley – 13-02-04; Driveway Permit – D. Bishop 07-01-23 & 24.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Sherburne