

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
10/20/08

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 10-06-08 were approved.

SELECTMEN'S ISSUES:

Ambulance Meeting: Janice Mulherin attended the ambulance meeting and updated the board on the meeting. It was reported that ambulance runs are down, revenues are up but costs have risen so Rumney's cost for 2009 may go down a small amount. The next meeting will be held in December and new contracts will be mailed out shortly.

Haven Little Scholarship Policy: Janice drafted a policy which the board reviewed. The draft policy was forwarded to the Trustees of the Trust Funds for their review. The board will wait for the Trustees response before finalizing the policy. The board raised concerns about the trust funds and making sure the funds are insured during this unstable economic time. The board will ask the trustees to come in and discuss this.

Haunted House: There will be a haunted house open to the public on School Street in Rumney and the board would like the Fire Chief to inspect it for life/safety concerns.

Skateboard Complaint: A complaint was received from a resident about skateboarders at the Baker Athletic Field. The complaint was regarding noise and foul language. The complaint was forwarded to the Police Department and the Recreation Committee.

E-911 Mapping: Casey Gordon from the Bureau of Emergency Communication, State of NH, met with the board to discuss E-911 mapping. The bureau maps towns and the data is used for 911 dispatch purposes. This mapping is free of charge to the town and will provide paper and digital maps that can also be used by the town to supplement what is already in place. The procedure used to map the town was discussed and reviewed by the board. This project would not start until the summer of 2009. The board voted unanimously to move forward with the E-911 mapping program and signed the agreement.

Police Department: Chief Main met with the board to request equipment purchases from the 2008 budget. The 2008 budget was reviewed. Chief Main would like to purchase an in-car camera and three tasers for the department out of the 2008 budget. The Chief explained how this equipment would be used and the benefits to the department. The board will discuss this further and get back to Chief Main with their decision.

Road Committee: John Fucci updated the board on the recent Road Committee Meeting. The committee's biggest concern is the condition of bridges in town, mainly the Sand Hill Bridge. The committee feels the town should think about setting more money aside to get the bridge repaired. The State of NH has a bridge program but there are so many bridges on the list there is a chance it could be 2014 before the Sand Hill Bridge could be repaired. One suggestion is to put off town road projects for next year and put the money into bridge repair. This will be discussed further. Other matters discussed by the committee were: erosion on School House Hill, East Rumney Road; East Rumney Road permit; road projects; guard rails.

Fuel Costs: The board reviewed a draft letter to the SAU concerning the fuel costs and the price the town is now paying. The town is part of a “pool” with the SAU.

Town Property-Route 25: The BRAVO committee has proposed burning some of the property to remove brush etc. The committee has asked the boards’ permission to burn the two fields. The board discussed this and would like to see the burn plan.

ADMINISTRATION:

Fuel Assistance: Anne attended a welfare workshop recently and found out that funds can be raised privately by citizens or organizations and sent to Tri-County CAP and earmarked for Rumney residents.

Transfer Station Gate: The insurance company representing Robertson Transit will be sending a check to cover the cost to repair the gate that was backed into by the school bus.

Miranda Driveway/Logging: After reviewing the paperwork further, the road agent and the board agreed that the bond requested would be to protect the Class VI road so the bond should be a Class VI road bond. The board reviewed the wording of the permit.

Fountain Update: The fountain has been shut off and covered. John Bagley also repaired some rails at the common.

W. Rumney Fire Station: Anne contacted Jim McCart and he will repair the stairs. Someone from Tombs Overhead Doors will look at the doors.

Health Insurance: The board received word that there will be a 2.2% increase in 2009.

Junkyard Update: Anne updated the board on the status of the junkyard process. The board reviewed a report from Ken Knowlton, MRI, on the Shortt junkyard. Ken Knowlton checked on the progress at the Pat Coursey junkyard and verified that Mr. Coursey has fulfilled all of the necessary requirements. Anne asked the board members to check on a few properties to verify if they should be included on the list.

At 10:00 the board voted unanimously to enter into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A: 3II (c). At 10:10pm the board voted unanimously to leave Non-Public Session. No decisions were made.

To Sign: Checks; State of NH MAAP User Agreement

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Sherburne