

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2009

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

The meeting opened at 7:00pm.

MINUTES: The minutes of 2-2-09 were approved.

SELECTMEN:

Budget Hearing: The public hearing on the 2009 Proposed Budget and Warrant was opened at 7:30.

Approximately 17 members of the public attended the hearing. The board explained that during this budget process all departments were asked to figure their 2009 budget from a zero base. Each warrant article was reviewed and open for discussion.

Items of discussion included:

Internet expense – This is not a new expense but now it is a separate line item.

Revaluation capital reserve account.

Police Department budget – A member of the public asked if the budget could be cut since there was money not spent in 2008. The board explained that the 2009 budget was prepared from a zero base and they did not feel it included any extras. It was noted that dispatch costs were down and this is due to more calls not being forwarded to dispatch due use of the answering machine at the department.

Fire Department training and equipment – A member of the public asked if more money should be included in training rather than in new equipment.

Transfer Station – Should money be added to budget for recycling education? This could be an amendment to the budget from the floor.

W. Rumney Fire Station roof repair – Could money be taken out of the Town Facilities Capital Reserve Fund. The board explained that it could but the board feels that the roof repair is a maintenance issue and could be done out of the budget.

EMS Vehicle – The article for a new EMS vehicle was discussed.

The budget hearing concluded at 9:15pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Fire Commissioner: Roger Winsor has withdrawn his resignation and will continue to serve as a Fire Commissioner.

Transfer Station/Dorchester: The board discussed Dorchester's request further and agreed to include 9.5% of the revenues Rumney receives for recyclables in the formula used to figure Dorchester's cost to use the Transfer Station. Anne will revise the 2009 contracts. The population figures will also be adjusted.

Skating Rink: Some residents have asked why the rink was not plowed off. Volunteers clear off the rink; it is not done by the town so it is cleared off when the volunteers are available.

To Sign: Checks; 2009 Budget and Warrant; MS-6

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Sherburne