

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
09/21/09

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

The Board met at 6:45. Bill Taffe gave them a tour of the new ambulance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10. Chairman Andrew went over the new agenda format. The change was made to make the meetings as efficient as possible as they begin their busy budget season. The chairman will follow the agenda timeframe allowing for two opportunities for public comment.

**MINUTES** – The minutes of September 14, 2009 were accepted as written.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – John Bagley asked to have the Selectmen's agenda posted the Friday before their meetings. He suggested posting it on the website. It would be difficult to coordinate having one of the two people that work on the website here at the same time the draft agenda is completed. Anne will post a draft agenda on the outside bulletin board at the town office on Friday afternoons.

**COMMON/TREE PLANTING** – John received feedback from several townspeople on their thoughts of what should and/or could be done in the Common to remove some of the diseased trees and make room for new ones. This is a follow-up to a request to plant a tree in memory of some loved ones. The Board has agreed to let the family plant a tree; however, before any new trees can go in, some of the diseased trees need to come down and their roots removed. Anne will check with Frank to see if the highway crew can take the trees down. The Board did agree that no more plaques will be placed on the trees or around the common. The Board is still looking into their options. There was some discussion about coming up with a policy for these types of requests to make sure there is consistency with the process going forward. Anne will pass this information on to the interested party.

**TRANSFER STATION OFFICE** – John updated the Board on the status of the office. There was more electrical work necessary than originally planned. The electrician has donated his time to this point; he will be submitting an invoice for the remainder of the work. Additional materials are also needed to complete the project. The Board authorized the purchase of the additional materials.

**TRANSFER STATION/USED OIL TANK** – The tank will be moved to a location that is undercover, keeping water out and avoiding any damage to the new office. Before the tank can be moved, it needs to be drained. Sonny will see that it gets done.

**CAMPTON OLD HOME DAY** – Janice suggested a follow-up letter be sent to the Campton Selectmen inquiring about their plans are for their 2010 Old Home Day celebration and if they have considered changing the date. Rumney has been celebrating this the second Saturday of August for many years. This year Campton held theirs the same weekend which caused conflicts for both with scheduling of vendors, parade participants, and visitors.

**GUARDRAILS** – Road Agent Frank Simpson met with the Board to go over the areas that have been designated for the guardrails – two locations on Buffalo Road (near T. Keyes and H. Hillman's). The bid process was discussed. Frank and Anne will put the job out to bid; bids will be due on Monday, October 5, 2009.

**BUDGETS** – The Board reviewed their budget procedures. All budgets are due by November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The **tentative** schedule for budget presentations are:

November 2 - Police

November 9 - Fire, EMS and Emergency Management

November 16 - Highway and Transfer Station

November 23 - Library, Cemeteries, Other

November 30 - Administrative and Town Clerk/Tax Collector

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

- **Historical Society Roof Job** – The contractor is planning a November 1 start date.
- **Hunter Permit** – no new information from Bruce Barnard.
- **DRA's Assessment Review** – This year all Veteran's Credits, Exemptions and Current Use need to be updated to make sure there is accurate paperwork on file for each. The Exemptions are completed; the Board will be reviewing the Veteran's Credits over the next several weeks. Current Use updates will follow.
- **Temporary Alternative Duty Policy** – The Board reviewed and accepted the draft policy. The policy will be drawn up for signatures on October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Longyear Museum Parking Lot Follow-up** – Following a request from Longyear as to why the parking lot did not have tax exempt status, the Board asked Assessor Mark Nieder to take a look at the property and give them a recommendation. Mr. Nieder said that because the property is not legally encumbered and not easily defined he was not able to come up with an adjustment amount. Following some discussion, the Board agreed not to grant tax exempt. A letter will be sent to Longyear stating the above.
- **CNP/Contract** – CNP notified the Board the new assessments have been delayed approximately six weeks due mainly to the computer issues the town office experienced earlier this year. CNP hopes to notify taxpayers of their values by mid November, followed by optional informal reviews and then the final values. After the values are finalized, a tax rate will be set and bills will be mailed around the first of December. Because there could be a cash flow problem in November and early December the Board will contact the Grafton County Commissioners and request an extension, if necessary, for the County's substantial annual payment due in mid December as well as School Superintendent Mark Halloran.

#### **UPCOMING**

- 9/24 - Anne will attend a budget workshop.
- 9/25 - EMS Director Bill Taffe and Anne will meet with a representative from Comstar to discuss ambulance billing procedures.
- 9/28 - No Selectmen's meeting
- Week of 9/28 - Mark will be out of town; Anne will be on vacation
- 10/5 - Department Head Meeting/Budget Kick-off

**SIGNED** – Checks; Refund – J. Blake; Veterans' Credit updates; Contract – Joe Santamaria Construction.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00

Respectfully submitted,

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