

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
12/14/09

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

Public: Jim Buttolph
Advisory Board Members: John Bagley, Jerry Thibodeau

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of 12-07-09 were approved.

Privilege of the Floor:

John Bagley had a question about notification to the Planning Board of pending applications for liquor licenses in town. He feels that the Planning Board should receive a copy of the letters/notices the town receives concerning pending licenses so they have the opportunity to voice any concerns. In the future, the Planning Board will receive copies of these notices.

Gerry Thibodeau asked if the town had received information from the Health Agencies the town allocates money to. The town has received the financial information from the agencies and it is available for the public to look at.

Jim Buttolph asked what the upcoming schedule would be for the budget process. The Draft Budget should be complete by the second week of January. Jim also asked about the deadline for submissions for the Town Report. The deadline for Town Report information is January 15th.

SELECTMENS ISSUES:

Plowing Procedures: The board met with Frank Simpson, Road Agent and Tom Grabiek to discuss plowing procedures. Mr. Grabiek had some concerns regarding the frequency of plowing on Stone Hill Road. Frank explained the procedure he and the crew follow for plowing which depends on the total snowfall and type of snow. There are three plowing routes which take approximately 2-2 1/2 hours to complete and the roads are scraped before being sanded. If necessary, a truck with a wing may come back around to wing back the snow.

Taser Policy: The board will request to see a copy of the Taser Policy from the Police Department.

Assessment Values: The board reviewed the new values, all adjustments have been made. The board voted unanimously to accept the 2009 Rumney Revaluation Values from CNP. It was noted that the total values are down 5%. CNP had a total of 60 appointments with taxpayers to discuss values. The appointments were held in person and by telephone.

BUDGETS:

A draft budget will be available before the board meets with the Advisory Board on December 21st. Miscellaneous Budgets were reviewed including: Technical Support and New Equipment under Financial Administration; Revaluation/Legal; Government Buildings-Fire Department Maintenance; Health/Welfare; Street Lights; Landfill Closure. All of these items will be discussed further and changes may need to be made. Employee Benefits will be discussed on December 21st and Salaries on January 4th.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

G. Coursey-Timber Tax Bond: Mr. Coursey customarily pays and estimated timber tax and he would like to do this for the USFS project. The estimated tax is \$143.00.

Tax Rate: The DRA has the necessary information and is reviewing it in preparation for setting the tax rate.

Buffalo Road Washout: The cost to for materials and material placement to repair the washout will be approximately \$4500-\$5000. Anne will work on the permit process and the board will invite the Kenistons to come in to discuss the repair plans before any work is started. The repairs will not be made until next year.

Privilege of the Floor:

Jim Buttolph asked about the possibility of performing an audit of bags thrown into the compactor at the Transfer Station and what penalties there are for people who do not comply with the recycling rules.

John Bagley asked about the Tasers purchased by the Police Department. He wanted to know how this purchase was slipped into the budget. Mark Andrew explained that the tasers were included under the new equipment line item in the Police Budget.

Gerry Thibodeau suggested that insurance go out to bid every three years.

Signed: Checks; Veterans Credit Updates; MS-1; Ratio Study Cover Sheet; Lease Agreement – Town & Historical Society; Intent to Cut – Wilcox (10-02-02) and Kin (12-15-16); Shortts Junkyard License

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet C. Sherburne, Secretary