

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
12/21/09

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

Public: Brett Miller
Advisory Board Members: John Bagley, Jerry Thibodeau, Roger Daniels, Mike Lonigro

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of 12-14-09 were approved.

Privilege of the Floor:

John Bagley asked why a letter received by the town concerning a pending liquor license was not included in the Selectmen's Meeting minutes. The board explained that this letter was in the Selectmen to View folder, was reviewed by the board members and there was no action necessary.

SELECTMENS ISSUES:

Tax Rate: The board reviewed the information and figures for setting the tax rate and discussed a few scenarios. The board agreed they would like to maintain approximately 9% in the surplus and will have the DRA run figures using that amount. The total valuations are down 5%. Anne will contact the DRA on Tuesday.

Appointment to Advisory Board: The board voted unanimously to appoint Roger Daniels to the Advisory Board to fill out the remainder of Calvin Perkins term.

Taser Policy Follow-up: The board reviewed the Police Department's Use of Force and Non-Lethal Weapon Policy (policies are for internal use only).

Groton Wind Farm Draft Agreement: The board reviewed a draft agreement that the Groton Wind Farm has drawn up for the Town of Rumney. The board discussed this and agreed to meet with the Fire Chief, Police Chief and EMS Director before they sign the agreement.

Advisory Board: Members of the Advisory Board met with the Selectmen to review the DRAFT 2010 Budget. The Advisory members asked if this was the final budget and the board explained that it was not because the selectmen wanted to get the Advisory Board's input before the budget was finalized. The Advisory Board stated that they wanted to see the final budget before they vote on their opinion of the final figures. The Advisory Board also asked if employee salaries were being held this year and the selectmen explained they have not reviewed salaries yet or made any decisions regarding salaries.

The budget was reviewed line by line. Items discussed included office supplies; telephone expenses; law books; technical support for computers; revaluation; legal; government building expenses. Discussion about the Police Department Budget included specials and the number of hours they worked, special detail hours, training, uniforms, legal assistance, office supplies, new equipment. The Advisory Board would like to see the Police Department budget level funded and the new equipment line item be changed to \$0. The entire budget was not reviewed so the Advisory Board will meet with the Selectmen again on January 4, 2010 to complete the review.

Administrative:

Hunter Permit: The paperwork has been submitted to the State of NH for review.

CNP Sales Book: CNP (the assessing company) has provided the town with a 2009 Property Tax Revaluation handbook containing general information, sales analysis and the USPAP Manual.

Privilege of the Floor: No Comments

Signed: Checks; Intent to Cut – F. Miranda; Health Officer Nomination – B. Taffe; W. Comp Notice of Compliance; Appointment – Roger Daniels to Advisory Board

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet C. Sherburne, Secretary