

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
2/1/2010

Selectmen Present: Mark Andrew, Janice Mulherin
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow
Secretary: Janet Sherburne
Public: Jerry Thibodeau
The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of 1-25-2010 were approved.

Privilege of the Floor: The board reviewed a letter regarding the McGinnis property. In the past the bills have been split between five owners. The new tax system only issues one bill for the properties. In the past there also were five inventory forms sent for each property and inventory penalties have been billed over the years when all five inventories were not returned. The property owners have asked that the inventory penalties be abated. The board reviewed the information and agreed to abate the penalties.

SELECTMEN'S ISSUES:

Selectmen's Report: The Selectmen reviewed the Selectmen's Report for the annual town report.

Ed Doggett: Mr. Doggett met with the board to review the repairs needed to the 2001 cruiser. He provided a history of maintenance and repairs to the cruiser. He has checked over the vehicle and there is approximately \$1500-\$1600 worth of repairs needed for inspection, not including body work needed because of rust. Mark Andrew asked if Mr. Doggett felt it was worth repairing to get another year of use from the cruiser. Mr. Doggett explained that the town has been fortunate that no major repairs have been necessary but the cost for body work and mechanical repairs to the cruiser for two more years of use would be \$5,000 or more. The board has asked Chief Main to take the cruiser to the Ford dealer for a second estimate.

Frosty Sobetzer-Baker Athletic Field: Frosty Sobetzer and Ethan Rigoli met with the board and presented a proposal for a sign at the Baker Athletic Field. The blank sign is already in place. The top of the sign would read "Baker Athletic Field". Ethan Rigoli has designed a logo for the bottom portion of the sign. The board reviewed the logo and approved of the concept and had a few suggestions. The board asked that a sample of the logo be prepared and be presented for review during voting day and town meeting so the public can give their opinions. Frosty explained that there is money in the Recreation Fund for the sign; no town money will be used.

Jim Buttolph – Moderator: Mr. Buttolph met with the board to review the town warrant and discuss procedures for town meeting. Mr. Buttolph explained that he will have printed rules for town meeting to hand out.

Police Commission: The board discussed the petition article that was submitted for the formation of a police commission. The legal opinion from the town attorney was reviewed as well as the RSA pertaining to the commission.

Fire Commissioners: Commissioners David Coursey and Jim McCart met with the board to review warrant articles pertaining to the Fire Department. The board asked if the commissioners had figures for Fire Department Building Maintenance. After discussion, the board agreed to increase the line item for fire dept. building maintenance to \$5,500 to include; mowing, water cooler, labor for painting the outside of the building, insulation and construction of a drain along side the building. The board discussed the "water supply" article with the commissioners and explained that the board wants a written maintenance plan for all hydrants before any money is spent. The wording "non-lapsing" will be added to Article 28 in case the money is not used in

2010. Dave Coursey explained to the board that 22 air bottles had to be sent out and filled. This was not budgeted for in the 2010 proposed fire department budget. The board agreed to increase the breathing equipment line item to \$1300.00 to cover the additional costs.

Privilege of the Floor 2: Jerry Thibodeau told Dave Coursey that he has two fire ponds on his property that could be used. Dave Coursey will look at them in the spring when they are accessible. Mr. Thibodeau also commented on using the highway crew and funds to put in the drainage/catch basin at the fire department; asked if the warrant article for the police cruiser was for a 4x4 vehicle and if the amount requested was enough; discussed with the board whether the RSA pertaining to the police commission could be made available to the public on voting day (the board will check with the town moderator on this issue); notified the board that he has asked the school board about including a link to the school website on the town website but has not had any feedback and suggested that Privilege of the Floor 1 be moved to a later time in the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

New England Fellowship Request: The NEF has asked about buying sand from the town for use at the fellowship. The board discussed this request and feels that because the roads in the fellowship are private roads and not town maintained the NEF should purchase the sand from someone else.

Buffalo Road Bridges: The board received some comments and concerns about logging trucks going over the small bridges on Buffalo Road. The board discussed this and acknowledges the concerns but feels the bridges will not be damaged.

Taxes Collected to Date: The first tax bill of 2009 is 98% collected and the second bill is approximately 78% collected.

Correspondence: The board received official notification from the NH Highway Safety Agency that the grant for the radar trailer has been approved.

PowerPoint Budget Presentation: The board reviewed the power point presentation which will be used for the budget hearing on February 8th.

Signed: Checks; Tax Abatements – McGinnis & BRY; Highway Safety Grant (Speed Enforcement)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet C. Sherburne, Secretary