

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
01/30/2012

Selectmen: Cheryl Lewis, Janice Mulherin, Mark Andrew
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m.

Lewis Mattson submitted a petitioned warrant article for a "High Voltage Electrical Transmission Line Ordinance". This will be included on the 2012 warrant. February 7th is the last day to turn in petitioned warrants to the Selectmen's Office.

MINUTES: The minutes of 01-24-12 were accepted as amended.

APPOINTMENTS

Frank Simpson met with the Board to discuss the highway equipment purchase. Frank and the Board agreed to replace the 2004 Ford F-550 this year and consider a backhoe purchase next year. Frank will get some prices on trucks before the budget hearing which is scheduled for February 13th.

Frank is planning to purchase stone this week, as budgeted, but requested the Board's approval of the purchase as it will exceed \$500. The Board authorized the purchase.

SELECTMEN'S ISSUES

Groton Selectmen Request – The Board received a letter from the Groton Selectmen asking for reimbursement of the payroll taxes and administrative fees they paid in 2011 which were included in the quarterly billings for the calls our firemen responded to. In previous years, these charges were not included in their bills. In 2011 the Selectmen's Office took over the billings and began taking the required payroll taxes out but did not clearly state in their 2011 contract that they would be billed for such. The Board agreed to reimburse them the \$103.60 they requested. The terms have been clarified in the 2012 contract.

Ellsworth – Compensation for Fire Calls – The Board received a letter from the Ellsworth Administrative Assistant referencing a 1998 Rumney Selectmen's meeting and a related correspondence dated March 2, 1998, from the Ellsworth Board of Selectmen. The Ellsworth Selectmen have always understood the agreement with the Rumney Fire Department to be a flat rate per year. She explained that signed contracts have not historically been returned to Rumney from Ellsworth because they included wording about hourly compensation which was not agreed to at that 1998 selectmen's meeting. It is the Rumney's position that an agreement made 14 years ago between a two different boards of selectmen does not bind them to the same terms today. The Selectmen feel that it is only fair that the town be reimbursed for the compensation of the firemen when they respond to calls in other towns. The Board will send a letter asking them to return the signed contracts this year indicating that they do accept these terms or contact our office to schedule a meeting to discuss the matter further.

Wentworth Emergency Calls – The Board sent a letter to the Wentworth selectmen asking them if they wanted Rumney to continue to respond to emergency calls in the South Wentworth area; if so, then some type of an agreement needs to be worked out between the two towns. If not, Lakes Region Mutual Aid will be notified to take Rumney off the call list for that area. Rumney will continue to respond to any and all mutual aid calls.

Salaries/Wages/Benefits – After some discussion the Board agreed to a 3% increase for hourly and salaried employees for 2012. The Board also agreed to increase the percentage of health insurance the employees pay from 5% to 6% this year with incremental increases over the next several years with a goal of 10%.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – None

ADMINISTRATIVE

Policies – The Board reviewed a draft Investment Policy and Fund Balance Policy. They will need some more information but will continue to review them with a goal of adopting them by March 1.

Veteran's Credit – The Board approved a Veteran's Credit.

Energy Audit – The Board agreed to have a conference call on February 27 to go over the results of the audit on the office building.

SIGNED: Checks; Comstar 2012 Rate Change Form; Wentworth Selectmen; Ellsworth Selectmen; Emergency Contracts – Dorchester, Groton, Ellsworth; Transfer Station Contract – Dorchester; NH DRA MA-60A Form – Audit Option & Schedule; Letter Agreement – H.E. Bergeron Engineers, Inc. – BCA; Veterans' Credit – MacLean; Iberdrola Renewables – Supplier ACH Authorization Form;

UPCOMING:

- 02/03 Last day to file for town office with Town Clerk (open until 5:00 p.m.)
- 02/06 Selectmen's Meeting
- 02/07 Last day to submit petitioned warrant articles to Selectmen's Office
- 02/07 Pemi-Baker School District Deliberative Session – High School @ 6:30
- 02/08 Russell School Deliberative Session – Russell School @ 6:30
- 02/13 Budget Hearing – Town Budget and Warrant – Russell School @ 7:00

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant

