

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
10/01/12

Selectmen: Mark Andrew, Cheryl Lewis, Ed Haskell
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow

Chairman Mark Andrew opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

David Coursey, Fire Commissioner stopped in with Rebecca Bordonaro to announce that Rebecca was the recipient of the David F. Dow Memorial EMS Provider of the Year. Rebecca is a member of the Rumney Fire Department and EMS Squad. The ceremony was held on September 24, 2012 at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord. Members of the town's fire department and EMS, along with family and friends, attended the ceremony. The Board extended their congratulations.

Residents' Forum opened at 7:05 p.m.

David Saad asked the Board if the Rumney School District was a subdivision of the town. The Board did not know answer but will make some contacts to see if they can get an answer to his question. The Forum concluded at 7:10 p.m.

Administrative

Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District – Hauling and Tipping Contract with NCES – Sonny Ouellette, Transfer Station Superintendent explained that the PBSWD has reached an agreement with North Country Environmental Services for a 10-year contract for solid waste disposal and hauling. Sonny explained that the rates agreed to were lower than the present ones. Before the Board signs a contract for the service, they asked Sonny to check with a few other vendors for their rates and terms for hauling and disposal.

Ken Weinig, owner of property on Lower Doetown Road, (a Class VI road) is requesting to do some work on the road and has asked for the Board's permission to do so. The Board approved his request subject to Mr. Weinig checking with the Road Agent on the planned improvements.

Comstar – There are still two outstanding bills. Before the Board writes them off, letters will be sent to the individuals requesting payment; a letter will be sent to the Groton Selectmen asking for assistance with one of the bills.

Selectmen

Programmable Thermostats – Mark looked into the thermostats for the town office; he can get them for \$46 each (7-day/2-4 cycles/day) with a manual override. The Board agreed to have Mark pick these up. The thermostats were one of the steps recommended in last year's energy audit for the town office.

7:30 Department Heads/Advisory Committee - Budget Meeting

Present: Kathy Sobetzer, Sonny Ouellette, Linda Whitcomb, Bill Main, John Bagley, Ed Openshaw, Roger Daniels, Mike Lonigro,

Chairman Andrew asked department heads to begin with a "0" budget and indicate the department's needs with sufficient supporting documentation and justification for the amounts requested. Copies of Chief Main's 2012 police budget were handed out as an good example of the detail the Board is looking for. The budgets are due in the Selectmen's Office by October 24, 2012.

Kathy Sobetzer, Cemetery Trustee, had questions regarding work need done on surveys, etc. Mark asked that they include as much information as they can on their budget. The Board will discuss it with them later on in the budget process.

Privilege of the Floor – None

Frank Simpson – met with the Board to discuss several Highway Department purchases. Cutting edges – budgeted item, approximately \$2,300; Signage – budgeted item, 20 pylons – approximately \$360, waiting on purchasing any barricades due to lack of storage space – Board approved purchases.

Selectmen's Issues

Driveways - Rumney Ecological Systems – Mark explained that more work needs to be done to trim the bank back along with additional ditching and crowning. John Bagley will be meeting with Betty Jo Taffe to go over the improvements the RDU is requesting. **McCart** – The Planning Board does not have an issue with the driveway because it has been there for some time; the Selectmen have concerns because the poured slab is higher than the pavement and may catch the wing when plowing. The Board asked Frank to meet with Mr. McCart again to see what they could adjust to make the situation work. Frank agreed to meet with him. If necessary, they will ask Mr. McCart to attend another meeting.

Road Committee Meeting – Mark would like to schedule a Road Committee meeting for Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes – The minutes of 09-24-2012 were accepted as written.

Planning Board – Mark reported that the Planning Board is satisfied with the issues they had with Brian Paquette's property at 2 Quincy Road; he still needs to meet the Fire Department requirements. There was discussion about input on the application for the wine and beer license he is applying for. Once Mr. Paquette has applied for the license, the State Liquor Commission will provide the town with the notice of the application which will inform them that data, views, comments, etc. may be submitted to the Commission for their review before they finalize their decision. Mark said it would up to the individuals with concerns to submit their information themselves. One option discussed was to post the letter on the website informing people of their opportunity to submit comments. No final decisions were made.

Grafton County Commissioners' Decision on Dispatch Services – After reviewing the Commissioners' minutes from their August 28th meeting, the Board asked Chief Main to come in and go over some of the statements made by Sheriff Dutile and Director Andross. Sheriff Dutile stated that he had been made aware of only 1 of the 4 instances listed in the Selectmen's August 10th letter. Chief Main explained that all four instances were brought to the dispatcher's attention; he was not in control of what the dispatcher passed on to his/her superiors. The instances were reported.

Chief Main said he did not think the Town was in the ha _____ receive. If there are liquidated damages/costs associated with the switch of dispatch services from Grafton to Plymouth, the Town will pay for those. The Board will request a meeting with the Commissioners and Chief Main to review this matter.

Selectperson Lewis said that it would be helpful if Chief Main would keep the Board up to date on an ongoing basis with any dispatch service issues.

Correspondence:

1. The Board received a letter of resignation from Bill Taffe as Emergency Management Director effective immediately. The Board was sorry to receive this letter; Bill has done a lot for the town in his position as Emergency Management Director.
2. Received - a copy of a letter from David and Elise Saad to the Planning Board about a non-public session at their August 14, 2012 meeting.
3. LCHIP – The Town is in receipt of \$10,000 from LCHIP, according to the Project Agreement between them and the Town of Rumney for the library.
4. The Board received a letter from Diana Kindell, Clerk of the Planning Board regarding the August 27th meeting and a letter from Tom Grabiek to the Selectmen. Her letter stated that the Planning Board was not necessarily in agreement with all the statements made Mr. Grabiek made in his letter; a copy of Mr. Grabiek's resignation as Chairman of the Planning Board was also attached.
5. Request from Tom and Kathy Wallace that as plans for the Buffalo Road bridge are discussed, they ask that the level of their house be taken into consideration; they also noted that there has been some recent seepage under the bridge. Anne will ask Frank to take a look at it.

Job Descriptions/Evaluations – The Board would like to meet with Sonny, Frank and Bill, individually, on October 15th to go over their job descriptions and then again on October 22nd to go over their evaluations. Anne will schedule the appointments.

Personnel Policies – The Board will work on the policy sections: Comp Time, Over-time, Employee Status (exempt or non-exempt) and review them on October 15th.

Signed: Checks;

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant

Upcoming 10/8 Office Closed – Columbus Day – No Selectmen's Meeting
 10/15 Selectmen's Meeting
 10/22 Selectmen's Meeting
 10/24 Budgets Due
 10/29 Selectmen's Meeting