

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
10/15/12

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

Chairman Mark Andrew opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Minutes – The minutes of 10-01-12 were accepted with corrections.

Privilege of the Floor

Ray Valentin, Assistant Emergency Management Director, reported that he met with Bill Taffe and discussed the role of Emergency Management Director with him. Mr. Taffe resigned from his position as director on October 1, 2012. Mr. Valentin is interested in the position; he has attended various emergency management classes and feels he can handle the job. The Board will get the paperwork together for his appointment.

Mr. Valentin said the generator purchase, voted in at the 2012 town meeting, is not possible this year due to the timeframe involved with applying for the grant, etc. Mark said because there was a separate warrant article specifically for the generator purchase, the funds appropriated for the purchase can be encumbered at the end of this year and used in 2013.

Jerry Thibodeau said the School Board will hold an informational meeting at the Russell School on Wednesday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss various heating system options they have explored to replace the current one at the school.

Appointments

Voices Against Violence representatives Patricia Rella and Sally Bevin met with the Board to ask the Board to consider an appropriation of \$2,200 for their organization for 2013. Their calls for service continue to increase while their State and Federal funding continues to decrease. The Board said they will consider their request for the 2013 budget.

Sonny Ouellette, Transfer Station Superintendent, met with the Board to go over the evaluation form and process they will be using this year.

The department heads will be given a copy of their job description and asked to fill out a copy of the same evaluation form the Board will be using. The Board would like the department heads' copies turned in to them by next week. The Board will review the department head's response as they collectively complete an evaluation for that person. The Board will go over the evaluation with the department head the same date they present their budgets.

Commercial Trash Hauling – Sonny has had a request from an individual who would like to do some commercial trash hauling for Rumney residents. Before any decisions are made, the Board will request a meeting with the person and Sonny to discuss the town's regulations for commercial hauling and work out an agreement that will be fair to all parties. Sonny will get the current information on commercial hauling to Anne.

Frank Simpson, Road Agent, met with the Board to go over the evaluation form and process they will be using this year.

Also discussed:

1. McCart Driveway Frank met with Jim McCart, per the Board's request, to discuss concerns and possible remedies to the driveway/garage issue. Frank said there was no need for further action by either party; he does not think there will be a problem with it.
2. Buffalo Road Bridge – Per the Board's request, Frank did inspect the bridge after the Wallace's reported some "seepage" underneath. He did not feel there was any more than there had been in the past. The State DOT also had inspected the bridge; a report from them should be forthcoming.
3. Dan Tobine will be participating in a grader training course this week; Frank and Nick Coursey will be participating in a backhoe training course next week.

Bill Main, Police Chief, met with the Board to go over the evaluation form and process they will be using this year. Chief Main recommended that rather than having the department heads turn in their evaluation forms to the Board ahead of time, they wait and go over them together at the time the Board presents their evaluation to the department head. The Board agreed. Anne will notify Sonny and Frank of the change in the process.

Also discussed:

1. Political Signs – Chief Main asked the Board if they had given permission to anyone to put political signs in the small island area at the beginning of East Rumney Road. The Board said they have not given permission to anyone to do so anywhere in town. The Chief will ask those responsible for the signs to remove them.
2. Grafton County Dispatch/Commissioners – after further discussion on this matter, Chief Main recommended that the Board send the amount due for the days of service the town used in July before changing over to Plymouth.
3. Cheryl Lewis asked what the procedure/process was when there is an animal control complaint/issue. Animal Control Officer Dave Learned is called when he is available; if he is not, the officer on duty handles the call. The same goes for transporting animals when necessary. Chief Main said these matters are often civil ones that should be settled between the two parties. The department handles the occasional criminal case if Rumney is the department that answers the call.
4. Trick or Treat hours will be Wednesday, October 31 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
5. Ms. Lewis asked the Chief about his timecard; his had not been turned in yet because he was out sick for the day but had come in for the meeting.

Administrative

1. The Road Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 24th has been rescheduled to Tuesday, October 23rd due to the conflict with the School Board's informational meeting on the 24th.
2. A letter was received from the State DOT announcing that in an effort to save money, the State will be shutting off numerous street lights throughout the State. In Rumney the light at the Rest Area will be turned off. Anne said there are in excess of 25 other street lights located throughout the town on State roads that the town currently pays for. She will look into why the State doesn't pay for these; maybe some of them can be shut off as well.
3. Per the Selectmen's request, Janet Sherburne provided the Board with answers to their questions regarding several bookkeeping matters. One of the main issues has been the tracking of certain hours. However, due to the limitations of the current accounting software, some types of compensated hours are not able to be tracked.

4. Library-LCHIP Project – Tom Wallace provided the town with two copies of the survey, recently completed by Kevin French, of the area around the Library, Baptist Church and Historical Society. The survey indicates that the land owned by the town around the library is minimal. Depending on the scope of the library project that is chosen, the Town may have to work with the church on some additional land acquisition. An appointment will be set up with Mr. Wallace in the near future so he can discuss this further with the Board.
5. Sonny Ouellette submitted the Transfer Station's 3rd quarter report; recycling markets are down considerably over last year's.
6. Anne referred the Board to the written update on the NHEC 2010 and 11 appeals in the "To View" folder.
7. November 6 Election – Mark will not be available that day; Cheryl and Ed will share the responsibilities for the day.
8. Tax Rate – Anne reported that as of today, the State has not set any appointments for tax rates. They are still waiting for various "numbers" to come in. The State's delay in setting these rates could push the due date for taxes into January of 2013 for all communities.

Selectmen's Issues

1. Saad's question follow-up – With input from Superintendent Mark Halloran and the LGC's staff attorneys, the Board answered the Saad's question in a letter to them stating that the "Rumney School District is not a subdivision of the Town of Rumney". They provided supporting documentation with their answer.
2. An application for a Veteran's credit was reviewed and granted by the Board; it will take effect in 2013.
3. The Board received a letter from the State Liquor Commission notifying them that Bear None, LLC (new owners of the Stinson Mountain Grill) has applied for a liquor license and asking that comments or concerns be sent to them for their consideration. Before responding, the Board will ask Bear None to meet with them or provide them with their hours, etc. and make sure they are aware of the town's Disorderly Actions Ordinance.
4. Request for Septic Approvals:
 - a. 12-07-32 – Bry Harv Properties – plan submitted for new residence located on Lot #2. There were several discrepancies with the plans; Anne will notify the designer of the Board's questions and ask that the plans be resubmitted with the necessary information.
 - b. 16-06-08 – Failed system; designer Bruce Barnard submitted plans for the replacement system. Seeing no problems, the plans were approved and signed.
5. Rumney Ecological Systems Driveway – Mark said that John Bagley and Dave Coursey had met with members of the RES and discussed what was needed to comply with the driveway regulations. The Planning Board followed up their visit with a letter summarizing their meeting.
6. Purchasing Policy – The Board discussed again purchasing threshold amounts and what process should be followed by the department heads for the various thresholds. Anne will forward a draft of the policy to the Board for their review next week. The Board would like to have this policy in place for the beginning of 2013. Jerry Thibodeau said he thought the Board should consider using purchase orders. After some discussion, the Board does not think purchase orders are necessary with the process that is currently in place and used by all departments.
7. Non-Public Sessions
 - a. A motion to enter nonpublic session was made by Cheryl Lewis, seconded by Ed Haskell under RSA 91-A:3, II (a). The Board voted 3-0 to enter nonpublic session at 9:35 p.m. A motion to seal the minutes was made, seconded and voted 3-0 to do so. A motion was made to leave nonpublic session at 9:45 p.m. by Mark Andrew, seconded by Cheryl Lewis and passed 3-0.
 - b. A motion to enter non-public session was made by Cheryl Lewis seconded by Ed Haskell under RSA 91-A:3, II (a). The Board voted 3-0 to enter nonpublic session at 9:50 p.m. A motion to leave nonpublic session was made at 10:00 p.m. by Mark Andrew, seconded by Ed Haskell and passed 3-0. No decisions were made.

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8. The schedule for budget presentations was discussed.
9. The Board discussed how they will do their department head evaluations. They agreed to go over them together next week.

Signed: Checks; Intent to Cut – B. Barlow; State of NH – Polling Place Notice; Veteran's Credit; Septic Plans for replacement system/Ziegler 16-06-08

Upcoming: 10/17 Representative from Senator Ayotte's Office will be at the Town Office from 9-10 a.m.
10/22 Selectmen's Meeting
10/23 Road Committee Meeting – 7:00 at the Town Office
10/24 Budgets Due, Rumney School Board Informational Meeting, School, 7:00 p.m. Heating System Options
10/29 Selectmen's Meeting
10/30 Planning Board
10/31 Halloween – Trick or Treat 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant