

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
11/05/12

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

Chairman Mark Andrew opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

**Residents' Forum** – There were no public comments or concerns.

Selectmen's Issues

1. School Heating System - Mark reported on the informational meeting held at the school last week regarding the replacement of the current heating system with a type of biomass system. The one being proposed (estimated cost \$400,000-\$700,000) still will not take care of the heating needs throughout the entire building. School Board member Jerry Thibodeau was present tonight and answered some questions. Mark said he felt that more information was needed and more options explored before this comes up for a vote in March.
2. Road Committee Recap of October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
3. Purchasing Policy – The Board voted 3-0 to adopt the Purchasing Policy they have completed. The new policy will go into effect in 2013.
4. Tax Rate – The Board reviewed the proposed rate from the DRA; they voted 3-0 to take \$45,000 from unreserved fund balance to help offset the rate. The 2012 tax rate will be \$19.74 per thousand, a \$0.54 increase over last year's rate of \$19.20.
5. Minutes of 10/22/12 were accepted with some corrections. The minutes of their work session on 11/01/12 were accepted with one change. At the 11/01/12 meeting the Board voted to seal minutes from a non-public session. At tonight's meeting, Mark made a motion to unseal the minutes of that non-public session, Ed Haskell seconded it; the Board voted 3-0 to unseal those minutes.

**Budget Presentations**

**Planning Board** – Diana Kindell and John Bagley presented their 2013 budget:

1. Increased Clerk's hours
  - a. Increased hours for working on Capital Improvement Plan
  - b. Continuing to update rules and regulations, i.e. Driveway Regs (gave the Board a copy of the draft changes)
2. Code Enforcement – plan to continue with enforcing non-conforming lots; possible to encumber these unused funds again in 2013? Anne will check with DRA.
3. Requested the Selectmen serve as "Regulator" on drilling and blasting activities
4. Legal budget – increased to \$5,000 for Planning Board – working on blasting regulations, enforcement, etc.

**Cemetery Trustees** – Kathy Sobetzer and Dave Berman presented their 2013 budget:

1. Changes - Perpetual care labor will now be paid from the trust funds and all other expenses will come from the tax dollars raised at town meeting.
2. Increase in funds requested from trust funds

3. Fence maintenance , repairs and replacements are needed
4. Updated maps for Pleasant View, Sand Hill, East Rumney as well as update Highland South map are needed; quote from Saybourn Surveying
5. Tree removal
6. The Selectmen would like to see a list of priorities on the above items

**Police Department** – Chief Bill Main presented the Police Department's 2013 proposed budget:

1. The budget is down 1.8% over last year
2. Decrease in secretary's hours;
3. Decrease in dispatch fees due to the changeover to Plymouth from Grafton County
4. In an effort to continue what was started last year (to show the true cost of each department) he proposes that the special police details used for Old Home Day, Elections and Town Meeting be shown in their respective line items outside of the police budget. Some discussion followed; no decisions were made.
5. Cheryl questioned the EMT training in the police budget
6. Mark asked for a list of the cases past and present over the last few years that have gone through the Prosecutor's Office.
7. Animal Control – The Chief is very pleased with their relationship and service from the Upper Valley Humane Society.
8. Capital Reserve Fund – Chief said looking at a replacement for the Crown Victoria in 2014 2015; have been getting eight years out of the cruisers.
9. The Board went over the new Purchasing Policy with the Chief.

The budget part of the meeting concluded.

The Board then went into non-public session with the Chief to go over his evaluation. Motion to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) was made by Mark Andrew, seconded by Cheryl Lewis and voted 3-0 affirmatively. The Board voted to leave non-public session 3-0 at 10:15. No votes were taken, no decisions made.

**Administrative**

1. Board approved septic plans for 02-04-15; Ed Haskell reviewed and signed the septic plans for 12-07-32 on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
2. Key Policy – The Board reviewed and voted to adopt a key policy to assist in the organization and control of the issuance of keys to town property to employees and volunteers.
3. The Board received notice from the State Liquor Commissioner that Brian Paquette had applied for the beer and wine license discussed a few months ago. The comment period runs through November 8<sup>th</sup>; anyone with comments or concerns can contact the town office for an address to send them to.
4. The Board discussed the general budget, impact of tax rate, etc.
5. Cheryl and Ed will be representing the Board at the elections tomorrow. A strong turnout is predicted.

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SIGNED: Checks; Septic Approvals – 12-07-32, 02-04-15; Intents to Cut – G. Sanborn, D. Sanborn; Letters – R. Valentin.

UPCOMING: 11/06 Election  
11/12 No Selectmen's Meeting  
11/19 Selectmen's Meeting  
11/22 Thanksgiving  
11/26 Selectmen's Meeting  
11/27 Planning Board

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow  
Administrative Assistant