

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
11/19/12

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

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

Budget Presentations

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Linda Whitcomb presented the TC/TC 2013 budget:

1. Total budget down slightly from last year's
2. No major changes

Transfer Station – Sonny Ouellette presented the TS budget:

1. Total budget is down 2.5% from last year
2. Sonny requested that line item "other reimbursed mileage" be deleted and just use line "training/mileage/workshop" for all mileage, etc.
3. Tipping fees down \$2,000
4. Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District – Cheryl asked Sonny to check with other vendors on "terms of agreement" (# of years specified in the contract, currently states a 10-year timeframe).
5. Budget presentation concluded at 8:00 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m. the Board went into non-public session with Sonny 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 at 8:20 p.m. 3-0; no votes were taken, no decisions made.

Library/LCHIP Project/Rumney Baptist Church – Per recommendation from the library trustees, the Board invited Pastor Bowers to meet with them to discuss a possible land acquisition from the church. Library Trustees Tom Wallace, Roger Daniels and Leina Smoker were present along with Rumney Baptist Church, Pastor Dan Bowers and members Mark Decoteau, Dan Desmaris, Ed Mitchell and Bob Decker.

Selectman Andrew explained that the Town is interested in acquiring a minimal amount of land around the library to allow for possible improvements/renovations and so that the septic system can be officially on "library property". The initial response from the Church members attending was in agreement. However, the matter will have to be brought up at their annual meeting (January 24, 2013) for discussion and an official vote. Details of the transaction still need to be discussed and agreed upon. Tom Wallace will attend the meeting and give a brief presentation of the proposed plans and why the land acquisition is needed.

Mr. Decoteau mentioned snow removal and drainage issues. Selectman Andrew said they would be addressed when the Church has reached a decision. He thought a lot line adjustment would be sufficient for this type of transaction. The Board thanked everyone for attending. The church members left.

Regarding the library project, Tom and the Board discussed the timing of the final plans and town meeting. The proposal may not be finalized in time for town meeting in March. The Board will ask for the town's views as to what direction to go in regarding the renovations, etc. No final decision was made.

Chief Main met with the Board to discuss the fate of the 2007 cruiser. The cruiser's transmission has failed. Chief Main provided the Board with several options:

1. Two quotes on replacing transmission - \$3,000 +/-
 - a. Funds available in 2012 police budget
2. 2011 (new) Crown Victoria - \$23,000 +/-
3. Lease option for above
 - a. \$18,000 in Capital Reserve
 - b. \$8,000 deposit in 2013
 - c. Lease until vote at town meeting

After discussing the options, the Board voted 3-0 to replace the transmission using Forrest Howes Auto Repair LLC if he is able to give the same warranty (3 years unlimited miles) as Meredith Ford. If not, then have Meredith Ford do the job.

It was brought to the Board's that there has been a lot of dirt piled up near a brook in West Rumney and could be a problem if it starts falling into the brook. The Board asked Anne to pass this information on to the Conservation Commission.

Administrative

1. Groton Hollow Road Repairs – Frank has been in contact with Groton Wind; they will be making the necessary repairs to the road (near C. Coursey's)
2. Historical Society 3-year Lease – Lease is up for renewal in December. After reviewing the lease, the Board questioned the lessee/lessor descriptions. Anne will check into it.
3. Rumney Ecological Systems Driveway – East Rumney Road – Mark has not had a chance to inspect it yet, he will as soon as he can
4. Non-public session – Mark Andrew made a motion at 8:45 pm to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c), seconded by Ed Haskell; Board voted 3-0 to enter. Mark made a motion to leave nonpublic session at 8:55 pm, seconded by Ed Haskell, Board voted 3-0. No decisions were made.
5. Assistant Emergency Management Director & Deputy Health Officer positions – Anne said someone has expressed interest in both positions. The Board would like input from the EMD and Health Officer before making a decision.

Budget Presentation – Executive, Financial Administration, Reval, Legal, Code Enforcement, Buildings, Insurance, Dues, Safety Committee, Ambulance, Street Lights, Health Agencies/Adm, Welfare, Parks & Rec.

1. Health Agencies – The Board amended the proposed 2013 budget from \$16,846 to \$10,306.
2. There were no other major changes to the proposed budgets.

Selectmen's Issues

1. Minutes of 11-05-12 were accepted as written.
2. In response to a question from Jim Buttolph, the Board discussed police special details. The Chief had proposed in his 2013 budget that the details be budgeted by the respective departments, i.e. Old Home Day, Elections, etc. After some discussion, the Board agreed that the special details should remain as part of the police budget. Although it is not required by law to have police present during an election, the Board would like funds budgeted for one election per year, for town meeting and Old Home Day.
3. Junkyard Enforcement – The Board reviewed the Stipulation for Decree for Kuchinsky. The Board would like the decree to state that he shall be liable to the Town for all costs and attorney's fees expended to date in this enforcement. Anne will contact Attorney Waugh with the Board's request.

4. Cheryl suggested the Board contact Jeannie Forrester for assistance with the blasting regulations.
5. Budget Items
 - a. Generator will not be purchased this year; look into encumbering funds for 2013
 - b. Add \$1 to Road Improvements to keep line item available
 - c. Check with Frank – encumber \$2,500 left in 2012 Road Improvements to take care of patching on Buffalo Road?

SIGNED: Checks; Intent to Cut – USFS, N. King; 2012 Final Tax Warrant, Representation Letter for 2011 Audit; Abatement – Edmonds; Veterans' Credit – C. Doe;

UPCOMING: 11/22 Thanksgiving
11/26 Selectmen's Meeting
11/27 Planning Board
12/02 Historical Society Christmas Tea @ 2 pm; Tree Lighting in the Common 5 pm
12/03 Selectmen's Meeting – Residents' Forum

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant