

TOWN OF RUMNEY
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 2013

Selectmen: Cheryl Lewis, Ed Haskell, Dan Kimble
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow
Clerk: Diana Kindell

Chairman Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Minutes of the October 21, 2013 meeting were approved with changes.

EMS: Bill Taffe, EMS Director and Ray Valentin, Assistant Director met with the Board to discuss the status of EMS. Bill stated there are five (5) people on the squad at this time. There are two who can respond during the day. Ray completed his EMS training in 2012, but has not tested to receive complete certification at this time. There are two tests, one which he has taken, and he does expect to take the second test in December. The state is not offering the tests as often as in the past due to cut backs. A larger base of people is needed to recruit from.

Cheryl stated there are concerns going forward. Tax payers are paying for both first responders and transport service to Warren/Wentworth. There has been no one to answer calls here in town recently.

Bill stated they are volunteers not a paid squad. When someone is in town and available they will answer the call. We are the 1st responders. Rumney has a transport license and when urgency requires it, they will transport. The ambulance is not set up with the same equipment as Warren/Wentworth as there are no paramedics in Rumney. Paramedics have more training and can dispense drugs (which are carried on the W/W ambulance), start oxygen if needed. The ambulance requires two people on board to transport, and on occasion one of Rumney members has boarded the Warren/Wentworth ambulance to provide transport. They are short of people at this time as well. Often a paramedic will be called to meet the ambulance and board when their service has been needed.

Bill explained he has been busy preparing the ambulance for certification and presently waiting for the inspection. Every item on the ambulance has to be checked to ensure it has not expired and all equipment must be tested to be certain it is in working condition. He did find the suction pump to not be working and replacement will cost about \$800.

The service for Groton and Ellsworth was questioned. The town offers service thru volunteers and will go when available. Hebron does the transports for Groton. We only offer EMS service. Rumney and Hebron work well together.

Do we create a full-time squad here in Rumney instead of paying Warren/Wentworth for their ambulance services? And have the paperwork which takes a great deal of time? Bill will create a business plan based on the number of calls per year. How do you judge income as many calls are never paid for. We still could not reach medic level as that requires years of medical training.

What role does the Fire Department play when they respond to medical calls? They have no role in a medical call. Should they treat a patient – it is a felony. They can assist with lifts (lifting and carrying people) as long as EMS is present. At accidents they stabilize vehicles and prevent fires.

The Board had further discussion on this matter.

Highway Dept.: Frank Simpson provided a quote from Neil McIver in the amount of \$4400 for obtaining the permits necessary for bridge replacements on East Rumney Road (Caldron Brook) and School Street where the outflow from the Conference Grounds pond goes under the road. Permits are good for 5 years. Frank recommended the Board accept the quote with \$2000 being paid this year and the remaining \$2400 in 2014. The Board agreed.

Tires – quotes for six (6) tires needed on the dump truck are as follows:

Pete's Tire Barn (which is state bid)	\$354.86 each
Wilson Tire	\$454.86 each
Kirk's	\$454.86 each

They will be purchased at Pete's Tire Barn.

The grader has hydraulic problems. Frank will talk with the dealer in Concord and make arrangements for the necessary repairs.

New truck estimate for 2014 F550 is \$45,000 for cab and chassis and \$39,250 for the body to replace the 2006 F550. The approximate value of the 2006 is \$16,000 trade or \$21,000 retail sale.

The road committee met and reviewed part of Buffalo Road. They decided to request the \$75,000 for road upgrades as has been in the past. The west end of Buffalo Road will be the section for improvement. The price to rebuild a road is presently \$104 per foot.

Non-public session: At 7:57 Ed Haskell made a motion to enter non-public session seconded by Cheryl Lewis under RSA 91-A:3 II (a). The Board voted 3-0 to enter non-public session. Dan Kimble made a motion to leave non-public session at 8:25 pm seconded by Ed Haskell. The Board voted 3-0 to leave non-public session.

Fire Dept: A dry hydrant is being installed in the swimming pool presently being reconstructed at the Conference Grounds as well as the one being installed in the pond.

Questioned at a previous meeting the Board discussed having no firefighters serving as commissioners for the department. This is a possible conflict of interest.

Selectmen's Issues: Wicked Snocross – advertised snowmobile race track at Riverbrook RV park- it was questioned if permits are needed for a race track and for pumping water from the Baker River to make snow. The location of this is close to the river and the melt down will contain oil and gas.

Four-wheel mudding at Backwoods also will present a problem when snow melts in the spring. Trees have been cut on the property and water there is being pumped from the Baker River. DES will be contacted for confirmation on these activities.

A person is still staying at the Jim Darling Conservation Area. A policy is in place for use of town owned property at the present time, but it does not address the overnight issue. Anne will look into policies other towns have to address this situation. A letter was received from a resident stating this type of use of the area should not be permitted and his presence there is preventing the town residents from visiting the property.

Police Dept: Board members have been questioned about the SUV cruiser not being parked at the Police Station. Chief Main will be contacted regarding this.

Administrative: Library/Church lot line adjustment deed – no minutes have been received from the church meeting, however a letter was received and has been forwarded to Atty. Waugh.

Brendon Barlow has requested Ed Haskell meet with him on November 16, 2013 to review his property.

Tax Map #12-02-09 – A letter was received requesting review for an abatement on this property. The BTLA denied his appeal because of the request being received past the deadline. A letter will be sent asking him to appeal in 2014 by the March 1 deadline.

Forestry training will be held November 20, 2013 at White Mountain National Forest in Campton. Cheryl L. will attend.

Law updates for 2013 have been received. A date will be chosen for Atty. Waugh's annual visit after the first of the year.

NHMA has several training sessions in the near future. Members will review the list.

A work force housing survey was received regarding the repeal of legislation that enacted this. It will be reviewed by the Board.

Signed: Checks; Intent to Cut-Roger Elliot Tax Map #12-07-01; Septic design Tax Map #02-03-09-01; card to Ray Burton.

Upcoming: 11/11 Office Closed/Veterans Day
11/18 Selectmen's meeting
11/26 Planning Board Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell, Clerk