

TOWN OF RUMNEY
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2013

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

Chairman Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 2, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

Advisory Committee: Committee members present – Roger Daniels, Kevin Maes and Jan Stevens
Kevin inquired if there were any issues out of the ordinary that need to be addressed. He further stated the Board does a good job preparing the budget and it appeared to be only the maintenance cost of running the town. A few issues discussed further include insurance, legal costs and highway maintenance. They will be advised of the warrant articles requiring major funding as they are completed.

David Coursey called in to state he felt in his present position as Fire Chief and head of a department was a conflict of interest with his position as a member of the Advisory Committee, and felt he should step down.

Transfer Station: Budget review/Evaluation - Sonny Ouellette provided the Board with a grant application to submit for funding to offset the purchase price of a 510 Bobcat for the transfer station. The amount will be covered by Capital Reserve funds which will be offset by any grant money received. The recycling building does need repainting in 2014 so funds will be added to the maintenance budget for that. After reviewing the expenses this year, the Board felt the tipping fees and transportation budget needed to be increased to cover the costs anticipated for next year.

Applications for the attendant position were reviewed.

At 8:18 pm Cheryl made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II(a), seconded by Ed Haskell and a 3-0 vote in the affirmative followed. At 8:37 pm Cheryl made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Ed Haskell and a 3-0 vote followed.

Highway: Budget review/Evaluation - Frank Simpson updated the Board on the Ford F550 pricing. The present truck will not be traded in against the purchase of the new truck as it would leave the department short one vehicle for too long a time period.

Frank provided bids to purchase 10 code compliant barricades for emergency road closures at a cost of \$72.00 each. After reviewing the bids Ed made a motion to allow the purchase, Dan seconded and a 3-0 affirmative vote followed.

At 8:50 pm Dan Kimble made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II(a), seconded by Cheryl Lewis and a 3-0 affirmative vote followed. At 9:00 pm Cheryl Lewis made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Ed Haskell and a 3-0 vote followed.

Police Department: Budget review/Evaluation - Chief Bill Main reviewed the calls for the year with the Board. The primary discussion on the budget as presented focused on an increase for special detail charges. The hourly figure represented the dollar amount outside sources would pay for detail work. Hours for in town details were adjusted to reduce the town's cost.

At 9:59 pm Cheryl made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II(a), seconded by Ed Haskell and a 3-0 vote followed. At 10:20 pm Cheryl made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Dan Kimble and a 3-0 vote followed.

Administrative:

Buffalo Road Bridge: At their December 2, 2013 meeting the Board voted to have HEB go forward with the survey and wetland delineation before significant snow comes. However, since that meeting the Board was informed that no work can begin on the project until it has final approval from the Governor's Council. Therefore, no survey work will be done at this time. There will be a hearing on January 6, 2014 to officially accept the FEMA grant funds. Paul Hatch from Homeland Security and Frank Simpson, Road Agent, will be present for the hearing.

Fairpoint appeal: A petition to add wordage to the utility contracts will be presented to the Board at the next meeting. A hearing will then be scheduled and all utility companies will be notified of the hearing date.

Ambulance contract: Anne contacted the Town of Plymouth as no reply had been received on the town's request of a quote for ambulance service. The Plymouth Board of Selectmen will be discussing this with their Fire Chief at their next Selectmen's meeting and a quote should be forthcoming.

The Warren/Wentworth ambulance service fee will remain the same as it is presently.

Law update meeting: Atty. Waugh has confirmed January 14, 2014 as the date for his annual joint meeting with the Planning Board to review 2013 changes to the laws.

Tax Map #8-06-03: A request was received from the owner of this property to waive an inventory penalty that was included with her tax bill. She had purchased the property just last month and was not responsible for the inventory form and further stated there had been no improvements done to the property in some time. Cheryl made a motion to waive this fee, seconded by Dan and a unanimous vote followed.

Forestry Workshop update: Anne provided follow-up information on supplemental Intent to Cut forms for the Board to review. These are filed when a logging job exceeds the amount estimated on the original form.

Parade Permit/Other: A permit for a bike ride through town on September 20, 2014 was presented for signing. As the Police Department would handle this, Chief Main returned to sign this permit.

Fire Dept. stipends: As a former member of the department owes the town money, a request was made to withhold the year end stipend. Labor laws don't allow for this, however, a request for monies owed can be sent with the stipend.

Signed: Checks; Letter to DRA – Assessing; Tax Rate; Dorchester/Groton/Ellsworth Fire Contract Extensions; Fire Commissioner Appointment for John Bagley.

Upcoming: 12/30 Selectmen's Meeting

01/06 Selectmen's Meeting – Public Hearing to accept FEMA grant; Residents' Forum

01/07 Deliberative Session PRHS

01/08 Deliberative Session Russell School

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell, Clerk

