

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 30, 2013

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

Chairman Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 7:03 pm.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the December 16, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

**Library:** Library Trustees Tom Wallace and Leina Smoker came before the Board to discuss the warrant article for the addition to the library with the installation of an elevator. Four plans were presented, each with a different cost and incorporating two different elevator options. The Trustees are applying for a variance from the state to allow the use of the smaller and less expensive elevator and will be meeting with them later in January. Until that time, a definite dollar amount will not be available for the warrant article. The maintenance expense is anticipated to be the same for either unit.

The Board reviewed the operating budget for the library.

Tom W. questioned the legal expense incurred for the lot line adjustment between the library and the Baptist Church and offered monies from the library budget to offset some of the additional expenses.

**911 Maps:** Tom Wallace and Linda Whitcomb have been verifying information for the 911 maps, presently being managed by the State of NH. A set of maps has been received along with sign off sheets stating the maps are correct. The State has listed several street names and some numbering issues they felt could be confusing in directing 1<sup>st</sup> responders to locations in emergency situations. The Selectmen will review the issues and the maps prior to signing off on them.

**Cemeteries:** Kathy Sobetzer and David Berman, Cemetery Trustees sat with the Board to review the budget for the coming year and ongoing projects they wish to complete. There are still two cemeteries that have not been surveyed as well as rock wall maintenance needed at Highland North and South. A washout at Highland South will need to be repaired in the near future. The Board suggested a Capital Reserve account be established to start setting aside funds for the repair of the washout and other larger projects. The trustees agreed and thought \$2500 would be a sufficient starting amount for the fund. As there are some remaining monies in the cemetery budget, Kathy asked the Board if they could encumber the funds so Roy Sabourn could continue with the survey/mapping projects. Cheryl made a motion to encumber the funds of the cemetery budget, seconded by Ed Haskell and approved 3-0.

**Fire Dept:** John Bagley and Terry French, Fire Commissioners came before the Board to review the budget for the Fire Department. The Board suggested they add a clerical position to the budget to have help maintaining the records for stipends and with the necessary reports for all inspections. Reviewing the expenditures for 2013, the Board further suggested increasing several line items for maintenance of the trucks and equipment. Jim McCart, Fire Commissioner and David Coursey, Fire Chief joined at this time and were updated on the suggested changes. All were in agreement.

Chief Coursey addressed the need for a forestry truck; the Board said if the warrant article for a new highway truck is passed, then the 2006 truck they will be replacing could be used for a forestry truck. Dave has considered that and has talked with Ed about it. Dave said that to make it into a functional forestry truck, changes need to be made i.e. removing the dump body, adding a water tank, etc. Anne requested that he get the estimate for the equipment and changes that will be needed so that amount can be added to the budget. She will need this as soon as possible.

The Board asked about improvements being made to the fire station, specifically an updated kitchen at this time. The commissioners told the Board the costs would be covered by the Ladies Auxiliary and the Rumney Firefighters Association funds with very minimal cost to the town. The volunteer labor will be done by some of the firefighters. Cheryl raised a concern about liability and volunteers. Ed said in his experience if some type of a waiver is signed by

the volunteer, the town would not be responsible for any injuries sustained by the volunteer doing the work. Anne will check with Primex to make sure any paperwork needed for this type of work is in place.

**Administrative:**

**Town Report:** Bids had been received for printing the annual town report. Dan made a motion to accept the bid from True Colors, seconded by Ed Haskell and approved 3-0.

Cheryl will write up the year- end report for the Selectmen. Department Heads should have their reports into the Selectmen's Office by January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**NE Salem:** A letter was received from New England Salem Trust regarding their payment to the town in lieu of taxes. This matter will be discussed at the next New England Salem board meeting, and they will follow-up with the Selectmen afterwards.

**Transfer Station Closure:** The engineer's yearly report on the closure process has been received and reviewed by the Board. Tom Duffield will submit it to DES as required.

**Health Trust:** Additional monies will be received in 2014 from the LGC/Healthtrust litigation in the amount of \$5668 representing an adjustment to payments made by the town in 2012.

**EMS:** The Board requested Anne get more information on the quote for ambulance transport service from the Town of Plymouth.

**CNP Assessing Contracts –** The Board signed the General Assessing and 2014 Update Contracts. Per the DRA's recommendation, the Board will ask CNP for a performance bond which would allow the town to recover losses up to the contract price. Anne will send CNP a letter requesting the bond.

**Junkyards:** Barlow – letter sent stating his property would be inspected by Ed Haskell on Saturday, January 4, 2014.

**Personnel Policies:** A work meeting will be held on January 16, 2014 to finish reviewing the draft personnel policies.

**Non-Public:** At 10:10 pm Dan Kimble made a motion to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II(a), seconded by Ed Haskell with a 3-0 affirmative vote. A motion was made by Ed Haskell to seal the minutes of this session, seconded by Dan Kimble and voted in the affirmative 3-0. At 10:20 pm Ed made a motion to leave non-public, seconded by Dan Kimble and a 3-0 vote followed.

At 10:23 pm Ed made a motion to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II(c) seconded by Dan Kimble and an affirmative 3-0 vote followed. Cheryl made a motion to leave non-public session at 10:40 pm seconded by Dan Kimble and a 3-0 vote.

Anne Dow/Evaluation - At 10:55 pm Cheryl made a motion to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II(a) seconded by Ed Haskell and a 3-0 vote followed in the affirmative. At 11:15 pm Cheryl made a motion to leave non-public session seconded by Ed Haskell and a 3-0 vote.

**Signed:** Checks; Intent to Cut, Virgil; Intent to Cut, K. Trojano; Abatements – Bruce, Fisk (to be posted in 2014); CNP General Assessing and 2014 Update Contracts; Timber Tax Warrant; DRA MS 60-A; Warrant for land use tax change, Elliott

**Upcoming:** 01/06 Selectmen's Meeting – Public Hearing to accept FEMA grant; Resident's forum  
01/07 Pemi-Baker District Budget Meeting – High School @ 6:30 pm  
01/08 Rumney School District Budget Meeting – Russell School @ 7:00 pm  
01/14 Law Update with Bernie Waugh & Planning Board @ 6:30 pm  
01/20 Selectmen's Meeting  
01/21 Primary for Governor's Council  
01/28 Planning Board Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell  
Clerk