

TOWN OF RUMNEY
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2014

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

Acting Chairman, Dan Kimble opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

At 7:03 pm Dan made a motion to enter non-public session, seconded by Cheryl L. and agreed to per RSA 91-A:3, II(c) to discuss tax deeding of properties. Linda Whitcomb, Tax Collector joined the meeting. Tom and Lisa Lord and Peter Buskey and family each met with the Board. At 8:05 pm Dan made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Cheryl L. and in full agreement.

Minutes: The minutes of March 3, 2014 were approved with one change.

Posting of Roads: Anne stated the town roads had been posted by the Highway Department last week.

Common Café: Dan had been at the café and stated Brian, owner, was frustrated his occupancy permit had expired in September and the Fire Chief had not been there to inspect and renew this permit. The Clerk stated the Chief would be there on Wednesday and issue a temporary permit awaiting the State Fire Marshall for a more complete inspection of the property.

Town meeting review: As requested at town meeting, Anne had checked in to the Groundwater Management Permit (monitoring of water at the town transfer station) and found it was up in October 2014; however, it has to be reapplied for ninety (90) days prior to that. Larry Cushman will assist her in drafting a letter to try and get this process stopped as no water has ever been found in the test pits.

It was also suggested the Board provide more detail about the warrant articles as they are presented in future meetings. The Board believed the residents did not want additional information as they asked no questions.

Blasting Regulations: Atty. Waugh had responded with a suggested waiver for residential blasting. This was reviewed and it was agreed the town could move forward with the hearing for these regulations.

Computer issues: Anne noted there had been problems with the server and one hard drive is down. After discussion, it was decided to get three (3) bids for a replacement. Dan will contact companies with the specs and get the bids. Dan recommended replacing the hard drive at this time and made a motion to order same, seconded by Cheryl L. Anne will follow up on this.

Dan will further research a user friendly web site and suggested we view some on line such as Bath, Me. There will be a cost to create the site and there will be ongoing maintenance fees.

Overnight Parking Ordinance: A proposed no overnight parking ordinance, to apply to all town owned property, with a tow clause and a \$100 fine for violation was reviewed. It will state "dusk to dawn" as the present sign at the Jim Darling Conservation Area has on it. This ordinance will be sent to the town attorney for review.

Cemeteries: Kathy Sobetzer has requested the maintenance of the cemeteries be put out to bid as it is difficult at this time to find workers and to maintain the equipment. Problems last year with both issues can be avoided going forward. The Selectmen agreed with this process.

Intent to Cut: A supplemental intent was signed for Greg Sanborn. A new intent to cut was signed for Jason Blake.

Timber Tax Warrant was signed by the Board.

Library/Church: The deed transferring a small parcel of land from the Rumney Baptist Church to the town has been signed and recorded. Tom Wallace took the deed to Haverhill for recording. The Board stated their appreciation of the time and effort the Library Trustees put into the process and presentation of the addition to the Library.

EMS: Problems with over lapping times between EMS and Fire were discussed. This is not an allowed practice and will action be taken on this? Anne and Diana will review the monthly payroll requests.

Highway Dept: A USDA grant for monies towards the approved purchase of a truck for the highway department will be applied for.

Legislation: There is legislation pending requiring posting of meeting agendas 72 hours prior to a meeting. As agendas change within that time frame a letter requesting a “no” vote on this will be sent to Rep. Carol Friedrich.

Assessing: A bond was received from Commerford, Nieder, Perkins LLC as had been requested by the Selectmen prior to the audit.

White Mtn. Natl’ Forest: The forestry service will be doing prescribed burns from April to October. Does the town want notification of these burns the day before and morning of – yes. They will be so notified.

NH Dept. of Safety: A letter was received inquiring if the town has regulations for selling, storing and displaying fireworks. At this time the town does not have such regulations. A letter stating this was signed and will be sent.

PSNH: The power company has notified the town it will be doing vegetation management under and around their lines this summer. This is a mowing process and not chemicals.

Recount: A recount of the ballots for the office of Selectmen will take place at 8:00 am Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at the town office. There was a one (1) vote difference in the election and Mark Andrew requested a recount.

Personnel Policy: Anne is working on the payroll section at this time with information from the State of NH Labor Board.

Signed: Checks; Abatements – Reed, Lawson, Morgan, Fatherland Trust; Refunds –Reed, Lawson, Fatherland Trust; Supplemental Intent to Cut – G. Sanborn; Intent to Cut J. Blake; Timber Tax Warrant.

Upcoming: 3/18 Selectmen’s Vote Recount 8:00 am
3/24 Selectmen’s meeting

3/25 Planning Board meeting
3/31 Annual audit
4/7 Selectmen's meeting – Residents' Forum
4/14 No Selectmen's meeting

Ongoing: Blasting Regulations
Personnel Policies
Disaster Recovery Plan
Technology Plan

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell
Clerk