

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
MARCH 24, 2014

Selectmen: Cheryl Lewis, Ed Haskell, Dan Kimble  
Clerk: Diana Kindell

Chairman Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

**Reorganization:** Ed Haskell was re-elected to serve as Chairman of the Board. The positions of department liaison for the coming year were decided as follows:

Cheryl Lewis – Planning Board and Transfer Station  
Ed Haskell – EMS, Fire and Police  
Dan Kimble – Executive - Finance and Highway

**Minutes:** The minutes of March 17, 2014 were approved with changes.

**EMS:** The Town of Groton voted at their town meeting to retain both Fire and EMS services from the Town of Rumney for at least this year. Rumney covers approximately 1/3 of Groton (on the Rumney side). The Board signed the EMS contract at tonight's meeting and will send it to Groton tomorrow for their signatures; the Fire contract was sent to them earlier this year. The contracts run from April 1 to March 31.

Ray Valentin met with the Board and at their request, Bill Main was also present. At 7:25 pm Ed Haskell made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II(a) seconded by Dan Kimble and a 3-0 vote in the affirmative followed. At 7:40 pm Cheryl Lewis made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Ed Haskell and agreed to by all.

**Server bids:** Dan Kimble contacted two companies requesting bids for replacing the network server at the town office. Bids were to be emailed to the office and none have been received at this time.

**Beckett House:** Kellen Bizel, an employee of Beckett, requested a fire and health inspection for their building on Route 25. They are requesting to add two (2) bedrooms for additional occupants – increasing from 14 to 16 residents. The Fire Chief is aware of this and scheduling inspection times.

**Primex:** Inquiries regarding liability insurance coverage for the Rumney Firemen's Association found that the firemen are insured as fire fighters and only when they are acting/working in that capacity, not as carpenters, general contractors, etc. Primex recommends the Association get their own general liability policy to cover them and the various activities and events they have. The Rumney Firemen's Association is a separate entity from the Rumney Fire Department. The Chief will be made aware of this.

**Pemi-Baker Solid Waste:** Renewal forms for the town's representative were received. Sonny Ouellette has been representing the town. Cheryl L. will speak to him about continuing this position.

**CNP:** As part of the revaluation's final year, CNP has mailed questionnaires to the owners of multi-family properties and commercial property owners. The Board questioned if this was mandatory and legal as income/expense questions are included.

**Info:** The Business Enterprise Center in Plymouth will be holding an information session at the Warren Town Hall on March 27, 2014 from 9 – 10:30 to answer questions and review the process of starting a new business.

**Forestry:** A poster depicting the Emerald Ash Borer was received and will be posted in the hallway at the town office.

**Overnight Parking Ordinance:** The parking ordinance has been reviewed by Atty: Waugh and presented to the Board for final approval. Dan stated it should be okay to go forward with this and schedule a hearing. Cheryl and Ed were in agreement.

**Church Parking Lease:** The parking agreement lease requested as part of the lot line adjustment between the Rumney Baptist Church and Byron Merrill Library has been completed by Atty. Waugh. The Board reviewed and approved this. It will now be sent to the church for their review.

**Groton Wind:** Interveners Carl Spring, Cheryl Lewis and Jim Buttolph with David Coursey, Fire Chief requested a meeting with the Board. At 8:10 pm Dan made a motion to enter into non-public session per RSA91-A:3,II(e) and was seconded by Ed Haskell. Cheryl Lewis recused herself from the Board and joined Carl and Jim on the floor for this session. At 8:34 pm Dan made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Ed. Cheryl rejoined the Board at this time.

**Fire Department:** The department plans to get the 2006 Highway truck that is being replaced this year so it can be used for a utility/forestry truck for the fire department. Dave Coursey, Jim McCart, Terry French and Carl Spring of the fire department provided quotes they have received for upgrading the highway truck to a utility/forest truck: Walts \$3500 for repairing, painting and undercoating (a guaranteed price for later in the year), Kelly's A/B \$3500 for painting, and E1 \$3900 for painting. Costs for the body obtained are from \$1600 for steel to \$3800 for stainless steel. A skid unit and pump will run around \$14,000. Ed H. noted this was looking at next year's budget – a ways out at this time.

Ed Haskell stated there will have to be a hearing for the transfer of the truck from highway to fire to allow for public feedback, as it was never mentioned at town meeting. Ed further said there may be no funds available for this as the repair expenses on the fire truck have been greater than expected. It was further questioned if the truck would be available as one of the highway trucks needs expensive repairs at this time.

Stinson Lake Hydrant project – Neil McIver is working on the permit from the state at this time. Two more bids should be received for the installation process.

With the town's Health Officer out of town, it was questioned if the Chief could request the services of Plymouth's Health Officer to inspect the Beckett House. It was questioned if there was a Deputy Health Officer in place in Rumney while Bill Taffe is away. Ed H. made a motion to expend up to \$100 for service from Plymouth if that can be put in place. Cheryl seconded this motion and all agreed.

Dave C. stated he would really like to see EMS/Emergency Management, Fire and Health all fall under Safety and all under one roof to avoid some of the problems being encountered at this time. The Board will discuss this at a later time.

The location of some emergency/highway cones was discussed. Ed will speak with Ray about those being stored at the Fire Station. There is also a question regarding a portable radio that was purchased for Emergency Management.

The need for the Fireman's Association to have their own liability insurance coverage was discussed at length. There is a distinct difference between "fire related" activities and "non-fire related" activities. The Chief will look for insurers and pricing.

**HB333:** This bill deals with the taxing of campers and park model units. There is a hearing on this April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Signed:** Intent to Cut - Hines; Timber Tax Warrant - Sobetzer; Letter to Groton/EMS

**Upcoming:** 03/31 Annual Audit  
04/01 Groton Wind – Fire Marshall Tech Session/Concord 10:00  
04/07 Selectmen's Meeting – Residents' Forum  
04/14 No Selectmen's Meeting

**Ongoing:** Blasting Regulations  
Personnel Policies  
Disaster Recovery Plan  
Technology Plan

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell  
Clerk