

TOWN OF RUMNEY
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2014

Selectmen: Cheryl Lewis, Ed Haskell, Dan Kimble

Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow

Clerk: Diana Kindell

Residents: Jim Buttolph, Stephen Buttolph, Tom Wallace, Gerard Thibodeau, Frank Simpson, Kathy Sobetzer, Kevin Maes, Roger Daniels

Chairman Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Stephen Buttolph attended the meeting as an on-hands educational part of his Civics class.

Highway: Frank Simpson presented two written bids for the new F550 the Highway Department is purchasing – a third requested bid was never received.

Meredith Ford	\$40,300	cab/chassis
Auto Serve	\$40,316	cab/chassis

Frank recommends accepting the Meredith Ford bid, not only is it less, they are conveniently located for service. Ed Haskell made a motion to accept the Meredith Ford bid, seconded by Dan Kimble and agreed to by all.

Frank recommended they go with Fairfield for the plow body package. He has worked with them in the past and has parts available in the shop. He will get a price to present.

The Fire Department had inquired if the 2006 Ford could be used in case of a forest fire to carry equipment to the location if the present forestry truck does not pass inspection. Frank agreed to allow this.

The International truck still is not running right – one day it is fine and the next day it will cut out several times. They believe it to be a computer problem, but have not defined it yet.

Cones put at the Jim Darling Conservation area have been taken, but the rope barrier remains in place. It will be left there until the ground completely dries out.

A Yield signs will be put in place at the Sand Hill Bridge to prevent two vehicles on the bridge at the same time. Frank has the sign.

Frank and Anne are still working on the paperwork to apply for a grant towards funding the purchase of the new highway truck.

Hearing: At 7:17 pm Dan Kimble made a motion to leave the public meeting and have a hearing on the proposed No Overnight Parking on Town Property Ordinance. Ed Haskell seconded the motion and it was agreed to. (See separate minutes for the hearing) At 7:27 pm Dan made a motion to close the hearing and return to public meeting. Cheryl L. seconded and all agreed.

Dan K. made a motion to adopt the overnight parking ordinance, seconded by Ed Haskell and agreed to by all. It was signed by the Selectmen, Library Trustees and Cemetery Trustees.

Non-public session: At 7:30 pm Ed H. made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II(c), seconded by Cheryl L. and agreed to by all. Linda Whitcomb joined the meeting as Tax Collector. At 7:57 pm Ed made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Cheryl and agreed to. A decision was made that payments will be made. The minutes were sealed.

Administrative: Rumney Rocks Bistro, LLC – a letter was received from the NH Liquor Commission asking for the town's comments regarding a liquor license for this establishment. The property transfer for this location has not yet taken place, so the town will respond accordingly.

A Veteran's exemption for Kevin Boswell was signed as were two Intents to Cut, two Intents to Excavate and two abatements.

Groton EMS contract was returned accepted and signed by their Selectmen. Groton requested the Town of Rumney receive two bids from surveyors, as they were doing, for the perambulation between the two towns. It was decided Rumney would contact Sabourn-Towers and Randall Surveying to avoid any possible conflict of interest with property owners abutting the town boundary.

Town donations were discussed as there have been two recent deaths affecting the town. The Board decided to make a \$50.00 donation to any town employee's fund and \$25.00 to any non-town employee.

The town's tax ratio for 2013 was 106.1 which is a little high. This should even out with this year's revaluation. Information on the assessing process was provided to the Board for their review before their meeting Wednesday morning with a DRA representative and a CNP representative to review the assessing review process.

A copy of the Town's Code of Ethics was recently distributed to town employees and committee volunteers. Did the Board want these sent to the Trustees of the various accounts or any other party involved with the town? The Board wanted these to go to the Trustees as well. Anne reminded the Board of a possible fine if non-public information is discussed outside of a meeting.

Jerry Thibodeau: As Chairman of the Russell School Board, he was present to request that a member of the Select board attend the meetings being held for the school renovation. Jerry stated the '57 section of the school is beyond repair and the SAU has projected there will be an increase in enrollment at the school. Dan K. will attend the meeting on the 22nd – short notice. The Board would like more advanced notice of when the meetings will be held.

Minutes: The April 7, 2014 non-public minutes were reviewed with one change requested. The April 7, 2014 public minutes were approved with no change.

Non-public session: At 8:46 pm Ed H. made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II(e), seconded by Dan K. Cheryl L. recused herself from this session. At 9:41 pm Dan made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Ed and agreed to. A decision was made to write a letter to the attorney. The minutes were sealed. Cheryl rejoined the Board.

Non-public session: At 9:42 pm Dan K. made a motion to enter non-public session, seconded by Ed per RSA 91-A:3,II(a) and agreed to by all. At 10:02 pm Dan made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Ed and agreed to by all. No decision was made. The minutes were sealed.

Fire Dept./EMS: Ed updated the Board on a joint meeting he had with Chief Coursey and Ray Valentin, Ass't Director of EMS. Both parties stated they would work together. However there is still more

cooperation needed from EMS. The Emergency Management cones have been returned to the fire station. During this meeting Ray stated EMS would pick up the additional monies, above the amount budgeted, billed by Lakes Region Dispatch. He later took it to a squad meeting and it was voted down. This is the Town's money and the Selectmen will authorize that amount be charged to EMS – with a memo regarding this be sent to Bill Taffe. Ed made a motion and Dan seconded, and agreed by all that the overage be charged to EMS. Cheryl requested minutes be kept and available to the EMS meetings – again this is town funds being used by that department.

Non-public session: At 10:15 pm Ed made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II(a), seconded by Cheryl and agreed to be all. At 10:40 pm Dan made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Ed and agreed to. The minutes were sealed.

Signed: Gravel Tax Warrant: No Overnight Parking on Town Property Ordinance; Veterans' Credit; Intents to cut – G. Sanborn, K. Trojano; Intents to Excavate – Central NH Aggregates, K. Morrell; Abatements – K. Weinig, R. Poitras; Automobile Inspection Station – M. Spencer

Upcoming: 4/22 School Building Committee meeting
4/23 Meeting with DRA – Sam Greene; CNP - Phil Bodwell for Assessment Review
4/28 No meeting
4/29 Planning Board Meeting
5/05 Selectmen's meeting; Residents' Forum, Library Trustees
5/12 No meeting

Ongoing: Blasting Regulations
Personnel Policies
Disaster Recovery Plan
Technology Plan

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell
Clerk