

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
JUNE 2, 2014

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

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

**Donna Quinn**, the Regional Public Health Administrator of the **Central NH Public Health Network** met with the Board to update them on the network. She explained that Central NH Regional Public Health Network provides leadership and coordination to enhance the readiness of regional, county and local public health emergency response partners and to support efforts to prevent substance misuse. In addition, they assist communities by strengthening the planning response capabilities of the regional public health system partners.

The public health region of Central NH Regional Public Health Network includes the communities of Alexandria, Ashland, Bristol, Bridgewater, Campton, Ellsworth, Hebron, Holderness, Groton, Lincoln, Livermore, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Warren, Waterville Valley, Wentworth and Woodstock. The Network serves the approximately 27, 322 people living in these communities. They work closely with these communities on a regular basis to be prepared for emergencies whether weather related or man-made threats.

They also offer frequent preparedness trainings for businesses, agencies and individuals where she often works with Bill Taffe. Classes are held throughout their region of NH. They handle seasonal flu vaccinations within the school systems and are always looking for innovative ways to increase the number of participants.

A new project being completed is a "continuity of operations" within a community in an emergency situation. How can the town continue to function if the primary people or office locations are not available? This should be in place soon and she will contact the town in the fall for a meeting with the Board and other critical town's people for suggestions and training.

**Selectmen:**

**Town Clerk:** Linda Whitcomb introduced Jennifer Rugar to the Board for their approval of her as Assistant Town Clerk. Jennifer was a Town Clerk in Warren for six (6) years, moving out of town two years ago. She will be attending several required "refresher" courses in Concord over the next week before starting on a regular basis for Rumney. Cheryl L. made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Ed Haskell and agreed to by all. Linda did request a second window be put in for privacy reasons. The Board had no objections.

**New Town Clerk/Tax Collector Hours** on Monday will be from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm (not 7:00). This is necessary because the Motor Vehicle Department will be closing their "Help" desk at 6:00 pm and no assistance will be offered to clerks after that time.

**Highway Dept.:** Frank said the International truck was finally fixed and running well. The price he received from Fairfield for the dump body/sander package for the new F550 was \$40,076. The Town will include a "Delivery Requirement" with the agreement stating that if the equipment is not installed within 75 days of delivery to Fairfield, a weekly penalty will be in place. He recommends going with that

price, and is unsure just when the truck will arrive. Ed H. made a motion, seconded by Dan K. and agreed to by all that the Fairfield price be accepted.

**Paving bids** – Dan K. and Frank, with the help of Dana White, will inspect and measure the area slated for paving this year to help determine the bid specs.

Frank, Nick and Dan attended a recent Culvert Maintenance Certification Training sponsored by UNH T2. The certification would allow the highway department to install culverts up to and including 48” diameters without state permitting. DES does required routine reporting of work done and random audits may be done periodically. The certifications must be renewed every two years.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the May 19, 2014 meeting were approved with minor corrections. The minutes of the Blasting Hearing were approved as written.

**Septic Plans:** Plans for a replacement septic system on School Street were approved – Tax Map #12-8-8.

**Abatements:** The Board reviewed three abatements, Ballou, Egbert and Beau Reve and agreed with the assessor’s recommendations. The final reports will be completed for action as the forms were not complete.

**Rumney Rocks Bistro:** The new owners of the restaurant on the corner of Main and Depot requested a letter of support from the town to the State of NH Liquor Commission and an occupancy permit. A letter will be sent to the liquor commission, however, an assembly permit must be obtained from the fire department.

**Administrative:**

**Groton Fire Contract:** Discussion was held regarding charging the town less than the contract stated and it was deemed the billings must agree with the contract. Both Boards had signed the contract as it was written.

**Fire Department:** Chief Coursey had inquired if the town would purchase awards for Ken Ward to acknowledge his retirement. Dan K. made a motion, seconded by Cheryl L. and agreed by the Board to purchase a plaque for the wall at the fire station.

**250<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration:** The Old Home Day committee inquired if and how the Board would like to be involved with the 250<sup>th</sup> year celebration. They suggested putting an inquiry out to the town’s people, organizations, businesses, etc. Several suggestions were made such as a log rolling contest at the lake, a fireman’s muster. This will take place in 2017 and planning needs to start this year.

**NH Electric Coop Mediation:** The Coop is ready to mediate on the long running dispute over the taxing of pole and the Administrative Assistant and a Selectman were requested to attend. They chose to attend on July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Fountain:** Several people have inquired as to why the fountain was not uncovered and working for the Memorial Day weekend. The committee reported that it was not uncovered for the weekend because they were missing a part; it is expected to arrive this week.

**Savoie:** Cheryl Lewis recused herself from this discussion. The Board reviewed correspondence from William Savoie in response to the Board’s May 19<sup>th</sup> letter requesting the Report of Wood cut for the 2013-2014 tax year. Mr. Savoie stated that in a letter dated March 31, 2014 to the Board, he said that no timber had been cut. That letter sent to the town on March 31<sup>st</sup> was never received. The property owner stated they had not cut yet and there was nothing to report.

**Transfer Station Applications:** Applications for this position are due by June 16, 2014. The Board will review them with Sonny at their next meeting.

**Groton/Rumney Perambulation:** Sabourn-Towers Surveying had responded to Groton they needed extra time to work on the perambulation and could possibly complete it by 2015. The town's funds could be encumbered for this purpose. There is a meeting with the Groton Board tomorrow night regarding this. Dan will attend if necessary.

**Blasting:** A large blast was done last Thursday at CNHA. The only known notification was an email to Anne. With her being on vacation, this was not seen. Anne has received verification that pre-blast surveys are videotaped and only released with the property owner's permission.

**Fire Dept./EMS Dispatch Costs:** The Board has asked Chief Coursey and EMS Director Bill Taffe to come to an agreement regarding the overage of the Lakes Region Dispatch bill (\$466). Going forward with the 2015 budget the Board wants a breakdown of expenses for the building to show the true cost for each department.

**School Street:** Informational – School Street will be closed Friday, June 6, 2014 from Brookside Building Supplies to Post Office Lane for tree removal on private property.

**40 Fox Run Lane:** Cheryl Lewis recused herself from this discussion. The prior owner has requested permission to retrieve his personal property from this location – presently town owned.

**Explorer Group:** Carl Spring stated four of the Explorer Group had passed a basic medical class recently held in Ashland. They would like to keep going with the training with EMS support and an opportunity to join the squad. A recent NH survey stated EMS lacks people and the boy's parents are frustrated by the lack of support from our EMS group.

Carl further requested a follow-up with Precision Blasting regarding the procedure followed by them prior to the recent blast. There was no notice given to the abutters.

**Personnel policies:** A motion was made by Dan K. and seconded by Ed H. to adopt the Personnel Policies and approved by all. Anne will finalize the document for the Board's signatures.

**Blasting Regulations:** Ed H. made a motion, seconded by Dan K. to adopt the Blasting Regulations as modified after the public hearing and agreed to by all. The Regulation was signed.

**Signed:** Checks; Septic Plan – Joyce, Blasting Regulations

**Upcoming:** 6/03 Groton Selectmen's Meeting – Perambulation  
6/09 Cemetery Trustee Meeting – Town Office  
6/16 Selectmen's Meeting  
6/23 No Meeting  
6/30 ?? Meeting  
7/07 Selectmen's meeting  
7/08-9 NHEC Mediation – Concord

**Ongoing:** Disaster Recovery Plan  
Technology Plan

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell  
Clerk