

Town of Rumney  
Selectmen's Meeting  
Minutes  
August 4, 2014

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

Public: Larry Cushman, Roger Daniels, John Bagley

Chairman Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 7:04 pm.

**Minutes:** The minutes of July 21, 2014 were approved with changes.  
The minutes of July 28, 2014 were approved with changes.

**Resident's Forum:** Roger Daniels displayed the short piece of iron pipe that was replaced in the water line from the town spring recently. There had been no water to the fountain and the Library had been experiencing water problems over the last several weeks and this was the cause.

He also reported that an 8-foot cap is missing from the Historical Society roof and requested this be replaced – presently no leaks he is aware of but does not want that to become an issue.

John Bagley also spoke to the Board regarding the water line, which also serves the fountain in the common. That is now up and running. He does have concerns about accessing the shut off for the fountain and questioned if well tiles could be placed over the shut off to make it easier to turn on in the spring and shut off for winter. Frank will be asked to check for available well tiles to do this. John further stated, it was suggested the well should be chlorinated and was looking for approval for this process.

Larry Cushman spoke with the Board regarding the Transfer Station closure. He would like a letter sent to the state from the Board requesting evidence of documentation where it is stated the Town had a landfill. He knows the town never had a landfill or a landfill permit from the state. Why are we renewing something that never existed? The renewal requests a current ground water contour map indicating the direction of flow of underground water – resistivity. That map will require additional work from our consultant and therefore additional money. He feels until the State shows documentation that Rumney actually had a landfill, he sees no reason to continue with any monitoring, renewal, etc. The Board will send a letter requesting this information.

**Administrative:**

**Buffalo Road Bridge:** The RFQ bid has been re-advertised with an August 18, 2014 deadline.

**Rest area:** The rest area usage was discussed with Sen. Forrester during her visit with the Board. She has looked into this and found DRED is looking at how to make the "closed" rest areas more viable. The Baker River Watershed showed interest in the use of this area.

**Fire Department:** Insurance for the Fireman's Association and Ladies Auxiliary has not been progressing as fast as the Board had expected. The Board would like to see a policy in place before January 1, 2015 for their fund raising efforts to continue. It was suggested they contact Poulos Insurance Co.

Bids on the 1969 Farrar Engine were opened and read –

Bid #1 - Pat Coursey	\$ 550.00
Bid #2 - Glen Hanson	\$1150.00
Bid #3 - George Kirk	\$1111.11

Dan K. made a motion to accept the bid from Glen Hanson, Ed H. seconded and all agreed.

**Cemeteries:** One bid was received for repair work to the gates at Highland South in the amount of \$500 and the Board approved this bid submitted by Tall Timber. There is also work needed at the Sand Hill Cemetery.

**Police Department:** Officer in Charge Brett Miller updated the Board on coverage for Old Home Day as well as the status of the department.

**Time Warner Cable Franchise:** The cable franchise is due for renewal by December 2015. As this is a lengthy involved process, the Board will review the requirements at this time and decide how to proceed.

**Non-Public Session:** At 9:20 pm Dan made a motion to enter non-public session, seconded by Ed and agreed to per RSA 91-A:3,II(c) to discuss tax deeded properties. At 9:35 pm Ed made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Dan and agreed to. A decision to send letters was made.

**USFS:** A letter was sent in support of the Forestry Service purchasing the Zielinski parcel on Buffalo Road requesting that the parcel be managed as a timber lot which will benefit both the Town and the USFS.

**Election Training:** There will be training in Plymouth on August 5<sup>th</sup> if anyone can attend.

**Old Home Day:** The Boston Post Cane will be presented to Kay Simpson on Old Home Day. Anne and Ed will be available to do the presentation.

**Perambulation – Wentworth:** The Town of Wentworth inquired as to when the perambulation could be completed between Rumney and Wentworth. The Board will inquire if they plan on walking the line or using GPS.

**Baker River Watershed:** The Baker River Watershed submitted the results of the water quality analysis conducted on July 21, 2014. Although the E. coli values were all within acceptable levels, several sites showed an increase over June levels. In Rumney the new town bridge levels were slightly elevated as well as the Smith Bridge site in Plymouth. These are typical readings for this time of year.

**DES – Quincy Road:** DES notified the town they would be do water run-off maintenance on Quincy Road. The area below the Town Pound was recently repaired.

**Selectmen:**

**Planning Board:** Cheryl updated the Board on the last Planning Board meeting. The Racine situation was reviewed. CNHA has not yet accepted delivery of a certified letter sent by the Select Board. The hearing on the Excavation Regulations was continued to the next meeting.

**Police Chief hiring process:** Most of the people contacted for the review committee have responded to Anne and accepted their appointment to the committee. The committee will review the applications and resumes and participate in the interview process. At the conclusion of the interview process, they will submit their recommendations and suggestions. The Board is working on the ad for the position; it should be posted sometime next week. It will run in the Union Leader, the Citizen and the Pennysaver, as well as on the NH Chiefs of Police website and NHMA websites. Resumes will be due on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Signed:** Checks; OA-16 – App/Reimbursement of Forest Land; CAI Tech – Contract for map updates; NHRS Termination Notice – W. Main.

**Upcoming:** 08/05 Election Training – Plymouth 6-8:30  
08/09 Old Home Day  
08/11 No Meeting  
08/18 Selectmen’s Meeting - Principal J. Torsey; Bridge RFQ’s due  
08/25 No Meeting  
08/26 Planning Board  
09/01 Labor Day – Office Closed

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell  
Clerk