

Town of Rumney  
Selectmen's Meeting  
Minutes  
August 18, 2014

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

Public: Jonanne Torsey, David Coursey, Jim McCart

Chairman Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 7:01 pm.

**Russell Elementary School:** Jonanne Torsey, Principal of Russell Elementary School introduced herself to the Board. They welcomed her to town and into her new position. Dan inquired if she was starting with any big plans for the school year. Mrs. Torsey stated she had a lot to learn still and did not have any big plans at this time. The SAU does have access to Title I funds and she would like to access the funds for a "Ready for Kindergarten" program for children ages 0-5 years. The program integrates the parents as well as the children to the school program, connecting the children with other children and families with each other.

The estimated enrollment for start of the school year is about 105. This number is down a little due to the opening of a new charter school (grades 1-3) in Plymouth this year. Rumney is losing five or six students from the first and second grades to the charter school as are most of the schools throughout the SAU 48. Russell School will be providing Special Ed to any Rumney students attending the charter school who need these services.

Dan inquired about the status of the proposed addition to the school. Mrs. Torsey said she had met twice with the designer and changes are being made. The State will not have funding available until July 2015. The School Board is staying in touch with the State to be on the top of the list for any funding that becomes available. There will be no proposal on the school warrant for the addition in 2015.

**Minutes:** The minutes of August 4, 2014 were accepted with corrections.

**Administrative:**

**Tax Map #16-04-13:** An inquiry was made regarding a viable water source for this property. As the town does not supply water, a letter was sent stating it could not provide that information. However, a septic approval does exist for this parcel and it was noted in the letter.

**LUCT:** A land use tax change was signed for Tax Map #16-05-04 and a land use tax change abatement was signed for Tax Map #13-02-01.

**Timber Tax:** A timber tax cut was revised with assistance from DRA and a new billing will be sent.

**Reval:** The assessors expect to have the revaluation complete within the next couple of weeks. Preliminary values will be sent to all property owners for their review. There will be an opportunity to schedule an appointment with the assessors for anyone who has questions on their new value. The Board is also requesting an extension from the Department of Revenue Administration for the MS-1 form as they wait for the values to be finalized.

**Budget 2015:** Budget forms have gone out to all departments with draft budgets due by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Well for Common and Library:** Frank Simpson checked for well tiles at the Transfer Station, as requested by John Bagley, to put over the shut off to the fountain. None were found and the shut off has been covered as usual with fill.

**Cable Franchise:** The Board needs to further review the information provided before making any decisions on the procedure to follow.

**Code of Ethics:** Signed forms acknowledging acceptance of the Code of Ethics have not been received from the Fire Commissioners or the Cemetery Trustees. The Fire Chief will follow up with the Commissioners.

**Fire Association:** A request to sell tickets at the Transfer Station for the upcoming ice cream social was approved by the Board.

**Junky yard:** A resident asked the Board to check a property in W. Rumney to ascertain if it was a “junky” yard or a “junk” yard. Being familiar with the property, they deemed it a “junky” yard with no inspection by MRI necessary.

#### **Selectmen:**

**CNHA:** A response was received from Mr. Latullipe to a letter sent regarding the inspection of his pit on Route 25. A re-inspection will be scheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup> with Ken Knowlton of MRI, Ed Haskell and Dave Coursey doing the inspection. Notification will be sent. It was confirmed that a grandfathered pit does have to comply with the Minimum and Express Operational Standards of RSA 155-E.

**Buffalo Bridge RFQ:** Three responses were received from the new advertisement for engineering firms to bid – Holden, HEB and Dubois & King being the responders. The Board will review the information submitted using the State’s rating system and discuss it as a Board again at their next meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**DES-Landfill Closure:** The Board signed the renewal for the Groundwater Management Permit which is up for renewal in October. Tom Duffield has provided the required documentation, drawings, etc. Anne will forward the package to DES tomorrow. In addition to the renewal, due to the ongoing discussion of whether or not Rumney ever had and operated an actual landfill, the Board also sent a letter to DES asking for whatever proof and documentation they have on record that indicated the Town did in fact operate a landfill.

**Police Chief Search:** The Board reviewed the application and job description Anne had prepared. The ad was published in three newspapers and on three websites. Resumes are due on September 8<sup>th</sup> and the review committee will be asked to attend that meeting. A copy of the job description will be sent to the review committee prior to that date.

**Police Dept:** Officer Miller met with the Board to update them on the department. He did mention some problems developing with the Crown Vic cruiser and that it should be up for replacement in 2015. He reviewed Old Home Day and commented on the usefulness of “dead men” cones, suggesting the committee and/or the department may want to purchase some. He used them at all approaches to the town common and felt they helped slow traffic down. There was only one parking issue behind the church and that was quickly resolved.

The department received an emergency order from Governor Hassen regarding the sale of “smack” or “spice” in local stores. He has checked Ryezaks and will check the Quonset Hut.

**Elections:** The state primary election is being held on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Ed, Cheryl and Dan will divide the day for continuous coverage.

**Signed:** Checks; LUCT-Lord; LUCT abatement –Moritz; Timber Tax 2013-2014; JY Renewal – Shortt; DRA – MS1 Extension; Letter – Meredith Village Savings Bank – Tax Map #16-04-13; Letter to DES – Landfill Closure; Intent to Cut – HHP

**Upcoming:** 08/25 No Meeting  
08/26 Planning Board meeting  
09/01 Labor Day – Office Closed – No Meeting  
09/08 Selectmen’s meeting; Resident’s forum; Police Chief resumes due  
09/09 Elections – Primary – Russell School 08:00 am – 07:00 pm  
09/15 Meeting?? Budgets due  
09/22 Selectmen’s meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell  
Clerk