

TOWN OF RUMNEY
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

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

Advisory Committee: Roger Daniels, Mark Andrew, Ken Weinig, Isaac DeWever

Dan Kimble, acting Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:04 pm.

The minutes of the September 8, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

Administrative:

Reval: The revaluation of the town's property values is complete, letters have been sent to all property owners stating their new valuation and review sessions were held for any owner's concerns. The town's total valuation has decreased by 13% reflecting the weakened economy of the area. Cheryl made a motion to accept the new values, seconded by Dan and agreed to. Anne can now complete the MS-1 form to submit to DRA as part of their process in setting the tax rates for the coming year.

Perambulation: The Town of Groton inquired if the quotes for surveying the town boundaries should go back out to bid. The Board tabled that decision for a later meeting.

Transfer Station: The Board received a response from DES regarding their questions of the "landfill" status. The town does have a landfill by NH Solid Waste Rules definitions. And because the landfill existed after 1981, it is subject to closure requirements. However, the Town satisfied the requirements of population criteria and is allowed to indefinitely delay installation of a cap on the landfill. With this allowance, however, the Town is required to proceed with gathering data to determine environmental impacts to water quality. Their response referred to some letters that were supposed to be attached to their letter, but they were not. Anne will contact DES and request copies of the letters.

NCC Scenic Byways: As the town is included in the created scenic byways, a letter requesting the preferred method of representation to this committee was received from NCC. There were several options available and the Board agreed to participate without representation.

Library: A resident who uses the library on a regular basis sent a letter in support of the proposed handicap access project and the benefit of having access to the lower level.

Dan stated he received a call from Groton Wind inquiring if there were projects in town that would benefit from a donation. He mentioned the library project, the school and the Haven Little Scholarship Fund. No further information was available at this time.

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Buffalo Road Bridge: DOT requested an update on the status of this project and a time frame so as to properly handle the FEMA and State of NH funding.

The Board after careful review and consideration decided to hire HEB as the engineering firm for the bridge project. Dan made a motion, seconded by Cheryl to hire HEB. Ed (absent) had given his support to HEB.

Police Chief Replacement: The review committee met on October 16th to discuss the resumes that had been received. They will continue this process with another meeting scheduled.

Inventory waivers: Two letters were received requesting a waiver from the penalty assessed them on their late inventory submittals. None were granted.

Time-Warner Franchise renewal: More research will be done on this process before any discussion or decisions are reached.

Budget: The Board and the Advisory Committee were given the draft budget for review. The Board requested the Advisors be active and provide feedback from the town's people during this process. There is a vacancy on the Advisory Committee from the Quincy area of town and a replacement is being sought. Department heads will start meeting with the Board at the October 6th meeting.

Police Dept: Officer Miller updated the Board on the department noting that Backwoods' recent concert went fairly smooth. A coordinator of the event approached neighboring homes prior to that day and only one complaint was received. Coverage of the events at this location will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

There has been a camper parking at the Common and connecting to the power available there. Installing lock boxes was suggested to deter this practice.

ME Latulippe has been contracted by USFS to build the connecting path at the Rumney Rocks USFS parking lots. More information will be available as this project starts, however, it is expected Buffalo Road could be closed at some time during the construction phase.

Non-Public Session: At 8:30 pm Cheryl made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 9a-A:3,II(c) seconded by Dan and agreed to by both to discuss tax deeding. Anne will work with Linda to continue this process. Dan made a motion to seal the minutes, seconded by Cheryl. Cheryl made a motion to leave non-public session at 8:47 pm, seconded by Dan and agreed to.

Signed: Checks; Primary 9-1-1 Dispatch Agency Confirmation (Chairman, BOS)

Upcoming: 9/29 No Meeting
9/30 NCC Open House at town office 5:30 – 7:00 pm
9/30 Planning Board meeting
10/06 Selectmen’s meeting – Resident’s Forum
10/13 No meeting
10/20 Selectmen’s meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell
Clerk