

TOWN OF RUMNEY
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 2014

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

Chairman Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Cheryl made a motion to enter non-public session at 6:31 pm, seconded by Ed and agreed to per RSA 91-A:3,II(e) to discuss the Time Warner franchise currently up for renewal. The Board voted to hire Katherine Miller of Donahue, Tucker and Ciandella PLLC to negotiate the renewal. Dan made a motion to leave non-public session at 7:28 pm, seconded by Ed and agreed to.

Advisory Committee: Mark Andrew and Isaac DeWever were present from the committee to start reviewing the budgets. Departments reviewed included Executive, Supervisors of the Check list, Financial, Administration, Reval, Legal, Code Enforcement, and General Government Buildings. Suggestions included adding a separate line item for overtime within the Executive budget, and looking into a composting toilet for the Transfer Station to eliminate the cost of porta-potties. Security features were addressed for the town office building.

Mark suggested the facilities committee be activated to review a long term vision for all town buildings and review any expansions that may be needed.

Police Department: Officer in Charge Brett Miller updated the Board on the department noting his request for caller id in the department and for the fire department. Brett has information on a camera access unit that he would like to install by the outside door for security. Ammunition is low and does need to be ordered.

A radar unit, on loan, has been in use on Main Street and he showed the graphs he compiled from the information in the unit. It will be placed on other streets throughout town as well.

Unlicensed dogs has taken a lot of his time completing the follow-up work and court time when necessary.

Administrative:

Christmas Tree Lighting: Rachel Anderson notified Anne the tree lighting on the town common this year would be on December 7th. Several people have come forward requesting a real tree this year. A sleeve will be put in the ground to accommodate a large tree.

Veteran Credits: Two requests for exemptions were received. Both were granted.

Small Claims Court: (Cheryl recused herself from this discussion) The association of camp property owners at the Baker River Campground Subdivision are going to court to try and receive payment from two owners of the group who have not paid for road maintenance or water for several years. Because the town owns property in this area, they were asked to be included in the small claims court effort to get payment from these owners. The Town, however, does not wish to be included in the court case. (Cheryl rejoined the Board)

Police Chief Search: The search committee is preparing to interview several candidates for the position. However, the process will take longer than anticipated and Officer Miller's status as Officer in Charge should be extended to accommodate the necessary time to complete the hiring process. Anne will draw up an "extended agreement" for the Board and Officer Miller's review.

Landfill Status: Mr. Cushman maintains the town never had a "landfill", but under the state definitions, it was considered one. Anne will contact Mr. Cushman to let him know that the town will proceed with the current monitoring situation and not question the state any further at this time.

Buffalo Bridge Project: A letter was signed to the State of NH reporting the status of the project as requested to properly maintain the funding.

Selectmen:

Minutes: The minutes of the September 22nd meeting were approved.

Rumney Rocks Project: Dan attended the informational meeting held by the Forest Service on October 2nd for the pathway project underway between the two parking lots. The work schedule was well presented as was the intended path being created. As a town official he stressed the need for communication between the job foreman and the town safety departments. There will be some blasting of rock, with road closures during that time as well as tree removal which will close one lane at times.

EMS Service: A letter will be sent to Warren-Wentworth Ambulance service regarding possible EMS coverage within the town for the ensuing year.

Hearings: Two public meetings are scheduled for the next meeting – one to transfer the 2006 F550, from the Highway Department, which was recently replaced, to the Fire Department for use as a utility/forest vehicle. The second will be to accept unanticipated monies from Iberdola Renewables to create the Iberdola Renewables/Buttolph, Lewis, Spring Scholarship Fund.

Non-Public Session: At 9:53 pm Dan made a motion to enter non-public session, seconded by Ed and agreed to per RSA 91-A:3(c) to discuss tax deeding. It was decided to continue the process unless the monies are received. Dan made a motion to leave non-public session at 10:15 pm, seconded by Ed and agreed to. The minutes were sealed.

Signed: Checks; Letter to DOT, Bridge update; MS-1; MS-4

Upcoming: 10/13 No Meeting – Office closed
10/20 Meeting – Public Hearings; Budgets – Fire, Transfer Station
10/27 No Meeting
10/28 Planning Board Meeting
11/03 Meeting – Residents’ forum; Budgets – Highway, Library, Cemeteries, Cap. Res., Health Agencies
11/10 No meeting
11/17 Meeting – Budgets – TC/TC, EMS, Police

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell
Clerk