

TOWN OF RUMNEY
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2014

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

Advisory Committee: Mark Andrew, Isaac DeWever, Ken Wernig, Dennis Burnham, Roger Daniels

Public: Tom Wallace, Jim Buttolph, John & Robin Bagley, Nate & Janice Mulherin, Terry French, David Coursey, Jim McCart, Ray & Morgan Valentin, Sam Coes, Carl Spring, Frank Simpson, Evan Hacker, Dan Medaglia

Chairman, Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 6:55 pm.

The minutes of October 6, 2014 were approved as written.
The minutes of October 14, 2014 were approved as amended.

At 7:00 pm Ed made a motion to enter into a public hearing, seconded by Dan to accept unanticipated funds from Iberdola Renewables to create the Groton Wind – Buttolph/Lewis/Spring Scholarship Fund. (Refer to minutes of same.) At 7:13 pm Ed made a motion to accept the funds (\$60,000), seconded by Dan and agreed. At 7:15 pm Ed made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Dan and agreed. (Cheryl Lewis recused and sat as public during this hearing)

At 7:16 pm Ed made a motion to enter into a public hearing to Transfer the 2006 F550 from the Highway Department to the Fire Department, seconded by Dan and agreed. No decision was made at this hearing. At 8:00 pm Ed made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Dan and agreed.

Duane Brown: Duane Brown spoke of his running for State Representative in District 16 – he has seven children and would like them to be able to live here as they become adults. The business environment and taxes are the two big issues he is concerned with. He feels education should be under local control and not the State or Federal government. He would not support a sales or income tax and feels gambling is not the better way to raise money. He is an airline pilot and seen other parts of the world. We need a better business environment in New Hampshire.

Charlie Sova: Charlie Sova is also running for office in District 16. He backs all the statements made by Duane Brown and added that right-to-work would attract business to this state.

Transfer Station Budget: Sonny Ouellette met with the Board to review the Transfer Station budget for next year. The only increase in his budget is health insurance as he now covers his wife also. Tipping fees are down as a new contract was negotiated. He would like a strapping cart to eliminate having to hold the roll of strapping while binding bundles. All employees must be certified annually by taking one class. He has one employee who has never been certified.

He told of problems with the new Bobcat where the O-rings kept blowing. This work has been performed under warranty.

Mark questioned three lines of his budget as no expenses were showing – the three being loader repair, tires and electrical and tipping (volume down).

Anne questioned if he had any building repairs or concerns. Sonny stated he was looking to paint part of the shed, but that would involve only one 5-gallon container of stain.

Fire Dept. Budget: Chief Coursey sat with the Board to review the Fire Department budget which has a significant increase from last year. Code enforcement and stipends were first reviewed. Both show an increase in the monies paid to the Chief. Code enforcement is taking a lot of time – more than in the past and the only income is derived from gas/oil inspections. The Commissioners increased these two lines. Mark felt the increase in the stipend lines was excessive. Dennis B. questioned if there was that much more enforcement work and if the numbers from year to year could be provided. It was suggested to break out the Chief's salary from the stipends and make a separate line item for salary.

Lakes Region Dispatch has an increase of \$1,878 in fees. There is a formula they use to arrive at each town's fees, with 36 towns included in the dispatch center. They are also looking to replace equipment that is obsolete and can no longer be maintained. There will be additional fees associated with this change, but they should not show up in 2015.

Other items discussed – training which costs \$675 per person; radio replacement cost and how many; pager costs and replacement. As Motorola no longer supports the present equipment, the failure of the radios and pagers requires a replacement unit. All present units were purchased under a grant, and grants are no longer available.

A warrant article will be prepared for equipping the utility truck if the Board approves the transfer.

The only maintenance item for the building is to pave in front of the building. A scale from the old train depot remains in the ground there and causes heaves in the pavement. One bid has been received for that work.

Police Dept. Officer Miller updated the Board on the department. He has ordered ammunition and explained the needs for qualifying as well as the needs if a new officer has to attend the academy. There had parking issues on Buffalo Road over the holiday weekend and he did suggest the town parking ordinance be reviewed and updated. The Officer in Charge agreement was extended until November 30th pending the hiring of a Police Chief.

Administrative:

Blasting Regulations: The first blasting permit application was received from Blastek for a scheduled blast at Central New Hampshire Aggregates. It was received on a Friday with the blast to take place on the following Tuesday. This allowed for no review time of the permit or location. The 10 day prior requirement will be added to the regulations as well as any other omissions noted during this process.

Franchise renewal: There is no update available at this time.

DOT: A letter received from NH DOT gave the approval to proceed with the Buffalo Bridge project. The engineers will advise the town of the next step.

A bridge inspection report was received with the following receiving "E2" weight ratings – Old Rte 25 over Creamery Brook, Old Rte 25 over Stewart Brook, Sand Hill Road over Baker River, Old Rte 25 over Emerald Brook and East Rumney Road over Brook. The town should post these accordingly.

Primex: Two claims were recently filed with the town insurance carrier – one for a workman's comp claim and the other for property liability coverage. Both are awaiting further information.

NCC: North Country Council has two active projects underway at this time with correspondence being received weekly. One is a transportation study and the other for a scenic by-way project.

Fatherland Trust: A property owner at the lake is appealing his valuation. Phil Bodewell, assessor will meet with the owner and review this case.

NHEC Appeal: New Hampshire Electric Coop has appealed the 2013 taxation and this will be included with the ongoing court case.

Perambulation: Groton has inquired as to how the town wants to proceed with the perambulation process. The original bids were too high, so the project should go back out to bid. Anne will notify them of this decision.

Oil Pricing: Bids for oil to supply the town have been sought by Anne. She is presently waiting for a formal bid to be received.

Selectmen:

Septic Plan: A replacement septic plan for Tax Map #12-12-10 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Non-Public: At 11:05 pm Dan made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II(c), seconded by Ed and agreed to. No decisions were made.

A second non-public per RSA 91-A:3II(b) was entered with no decisions made. At 11:10 pm Ed made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Dan and agreed to.

Signed: Checks; Letter – MS-1 2nd form; OIC Extended Agreement, Gravel Tax Warrant – Lonigro; FFTA Report Form; DTC Representation letter – NHEC 2013 appear; Septic Approval – Tax Map #12-12-10

Upcoming: 10/21 Selectmen’s Meeting – Police Chief Search (Non-Public RSA 91-A:3II(b))
10/27 No Meeting
10/28 Planning Board
11/03 Meeting – Resident’s Forum; Budgets – Highway, Library, Cap Res. Health Agencies
11/04 General Election – Russell School 8:00 am – 7:00 pm
11/10 No meeting
11/17 Meeting – Budgets – TC/TC, Cemeteries; Police; EMS

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell
Clerk

