

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 17, 2014

Selectmen: Ed Haskell, Dan Kimble  
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow  
Clerk: Diana Kindell  
Public: Frank Simpson, Tom Wallace  
Advisory Board: Roger Daniels, Mark Andrew, Ken Wernig, Isaac DeWever

Chairman Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 6:36 pm.

**Buffalo Road Bridge:** Chris Fournier, HEB Engineers, presented the proposed scope of work for the Buffalo Road Bridge. He stated they have to follow NHDOT format. Ed questioned the dollars involved and was told bridges are approximately \$12,000 per foot and we would be within the monies available for this project.

Dan questioned the time frame as the proposed completion date is November 2016. Chris explained the extended time is due to the many DOT reviews and the DES review required for the FEMA and NHDOT funding.

Tom, abutter to the bridge, questioned the mitigation required because of the historical features of the current bridge. Chris explained that earlier this year FEMA, the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO), NH Division of Historical Resources (DHR), Rumney Historical Society and the Town agreed that the mitigation could be resolved with a review of the draft plans for the new bridge by DHR and through some form of interpretive signage. The sign content, design, placement and cost is subject to consensus agreement between SHPO, the Town and the Rumney Historical Society.

Ed made a motion to accept the scope of work presented, seconded by Dan and agreed to.

Chris said they have requested DOT to expedite decision on the Scope of Work so that the wetland delineation and land survey can be completed before year end.

**PD Update:** Officer Miller updated the Board on the Police Department stating all officers are now firearms qualified. He reviewed the projected road closures on Buffalo Road due to drilling and blasting, expecting that to take place this week.

The Crown Vic has a new water pump but is still having problems. The Crown Vic is slated for replacement in 2015 with all the funds coming from the Police Capital Reserve Fund. He has requested quotes for a replacement vehicle.

He has reviewed software available, a quote for IMC was very high, and felt the Crime Star presently in use should suffice.

Interested in "road kill"? Contact the Police department and have your name added to the list of people willing to pick up animals when called.

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**Cemetery Budget:** Kathy Sobetzer and Linda Kimble, Cemetery Trustees, presented the proposed budget for 2015 for cemetery upkeep and maintenance.

Ed inquired if the mapping was completed. The only town maintained cemetery remaining to be completed is the Sand Hill Cemetery. There are issues with the boundary lines that the Trustees are currently working on with the abutters. There is also a tree on an abutter's property that poses a threat to some old gravestones should any of the large limbs fall. The Trustees have worked with the landowners and both have agreed to split the cost of tree removal. If weather permits, Top Notch will try to take the tree down this year.

How did the bid system work for maintenance this year? It went well and saved money over the expenditures of the past years. The bids were low and expect to see them higher for this next year. Mark asked if they wanted to separate repairs for the wall at Highland North from the maintenance and use monies from Capital Reserve. Kathy said they have improvements in the foreseeable future such as fence and gate replacement at the Depot site and wish to maintain the Capital Reserve for that purpose.

**Emergency Management:** Emergency Management Director Ray Valentin could not be present tonight, but the budget was reviewed briefly. Most lines remained as prior years. There was a question on one line item. Anne will get clarification from Ray on this.

**Capital Reserve Funds:** The Highway Dept. and the Fire Dept. have both requested \$10,000 increases in the amount raised to better be prepared for replacing vehicles as needed. Prices have increased on all truck units needed.

The dollar amount for the Transfer Station compactor was questioned due to price increases there as well. Anne will check with Sonny regarding an annual amount to be added to that Capital Reserve Fund for the anticipated purchase in a couple of years.

Mark questioned if any monies would be spent this year from the Water Supply fund and the answer was yes there is a project underway at Stinson Lake at this time.

Mark further requested the Town Facilities committee be reactivated to look at the long term needs of the town properties. He is willing to serve if needed.

**EMS:** Bill Taffe was present to speak on the EMS budget. There was little to question on this budget. He was asked if the ambulance had protection for Ebola and Bill stated they just had training for the Ebola virus. Manpower remains low within the department.

He pointed out there is some repair work scheduled this year for the ambulance.

**Administrative:**

**Health Trust:** They expect a 3% reduction in health insurance rates for this coming year. This number will be confirmed in April. There will also be an additional surplus return of Health Trust Funds in 2015 of \$10,000.

**Comstar:** A request to write off an account is town was approved by the Board.

**Sansoucy Agreement:** There will be an additional \$6000 in legal fees for the coming year to cover the Public Service appeal.

**Blasting – Rumney Rocks:** Work is progressing on the new walk path and blasting is projected to happen this week.

**Franchise renewal:** Anne has requested a plant map of the pole locations in town from Time Warner.

**Oil Vendors:** As CN Brown questioned delivering in this area, Yeaton Oil did deliver to the Fire Station and the Town Office building this week.

**Christmas Tree:** A sleeve will be placed in the common tomorrow and a real tree will be purchased to display there this year.

**Code of Ethics:** A few people have not signed the Town's Code of Ethics policy and it was questioned how to proceed if someone refuses to sign. Do they sign a waiver or step down from their position?

**Scholarship Committee:** There is a meeting in the near future and one of the Selectmen need to attend. Anne will get the date and time and Ed and Dan will decide who can attend.

**Fire Department:** A DRED Volunteer Fire Assistance Fund Grant has been received by the Fire Dept. The grant is a 50/50 split for the purchase of Nomax shirts, helmets, gloves and goggles used for protection while fighting forest fires.

**Selectmen:**

**Minutes:** The minutes of November 3, 2014 were approve with one correction.

**Septic Approval:** A septic design for Tax Map #12-10-2, 15 Depot Street was approved.

**Non-Public:** At 8:50 pm Ed mad a motion to enter non-public session, seconded by Dan, per RSA 91-A:3 II(b) and agreed to. Ed made a motion to seal the minutes, seconded by Dan and agreed to. At 9:27 pm Dan made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Ed and agreed to. A decision was made to offer Brett Miller the position of Chief of Police of the Town of Rumney.

**Signed:** Checks; 2015 Sansoucy Agreement; DTC Lawyers Engagement Letter – Public Service Appeal; 2014 Timber Tax Warrant 1; USDA Forest Service Financial Capability Checklist for Grant Agreement; Septic Plan Tax Map #12-10-02.

**Upcoming:** 11/18 Russell School Capital Improvement Committee Meeting – 5:45 pm  
11/24 No Meeting  
11/25 Planning Board  
11/27 Thanksgiving  
11/28 Office Closed  
12/01 Selectmen’s Meeting (6:30 start) Public Hearing – GW Funds  
7:00 pm Resident’s Forum  
12/07 Christmas Tree Lighting – Common  
12/15 Selectmen’s Meeting  
12/22 No Meeting  
12/29 Selectmen’s Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell  
Clerk