

TOWN OF RUMNEY
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
DECEMBER 1, 2014

Selectmen: Ed Haskell, Dan Kimble, Cheryl Lewis

Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow

Clerk: Diana Kindell

Advisory Board: Mark Andrew, Roger Daniels, Ken Wernig, Dennis Burnham, Isaac DeWeever

Public: Janice Mulherin, John Bagley, Sam Coes, Carl Spring, David Coursey, Terry French, Ray and Morgan Valentin, Dan Medaglia, George Wendell V, Paul Spring, Evan Hacker, Brian Lewis, Jim McCart.

Chairman Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 6:29 pm.

Non-Public Session: At 6:30 pm Ed made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II (c), seconded by Dan and agreed to talk with members of Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service. At 7:12 Cheryl made a motion to seal the minutes for a period of six (6) months, seconded by Dan and agreed to. Cheryl made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Dan and agreed to. No decisions were made.

Public Hearing: At 7:15 pm Chairman Ed Haskell opened a Public Hearing to accept unanticipated funds over the amount of \$10,000. See separate minutes for the hearing. The hearing closed at 7:23 pm. Dan made a motion to accept \$50,000 from Groton Wind in two separate payments for a specified purpose, seconded by Ed and agreed to. (Cheryl Lewis recused herself from this hearing and sat as public, returning to the Board at the end of the hearing).

Resident's forum: Mark A. inquired if the town had a tax rate yet and how much money is due to Grafton County at this time. Anne stated we expected to have the tax rate this week and she has been working with the bank on a note in anticipation of taxes with an interest rate of under 1%.

Budgets:

Fire Dept: Mark felt the \$4000 increase in pay for the Chief was excessive and wants more supporting documentation to back it up. It was stated that code enforcement as well as the change of position of Chief with the present Chief having a more active role in the position. Janice inquired as to fees paid for code work, but only the oil and gas permits presently have fees attached. Dennis inquired as to who requires the safety inspections – it being the State of NH.

Terry F. spoke that the amount was low pay for hours invested in the job. They have always tried to keep their budget down, but the time has come when we have to pay.

It was questioned if a warrant article was necessary to spend the monies received from Groton Wind. Anne will ask that of DRA for a definite answer. Would it be necessary to write the article with monies separated for the truck conversion and the dry hydrants?

There will be a warrant article for paving the apron in front of the fire station. An estimate for the material has been provided; however, a dollar amount to do the additional work needed has to be added to the article.

Emergency Management: Ray Valentin was present to discuss this budget. He stated the school is still considered a warming shelter and he would be meeting with the principal soon. However, they have no supplies such as blankets, pillows, sweatshirts or basic toiletries. Any overnight shelter would be in Plymouth as this school does not provide showers. Janice questioned if there was still a trailer with supplies stored in Plymouth. Ray answered yes, but it is for all surrounding town and available on a first-come first-serve basis with no guarantees of having it. Mark suggested asking for supplies to be donated or through the Red Cross – to not go overboard purchasing as to date there has not been a need. Cheryl questioned where the supplies would be stored and Ray stated he would find room upstairs at the fire station. There is no room at the school.

Conservation: Janice Mulherin was present for the Conservation Committee. Cheryl questioned why there was an increase in the budget when no monies have been spent over the last few years. Janice said this is a more active Board and will be attending training sessions and workshops. They are doing boat checks for milfoil at Stinson Lake. The state had provided funding in the past, but that is gone. They do use funds from the Conservation Fund which are derived when current use property is taken out of that status. Cheryl questioned that process. It was explained the Town and the Conservation Committee split the funds as the town voted to do several years back. That money is used to aid with Conservation easements.

Janice requested the Darling area be added to the mowing bids as it is difficult to get that done.

Executive: A line item was added for over-time pay for the Administrative Assistant.

Financial Adm.: Office supplies was increased due to a state cutback.

Reval: More information is needed to finalize that dollar amount.

Cemetery: A warrant article will be prepared for repairing the wall at Highland North.

Insurance – Property & Liability: There was an increase in cost.

Capital Reserve: An increase was made for the future purchase of a compactor at the Transfer Station.

Government Buildings: Maintenance for the town office was increased due to care for the new floor. Electricity has increased 12% for all buildings. Painting is needed at the Historical Society as well as the new Highway garage.

Warrant Articles:

- a. Accounting software for a municipal package will be presented
- b. Cemetery wall repair will be included
- c. Police cruiser with funding from Capital Reserve
- d. Security for the town office funded from the Facilities Fund
- e. Discontinue a section of Class V road – needs further review

Administrative:

Tax Rate: DRA has not yet provided the town with a tax rate. Anne has been working on a Tax Anticipation note with the bank should it be needed.

Audit Draft: This will be on hold for more information.

Time Warner Franchise Renewal: Time Warner is working on a map for the town but did remind us that the franchise is only for cable TV. We have 600 cable subscribers in town.

Library: The library has received LCHIP funds in the amount of \$12,000 so they will be continuing work to finalize the plans for the handicap accessible addition.

Selectmen:

Minutes: The minutes of November 17, 2014 were approved with one change.
The non-public minutes of November 17, 2014 were approved as written.

Fatherland Trust: The Board reviewed a parcel of land on Stinson Lake that the property owner would like to gift to the Town. This property cannot be subdivided, hence, the offer was rejected.

Non-Public: At 9:40 pm Dan made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II(b), seconded by Ed. Dan made a motion to seal the minutes seconded by Ed and agreed to. At 9:55 Dan made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Cheryl and agreed to.

Signed: Checks, Letter to Groton Wind accepting funds; MOU-MRA Municipal Sharing Pool Agreement

UpComing: 12/07 Historical Society Christmas Tee 3:00 pm
Tree Lighting on the Common 5:00 pm
12/08 No Selectmen's meeting
12/15 Selectmen's meeting
12/22 No Selectmen's meeting
12/29 Selectmen's meeting
12/30 Planning Board Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell
Clerk