

**TOWN OF RUMNEY  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
01-12-15**

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

The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Haskell.

Checks signed; the minutes of 12-29-14 were accepted as written; Board reviewed correspondence

**7:00 Chief Brett Miller** met with the Board to update them on the Police Department

1. The PD computers are back up and running
2. Replaced Expedition battery and may need to replace the Crown Vic's battery.
3. Deadline to order the new cruiser is January 30<sup>th</sup>; he will pull the specs together (for the Inceptor) for the Board's review before he places the order; the agreement for the new cruiser is contingent on the cruiser article passing at Town Meeting.
4. Kevin Maes is working off and on
5. Chief Miller expects to receive a couple of applications for the full-time officer's position; the Board will have an opportunity to meet with the prospective officers
6. He met with Joe Chivell last week

**7:30 Advisory Committee** members, Mark Andrew, Roger Daniels, Ken Weinig, Isaac Dewever and Dennis Burnham, met with the Board for a final review of the budget and warrant. (The Selectmen had met on Saturday for a six-hour meeting and made further revisions to the budget.

1. Library Addition/Alterations – the Selectmen would like to finance this through a bond or note to help spread out the impact for taxpayers. The Trustees will be meeting on Wednesday, January 14 and will follow-up with the Board after that. The Board does support the project if it is financed over a few years
2. There were a few questions on the restructuring of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office
3. Street Lights – Mark suggested the Board start up a committee again to take a look at the lights to see if there are some that can be eliminated. The Town currently has 54 lights
4. Mark asked about long-term planning, did the Board have plans for the old town shed and the West Rumney fire station. The Board said at this time there are no plans for either of the buildings but will be addressing long-term planning with the Planning Board beginning this year. It was suggested again that the Facilities Committee be rekindled to assist with some of the planning.
5. Mark reported that the Trustees of the Trust Funds are making changes to the way they are investing town funds; they meet on a quarterly basis.
6. Department training – Most departments budget for training each year but few do any actual training. The importance of the training was emphasized and department heads should be encouraging their employees to participate in some kind of training. Dan said the Selectmen will be drawing up a policy, or training agreement, that spells out that if the Town pays for training (and some of it is quite costly) that the employee has some obligation to the town to either stay on for a certain amount of time or reimburse the town for a portion of their training. The Board will be taking this on within the next month or so.
7. Capital Reserve Funds – discussion followed on the importance of keeping up with these accounts, planning ahead with all departments and making the plans available to residents to they can see there is a process and plan to keep the town moving forward while trying to minimize the tax impact of capital expenditures.
8. Overall the Advisory Committee was in agreement with the budget and had no changes to recommend.
9. As soon as the budget and warrant is finalized with the DRA and the town attorney, Annie will forward the documents to the members.

**9:00 Administrative**

1. Scholarship Committee representative – Ed volunteered to sit on the committee this year. Anne will let Robin know.
2. Rest Area Study – Jeannie Forester forwarded a copy of the study the State is undertaking as part of their review of the 12 +/- rest areas throughout the State that are presently closed. Following the study, the State will make recommendations on specific ones.
3. Health Officer position – the Board received a copy of Bill Taffe's resignation letter dated January 7<sup>th</sup> to the State notifying them of his resignation as Health Officer, effective immediately. Becky Bordonaro is currently the Deputy Health Officer and is willing to step up to the Health Officer position immediately. The Board will fill out the necessary paperwork to nominate Becky as Health Officer and forward it to the State.
4. DES Permit – the Town received official notification from the DES that the Transfer Station permit has been renewed through January 2020. The permit also noted that the sampling and reporting requirements have been relaxed somewhat which will lessen the financial commitment to this ongoing process.
5. Dates of sign up to run for Town Offices – January 21<sup>st</sup> through January 30<sup>th</sup> with the Town Clerk; list of positions available are on the website and posted at the office
6. Annie will be away from January 26<sup>th</sup> through February 7<sup>th</sup>.

**9:15 Selectmen**

1. Employee Evaluations - at 9:15 Dan made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91: (Anne was not present during this session) At 10:05 Dan made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Ed, 3-0 in favor. No decisions were made.
2. Dan reported on the Rumney School District meeting he attended last week. There are no major expenditures planned for 2015; the school continues to look at 2016 as the year when the renovations/additions are planned and State funding should be available.
3. Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at the Wentworth school beginning at 6:00 p.m. for parents, townspeople and school personnel. Begin a discussion on ways the schools can collaborate. Goal is to have group identify ways to work together to potentially cut costs and provide options for our children's education.
4. The next meeting will be January 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30. The Board will meet with Sonny and Frank to go over their evaluations.
5. At 10:30 Ed made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cheryl, 3-0 to adjourn.

SIGNED: Checks; Intent to Cut – Sobetzer;

UPCOMING: 01/14 Collaborative Session – Wentworth School @ 6:30 pm  
01/21 First day to sign up to run for a Town Office  
01/26 Selectmen's Meeting @ 6:30 pm  
01/27 Planning Board 7:00 pm  
01/30 Last day to sign up to run for a Town Office  
01/02 Selectmen's Meeting – Residents' Forum 7:00  
01/09 Public Hearing – Proposed Budget & Warrant 7:00 @ Russell School

Respectively submitted,

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