

Town of Rumney
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Selectmen's meeting
MINUTES
05-04-2015

Selectmen: Ed Haskell, Cheryl Lewis, Dan Kimble
Administrative Assistant: Joe Chivell

Chairman Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 6:00p.m

Tax Collector

Mark Vallieres had been invited to meet with the Board and Rumney Tax Collector Linda Whitcomb. The Board and Mr. Vallieres read and signed an agreement.

Kathryn and Gordon Francis had been invited to meet with the Board and Rumney Tax Collector Linda Whitcomb. Kathryn Francis appeared, Gordon Francis did not appear. Mrs. Francis was given the option of meeting in public or non-public (under RSA 91-A:3,II(c)) session with the Board and Linda Whitcomb. Mrs. Francis requested that this meeting be held in a non-public setting. A motion was made to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3,II(c) by Cheryl Lewis, seconded by Dan Kimble. The motion passed 3-0.

Ed Haskell, Jr. made a motion to seal the minutes of the meeting with Mrs. Francis, the motion was seconded by Dan Kimble. The motion passed 3-0

7:05 Dan Kimble made a motion to leave non-public session and return to public session, seconded by Ed Haskell, Jr. The motion passed 3-0

A follow up meeting with the Board was set with Mrs. Francis for June 1, 2015 at 6:30 PM

Public Forum 7:00

Conservation Commission

Janice Mulherin appeared for the Conservation Commission. Janice Mulherin had been asked to have the Conservation Commission consider accepting the Brian Young property that is adjacent to the Sand Hill Cemetery for the Town. Mrs. Mulherin had concerns that the property would not be used for conservation type purposes. She suggested that since the Town has not accepted RSA 41:14-a (which allows the Selectmen to acquire property without a Town Meeting) in the past, that the Board move forward accepting the property under 31:95e, which was accepted by the Town at the 2008 Town Meeting. I offered to follow up with Geoffrey Gallagher on this issue.

Dan Kimble offered to upload the minutes of the Conservation Commission to the Town Website if commission could forward them. Mrs. Mulerin had no other business for the Board and left at this time.

Library Project

Tom Wallace appeared with the contracts from the contractor and architect of the library project.

Roger Daniels, Library Trustee, had appeared at the Town Office and signed the contracts in front of the Town's Administrative Assistant.

Two copies of the contracts were provided. The three Board members reviewed both contracts. Ed Haskell made a motion that the Board move forward and sign both contracts. Dan Kimble seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0

Tom Wallace is attempting to arrange a ceremonial ground breaking and will contact the Board with the date and time when finalized.

Tom Wallace had asked earlier if the Town could look into Builder's Risk Insurance. I had made contact with Primex regarding this issue. The point of contact at Primex, Amy Poole, was out of the office until Wednesday. As soon as I receive the information I will forward it to the Board, the Trustee's and Tom Wallace.

Tom Wallace also spoke with the Board offering to be the point of contact for the contractor and the architect. The Board agreed that this would be extremely helpful. A motion was made by Ed Haskell to allow Tom Wallace to act as the point of contact for both the contractor and architect. This motion was seconded by Dan Kimble. The motion passed 3-0.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the 04-20-2015 Selectmen's meeting. Ed Haskell made a motion to accept the minute's as amended. Dan Kimble seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Tax Collector

Charles and Shirley Wormstead had been invited to meet with the Board and Tax Collector Linda Whitcomb. Neither of the Wormstead's appeared. Linda Whitcomb advised the Board that at this time there was no current need to meet with the Wormstead's. The Board determined that no further action at this time.

Linda Whitcomb, Rumney Tax Collector/Town Clerk, asked how the process was going to find a person to replace her in that position. The opening has been posted with a closing date of May 4, 2015. Resume's are under review and selected persons' will be contacted to arrange follow up interviews within the next two weeks.

A request to prorate taxes on the property owned by the Dewever Family Property Trust was reviewed by the Board. The house was damaged by fire. The Board would like the property viewed by the property assessor to determine the amount to prorate.

Administration

CAI, the company to updates the Town's tax maps, contract was reviewed. At a prior meeting the Board questioned the ability to post maps on line. A CD that came with the maps has been viewed by Dan Kimble to determine if it can be posted on line. Contact had been made with CAI regarding the ability to create tax maps that can be accessed and printed by the public on line. Other towns have that service available, but there are additional costs attached to the Town to make that available. At this time the current proposed contract to continue to update the tax maps, with a CD included, was signed by the Board.

A Professional Services Agreement from Municipal Resources, Inc. was reviewed. The agreement provides that MRI will perform the tasks of junkyard compliance. After review the Board signed the agreement.

The Board reviewed a Septic design for D. Rost. The map was stamped and signed.

The request to appoint Lori Eaton to the Library Trustee vacancy was reviewed and signed by the Board.

The intent to cut submitted by Doug Willett was reviewed and signed by the Board.

The Board was advised that Kate Miller, of DTC Lawyers, continues to work with TWC. The current TWC doesn't expire until the end of this year. I had passed along questions that the Town Clerk had. Ms. Miller will let me know how this progresses.

Minutes from the Town Safety Committee were viewed by the Board. A concern regarding the broken Christmas lights, the inability to remove the old style lights from the trees, and that the trees were dying was discussed. The Board would like information covering the removal of the dead trees, grinding or removing the stumps, and/or removing the Christmas lights prior to Old Home Day.

The 4/24/2015 letter from DRA was viewed by the Board, no action was needed.

Applications

Review of candidates for the opening with the Rumney Highway Department was conducted by the Board. A motion to go into non-public session, under RSA 91-A:3, II (b) was made by Ed Haskell. The motion was seconded by Dan Kimble. Motion passed 3-0.

9:30 A motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session was made by Dan Kimble. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Lewis. Motion passed 3-0

Frank Simpson, Rumney Road Agent, will be notified that he may offer the position to Evan Hacker.

A discussion to clarify the vacation time and probation periods was started and will be clarified at a later meeting.

1015 Ed Haskell made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Cheryl Lewis. Motion passed 3-0.

Signed: Checks; D. Rost septic design; CAI contract; MRI contract; Library Trustee Appointment; PAF for transfer station

Upcoming: 05-12-2015 Planning Board
05-18-2015 Selectmen's meeting
05-25-2015 Memorial Day Town Office Closed
05-26-2015 Planning Board meeting with Bernie Waugh
06-01-2015 Selectmen's meeting with Public Forum

Approved 05-18-2015