

Town of Rumney
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Selectmen's meeting
MINUTES
05-18-2015

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

Chairman Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 6:30p.m.

Review minutes of 05-04-2015 meeting. Cheryl Lewis made a motion to accept as amended. Motion seconded by Ed Haskell. Motion passed 2-0

TRUSTEE'S OF THE TRUST FUNDS

The Board met with Trustee's of the Trust Funds, Mark Andrew, Deb Maes, and Robin Bagley. It was reported the Cemetery Trustees, Terry Knowles and Trustees of the Trust Funds have been having discussions to clarify the origin of some funds, this is an ongoing discussion

The Trustee's reported that the general consensus is that the funds are being well managed by Charter Trust. Their goal is to maximize the growth of funds that are managed by Charter Trust. Currently there are 19 capital reserve accounts for the Town of Rumney, each fund is invested separately. They recommend combining the funds, just for investment purposes, to maximize interest earned. Each amount will be tracked for the 19 different accounts.

The Trustee's asked that when the Board becomes aware of a large purchase or project that may occur 12-18 months out that the Board let the Trustee's know so that they can properly plan for the use of invested funds.

The Trustee's indicated that an appropriate amount of funding would be available in the event of a major emergency.

A copy of the last Trustee's of the Trust Funds meeting minutes were provided to the Board along with a copy of the Town of Rumney Investment Policy Statement. (copy attached)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE'S

The Board met with Cemetery Trustee's, Kathy Sobetzer and Dwight Lyon, regarding the work to be done on the stone wall at Highland North Cemetery. They reported they opened the bids at the last Cemetery Trustee meeting and awarded to L.E. Johnston Construction the job.

The Cemetery Trustee's asked for the Boards approval to use combined funds that are in their budget along with cost saving of cemetery projects to complete phase 3 of the Highland North Cemetery wall project rather than just phases 1 and 2. Upon review current funds are available

to complete phase 1, 2, & 3 of the wall project. By completing all three phases this summer it will save money. At this time there is not a set start date, but it is thought it would be mid June.

The Cemetery Trustee's asked for a status update regarding the land that is adjacent to the Sand Hill Cemetery that was being offered to the Town by Brian Young. The Trustee's were told that several different ways to accept this land have been explored. At this time, according the attorney Geoffrey Gallagher of Gardner Fulton & Waugh PLLC, the only avenues left to allow the town of acquire the piece of property would be, at the 2016 Town Meeting, to have a warrant article to accept this gift or to have the town voters accept RSA 41:10-a.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The topic of trees in the town common had been discussed recently, initially brought up be the Safety Committee. Rachael Anderson had also reported her concerns of the trees when she called about the Christmas lights this spring. Frank Simpson had been asked to look at the trees to determine if the Town Highway Department could remove the trees that shows signs that they are starting to die. Frank had reported back that he could remove the trees and stumps. Contact was made with John Bagley, who has oversight of the fountain in the common. He had no objections to the trees being removed. It was determined that the trees could be taken down in a timely fashion so that the common would be presentable for Old Home Day.

The Board was made aware that the tax bills had been mailed this past Friday. The current fund balance was reviewed along with the major upcoming anticipated bills through mid June.

Harmony Hill Revocable Trust Abatement request was viewed. The Board requested confirmation from CNP.

The upcoming renewal with Healthtrust was discussed as far as probation periods and cost saving. A clean copy of the renewal will be requested.

The Board was advised that BLASTech Corp has started the application process.

The Board reviewed and signed the PAF for Evan Hacker

The Board was updated that Ken Knowlton, of MRI, stopped by regarding Junk Yard issues and Blasting. The Selectmen's Office will mail out the junk yard permit renewal letters. The list of properties that may require letters sent will be reviewed at the next Selectmen's meeting.

The Board reviewed and signed the PAF for Paulette Bowers.

A bill from FirstLight will be reviewed at the next Selectmen's meeting.

The process to obtain criminal and motor vehicle records needed for persons applying for position with EMS and fire was discussed. Currently the applicant would complete a request for record check, which would be given to the police department to forward to the NH State Police

Records Division, and the Town would pay the required fee. Once the record was returned to the police department a release was required from the applicant allowing the police chief to discuss the findings with either the fire department or EMS director.

The new procedure recommended by Chief Miller is to have the applicant make the request for their records directly to NH State Police Record and pay for the request themselves. The record would be delivered to the fire department or EMS director by the applicant, thus eliminating the need for a waiver of release of information. If there is a need to clarify the record the applicant will deliver the record to the Chief of Police for review. (copy of memo from Chief Miller attached)

The Board discussed this issue and voted to accept the new practice.

The Board was reminded that as the contract negotiations with TWC nears its end that a public hearing would be needed.

A copy of a letter sent by George Sansoucy regarding Utility Property was viewed.

Correspondence from William Savoie – Item tabled until next meeting

Correspondence from Tom Mongeon – Item tabled until next meeting

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell
Administrative Assistant
Town of Rumney

Signed: Checks; PAF highway position; PAF Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Septic design L. Ford;
Septic design R. Marson

Upcoming: 05-25-2015 Memorial Day Town Office Closed
05-26-2015 Planning Board meeting with Bernie Waugh
06-01-2015 Selectmen's meeting – Public Forum
06-15-2015 Selectmen's meeting
06-30-2015 Planning Board meeting

Approved 06-01-2015