

Town of Rumney
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Selectmen's meeting
MINUTES
06-01-2015

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

Chairman Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Correspondence – An e-mail was sent to the Selectmen's e-mail regarding a complaint of the appearance of a property located in the area of Route 25 and the junction of Route 118. Photos had been taken of the property in question. Photos were viewed by the Board, it was determined that at this time there was no violation of State law or local ordinance.

Forest Fire – Chief David Coursey forwarded an update on the recent forest fire in the Quincy Road area of Rumney. The cost to extinguish the fire is approximately \$10,000.00. Approximately \$3,000.00 to cover expenses directly related to the Rumney Fire Department, the remaining, approximately \$7,000.00, is to cover out of town fire agencies.

Towns that assisted were; Campton-Thornton, Wentworth, Moultonborough, Tilton-Northfield, Ashland, Bridgewater, Meredith, Center Harbor, Plymouth, Holderness, Waterville Valley, Warren, New Hampton, Hebron, Bristol, Sanbornton, White Mountain National Forest Service, and the NH Forest Rangers.

The cost to fight the forest fire is the direct responsibility of the Town of Rumney. Avenues of reimbursement will be explored. More information will follow from Chief Coursey and Forest Ranger Steve Sherman.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Linda Whitcomb requested to meet with the Board. Ed Haskell made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3,II(c), motion received a second from Dan Kimble. Motion passed 3-0

A motion was made by Ed Haskell to seal the minutes, the motion received a second from Dan Kimble. Motion passed 3-0

Motion made by Dan Kimble to come out of non-public session and return to public session, motion received a second from Cheryl Lewis. Motion passed 3-0

Linda Whitcomb asked to meet with the Board on a second issue. Cheryl Lewis made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3,II(c), motion received a second from Dan Kimble. Motion passed 3-0

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Minute approved 06/15/2015

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Public Forum – No public input

Kevin Maes, State of New Hampshire Representative District 6 – Kevin was present to give a brief overview of this year’s budget process in Concord. He explained that of the many cuts that had been made to the State budget, some funding has been returned. Areas of concern to him were funding cuts of mental health programs, funding cuts for emergency shelters, funding cuts to tourism, and funding cuts to Medicaid. He is hopeful that funding will be returned to Service Link, which is a program that assists the elderly to stay in their own homes. The Senate is due to vote on the budget this Thursday.

Kevin explained that he is on the Resource, Recreation and Development committee this year.

Police Department – Chief Miller was in to update the Board.

Chief Miller started by telling the Board that there is a rumor being spread that he had been arrested. He wanted the Board to know that it is not true and he doesn’t know where the rumor started. He wanted the Board to be assured that it is nothing but a rumor.

A candidate has been selected to begin a pre-employment background check. The GCSO has been contact and will conduct the investigation.

The new cruiser has been taken to Adamson Industries to be out fitted.

Chief Miller reported that the last event at Backwoods reportedly went ok. He did offer recommendations to them such as; not relaying on detail officers assigned to traffic to also be expected to deal with issues in the event area, to make contact with NH Liquor Enforcement, meet with the Board to keep them apprised of upcoming events, and to provide the Police Chief with information of events being planned. Chief Miller feels he has a good working relationship with the Lord’s at Backwoods and hopes that he can continue working on that relationship.

The sign at the intersection of Sand Hill and Buffalo Road has been spray painted. A brief discussion followed regarding the design of that intersection. It may be safer and more effective if the intersection were a traditional “T” designed with a STOP sign. It was suggested that follow up discussions with Road Agent, Frank Simpson, and Chief Miller should occur.

Chief Miller reported that he utilized NH Highway Safety Grants for DWI Patrols and Speed enforcement during the three day Memorial Day weekend.

A concern regarding cars parking in the area of the town common, along Quincy Road, was discussed. Quincy Road is a state road and in the area of the STOP sign it is required that no

cars are to park with 30' of that intersection. Cars are not allowed to be parked on the travel portion of the state way. To address the safety of that area, and throughout the town, the Board would like there to be an ongoing dialog between business owners, the Police Chief and the Fire Chief to assure that safety issues are kept in mind for the patrons visiting local establishments. The Board also recommended that the Chief, and his officers, be visible in and around local businesses. Chief Miller hopes to work with all local business owners and to foster a good relationship with them. He is happy to see local businesses appear to be doing well and he hopes to help assure their continued success.

An overview of some recent events has brought to light that a few pieces of equipment may be needed. The Chief wanted the Board to know why these items may be purchased this year or budgeted for in next year's police budget.

Selectboard Chair wanted to pass along to the Chief that he has had several compliments regarding the activities and visibility of the police department.

BLAStech – BLAStect has continued on with the permit request to blast at Central Aggregate. A site inspection was conducted by Selectboard Chair, Ed Haskell, and Fire Chief, Dave Coursey. They found no violations.

The Board had asked to view the contract that was signed with Town of Groton for EMS purposes. A review was completed. No action was needed or taken.

The Board asked for the EMS Director to be invited to the next Board meeting scheduled for June 15, 2015 at 6:30 PM to provide an update of the squad's status and activity.

The minutes of the May 18, 2015, Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Cheryl Lewis to accept the minutes as amended. The motion received a second by Ed Haskell. The motion passed 3-0

Documents, as prepared by CNP, regarding the T. Mongen property was reviewed by the Board. A motion to forward this information to the property owner for acceptance was made by Dan Kimble. The motion was seconded by Ed Haskell. Motion passed 3-0

Documents, as prepared by CNP, regarding Harmony Hill property was reviewed by the Board. An additional document was requested to be completed and presented to the Board for review.

Documents, as prepared by CNP, regarding the Dewever Family Trust was reviewed by the Board. The Board signed the request for Prorated Assessment for Damaged Buildings. The Dewever's will be contacted regarding the adjustment.

A notice will be sent to the owners of a property that may be in violation of Current Use Status.

A public meeting will be held on July 20, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. regarding the TWC agreement with the Town of Rumney.

Letters that will be sent to the two parties that currently hold Junk Yard Permits were reviewed and approved for mailing.

A past list of potential violators of the Junk Yard statute was reviewed. Correspondence will continue with Ken Knowlton of MRI regarding code compliance.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dan Kimble at 10:30 P.M. A second to the motion was made by Ed Haskell. Motion passed 3-0

Submitted,

Joe Chivell
Administrative Assistant

Signed: Checks; 15 Depot St. septic design; Forest Fire Report;

Up Coming Events: June 30 Planning Board – CIP – Police & Library
 July 3 Town Office Closed in observance of Independence Day
 July 6 Select Board Meeting with Public Forum
 July 14 Planning Board – CIP – Transfer Station & Fire Department
 July 20 Public Hearing for TWC Contract
 July 20 Select Board Meeting
 July 28 Planning Board – CIP – Highway and Road/Bridges & TC/TC