

**Town of Rumney**  
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**Selectmen's meeting/ Public Hearing**  
**MINUTES**  
**07-20-2015**

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

6:00 PM Chairmen Ed Haskell called the meeting to order

**Public Hearing**

6:05 PM Ed Haskell made a motion to suspend the Selectmen's meeting and to open the Public Hearing regarding the renewal of the Time Warner Cable Agreement. The motion received a second from Dan Kimble. Motion passed 3-0

- The purpose of the July 20, 2015 public hearing was to receive the public's input on the proposal for renewal of the cable television franchise with the cable operator, Time Warner Cable, and the Town of Rumney.
- The Board of Selectmen is the franchising authority under New Hampshire law. Rumney engaged in a process to determine whether TimeWarner Cable has complied with the provisions of the current cable television franchise agreement. We have ascertained the future cable related needs and interests of the community, to inform our negotiations for renewal of the franchise with TimeWarner. The proposed cable TV franchise renewal agreement that is the subject of this hearing is the product of that work.
- The public has been invited to attend this hearing. The proposed renewal agreement is available for public review. Any resident or representative of a local organization who wishes to speak will have that opportunity tonight. Please note that some topics are *not* included in the proposed cable TV franchise renewal agreement, such as cable rates and channel selection, because the Town has *no* jurisdiction over those items. Likewise, the cable TV franchise agreement does not deal with telephone services or internet services provided by TimeWarner, as those services are also outside the jurisdiction of the Town.
- Would anyone like to come forward and provide input regarding the proposal?
- No one from the public appeared for the Public Hearing

6:30 PM Ed Haskell made a motion to close the Public Hearing and return to the Selectmen's meeting. Motion received a second from Dan Kimble. Motion passed 3-0

### **Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the July 6, 2015 Selectmen's meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Ed Haskell. The motion received a second from Cheryl Lewis. Motion passed 3-0

### **Time Warner Cable Agreement Renewal**

Cheryl Lewis made a motion to accept the Time Warner Agreement Renewal as presented with an effective date of July 20, 2015. The motion received a second from Ed Haskell. Motion passed 3-0

### **Police Chief Miller Update**

Chief Miller stated that Officer Greg Patten was accepted by NHPSTC to attend the Police Academy. Patten's in-take physical agility test will be August 17<sup>th</sup>. The start date for the academy will be August 31<sup>st</sup> and will run until December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Uniforms and equipment required by NHPSTC have been ordered for Officer Patten.

The "No Parking" signs that had been discussed at prior meetings have been put in place by the State of NH-DOT.

Complaints of speeders on School Street have been received. This renewed the discussion of standardizing and lowering the speed limits on all town roads to be 25MPH. Background information needed to allow the town to lower the speed limits on the town roads and the required Public Hearing will be obtained by the Administrative Assistant for the next Board meeting.

Ed Haskell asked Chief Miller if he had received notice from Blastek regarding a possible blast taking place this week. Chief Miller had not received notice nor had the Office of the Selectmen. Haskell stated that a post in the July 20, 2015 Penny Saver stated Blastek would be conducting a blast on July 21, 2015. That notice doesn't follow the regulations set forth by the town for blasting. Chief Miller was asked to check at Central Aggregate regarding a possible blast.

### **Administrative Assistant**

The Recommittal Audit conducted by Plodzik & Sanderson covering the time frame of January 2015 to July 1, 2015 was presented for review.

This mid-year audit was required due to the change of Tax Collectors. The Recommittal Warrant was reviewed and signed.

Wade Reed had notified the Board that he would like to upgrade the lower portion of Doetown Road. The upgrade would include; cutting trees in the right of way, ditching, and installing culverts to accommodate a logging truck. At the July 6, 2015 meeting the Board requested that Road Agent, Frank Simpson, be contacted for his input. Frank Simpson was contacted and stated that he did not see any issues with the described work being done by Reed on lower Doetown Road. During this meeting, July 20, 2015, the Board stated that Wade Reed could be contacted and allowed to move forward with his described upgrading of Doetown Road.

Correspondence from Orr & Reno had been sent to the town relating back to a 1995 issue concerning the Town of Rumney and Baker Valley Lumber, Inc. Documents from this matter in possession of Orr & Reno are scheduled for destruction according to the firm's document destruction policy. The town has the option of taking possession of the documents or allowing them to be destroyed. A search of the town's archives will be completed. If the town has a duplicate copy the town will allow Orr & Reno to destroy their copies. If the town does not have a duplicate copy the town office will take possession of the documents held by Orr & Reno.

Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, asked the Board how the Administrative portion of the CIP process will be handled. Based on the definition of Capital Improvement items such as, but not limited to; town office Space needs, town office server and work station replacements, town office copier, Rumney Historical Building roof will be researched prior to the August CIP date. A review of other town buildings and needs that do not fall under a designated department will be completed.

The Board requested Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, to follow up with the DRA on the matter of Capitol Reserve use for items that may be leased as opposed to purchased.

The Board discussed an issue that came up at the last Planning Board - CIP meeting on July 14, 2015. The Planning Board requested that the Board of Selectmen have the Road Agent dig an exploratory hole in front of the Rumney Fire Department to see if he was able to determine the size and location of the scales that are under ground, in front of the building. It is unclear at this point the dimension of the scales or if any portion of the scales are under the slab of the fire station. The Select Board is concerned that simply digging and exploring could damage

the backhoe, the fire house flooring, or both. The Board would have the Fire Chief determine the cost of a land penetrating exploratory unit that could outline the size and depth of the scales before any work is done at the fire station. The cost to conduct this search of the scales needs be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen for review before any services are rendered.

Accounting software was discussed. This covered the possible cost to switch to QuickBooks Pro along with the cost to have Plodzick & Sanderson enter all account numbers, including the starting balance. Plodzick & Sanderson has provided an estimate. This quote will be compared to other accounting firms that can conduct the same operations.

A PAF for the Rumney Highway Department was signed.

Bids to paint the Rumney Highway Garage have been posted locally and in The Record Enterprise.

Bids for the 2015 Paving projects have been sent out and posted locally.

Representatives from LCHIP will be at the library Wednesday, July 22, 2015, to conduct a half way point inspection.

The Board questioned why they had not received checks to sign for the month of June EMS stipend. Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, explained that no stipend request had been submitted. Chivell had made contact with Deb Thompson, who normally provides stipend requests, via e-mail on July 6, 2015. Deb Thompson's e-mail indicated there's one undated run sheet and one run that appeared to have occurred during the first weekend of July. Dan Kimble requested that Lakes Region Dispatch be contacted regarding the number of EMS calls that occurred during June and July, to date, for the Town of Rumney.

Ed Haskell made a motion to adjourn. The motion received a second from Cheryl Lewis. Motion passed 3-0

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell  
Administrative Assistant

Up Coming Events:

Aug. 3 Selectmen's Meeting with Public Forum

Aug. 8 Rumney Old Home Day

Aug. 17 Selectmen's Meeting

Aug. 25 Planning Board -CIP Meeting