

Town of Rumney
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Selectmen's meeting/ Public Hearing
MINUTES
08-03-2015

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

6:30 PM Dan Kimble called the meeting to order

SEALED BID OPENING

6:35 PM Opening Bid to Paint the Highway Garage. Bid was awarded to Nick Burt. Total bid cost \$5,700.00.

6:40 PM Opening Bids for Buffalo Road Paving project. Bids received from; M.E Latulippe Construction, LLC, D.A. White Excavating, LLC, and Andrews Construction Co., Inc. Low bid awarded to M.E. Latulippe Construction, LLC - Total bid price of \$55,660.00, shim and overlay bid price \$80.00/per ton, Underdrain installed as needed \$15.00 per L.F.

All parties that entered bids will be notified.

ROAD AGENT UP DATE

Road Agent, Frank Simpson, spoke to the Board regarding the purchase of a wood splitter. The highway garage uses wood heat. Currently a wood splitter is rented to prepare the wood. The purchase of the wood splitter will be more cost efficient. Simpson stated the splitter he would purchase cost \$1,000.00 and he has the amount in his operating budget. Cheryl Lewis made a motion to authorize Road Agent, Frank Simpson, to spend \$1,000.00 to purchase a wood splitter. This motion received a second from Dan Kimble. Motion passed 2-0.

Road Agent, Simpson, up dated the Board on some summer projects the highway department are completing and stated they would start road side mowing within the next couple weeks.

Selectmen Dan Kimble requested that Road Agent Simpson and Police Chief Miller attend this meeting to speak about the intersection of Buffalo Road and Sand Hill Road. At a prior meeting the design of the intersection had been discussed. To

create a safer intersection it will be changed from the current two way yield to a T-style intersection with a "STOP" sign coming off Buffalo Road on to Sand Hill Road. The highway department can complete the prep work, coordinating the time so that the intersection can be paved during the Buffalo Road paving project. A "STOP" sign will be placed at the intersection and a "STOP AHEAD" sign will replace the current "YIELD AHEAD" sign.

7:00 PM

Public Forum

Laurianne "Maxi" Olcott of Quincy Road Rumney wanted to introduce herself to the Board and let them know she is starting a home based business. She will be breeding and raising tarantulas to be sold on line and possibly in partnership with local pet stores. She has added a generator to her property for this business in case of any power loss.

Tom Wallace gave an update on the library addition project. The exterior work of the project should be complete by Wednesday, August 5, 2015. The inside work has come along nicely and is almost complete. There is a room of the library, where the lift goes to, that is in "rough" shape. Tom Wallace stated that it appears that the project is coming in under budget. With this budget information he is in discussions with the building contractor to complete some additional work on the room that the lift goes to, so that it is more useful.

Tom Wallace stated that by mid to late August the library should be fully open to the public. The Library Trustee's hope to have an open house, but there is no date set for that yet. Mr. Wallace wanted to state that the contractor, CCI, has been great to work with and very accommodating. He also wanted to thank the Board and Administrative Assistant for helping through the project.

Tom Wallace and Chief Miller spoke regarding the area behind the library used for parking during Old Home Day, whereas Old Home Day is this coming weekend, August 8, 2015. All attempts will be made to remove equipment no longer needed for the library project and to move other items to maximize the useable area behind the library.

A private historian will inspect the project on August 12, 2105. This inspection is required by LCHIP as part of the LCHIP grant.

Anita French asked Tom Wallace if the library was still considered historical with the addition. Mr. Wallace explained that the library would still be considered historical.

Anita and Llyod French were in attendance to ask what the town was planning for the departure of the two recent long term employees, Anne Dow and Linda Whitcomb. It was explained Anne Dow had been recognized during the 2015 Town Meeting and that the town employees gathered to have cake on Mrs. Dow's last day. Linda Whitcomb had just recently left her position, at this time no plans have been made, but there will be something put in place. Mr. and Mrs. French would like to be notified when something is planned.

Police Department

Chief Miller reported that it has been a busy two weeks with an increase of summer traffic and visitors to the area.

Highway Safety Equipment Grants are being submitted. This type of grant is a 50% match and targets motor vehicle enforcement equipment.

Looking ahead to officer training; the Police Academy has made several cuts to the free classes that have been offered in the past to local agencies. This may affect training costs in the future.

Chief Miller reports that his budget looks to be in "OK" shape. The new cruiser is under warranty for the next 3 years. The older cruiser is starting to show signs of the years it has been in service. It has some pending repair work for inspection reasons.

Chief Miller will keep in touch with Tom Wallace regarding parking behind the library during Old Home Day, August 8, 2015. As Old Home Day grows, parking becomes more of an issue each year. Parking may need to be addressed for Old Home Day in the years to come.

July 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes

After review a motion was made by Dan Kimble and seconded by Cheryl Lewis to accept the minutes as amended. Motion passed 2-0

Administrative Assistant

At the July 20, 2015 Select Board meeting Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, was asked to obtain information regarding

Capital Reserves when discussing lease verses purchase of equipment. Documentation that was received from DRA was reviewed. A basic answer from DRA was that equipment can be leased and a capital reserve can be used, but only in a limited manner. See attached documentation.

At the July 20, 2015 Select Board meeting Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, was asked to obtain information from the BTLA. The Board was made aware that all BTLA documents are public information and most all can be viewed on line at the BTLA web site.

Follow up on correspondence from Orr & Reno, regarding the 1995 issue with the Town of Rumney and Baker Valley Lumber, Inc. was completed. Duplicate copies of all documents were found to be on file at the Rumney Town Office. Notice will be forwarded to Orr & Reno that the town of Rumney will not be need to take possession of the cases files currently stored at Orr & Reno's office.

Documents received from Plodzik & Sanderson review by the Board, no action required.

Correspondence from Ken Knowlton, MRI, reviewed. No action required at this time.

Monthly Report from the Rumney Fire Chief reviewed, no action required.

8:35 A motion to adjourn made by Dan Kimble received a second from Cheryl Lewis. Motion passed 2-0

Sincerely Submitted,

Joe Chivell
Administrative Assistant
Town of Rumney

Up coming Events;

Aug. 17 Selectmen's Meeting

Aug. 25 Planning Board -CIP Meeting

Sept. 7 Labor Day Town offices will be closed