

**Town of Rumney
Board of Selectmen
October 19, 2015
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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

**Present: Select Board Members-Chairmen Ed Haskell, Dan Kimble
Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell**

6:00 Call to order

6:05 Tax Collector

Ed Haskell made a motion, which received a second from Dan Kimble, to enter into Nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Motion passed 2-0

At 6:45 a motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session was made by Ed Haskell. The Motion received a second from Dan Kimble. Motion passed 2-0

6:45 Budget Review

Highway Department – Frank Simpson

- FY2015 Road improvement has not been completed yet, no fault of the Road Agent. Board requesting status update.
- Gravel Crushing may still be completed this year. Waiting on the company to give status up-date
- Work to be completed by Neil McIver is still incomplete
- Initial budget price for body and plow system to a new truck arrived today. The cost for this equipment will be approximately \$70,000.00. There is no bid price available for the cab and chassis, current market prices indicate that cost will be in the area of \$100,000.00. Board members requested that lease information be gathered for this expected expenditure.
- Overall operating shows minimal increase

Other business discussed with Frank Simpson:

- Possibility of completing an exploratory dig for the scales located underground at the fire department on Depot Street. It is unlikely time will allow this to be completed this fall.
 - A letter, that had been received, from John Bagley was shared with Frank Simpson and others attending the meeting. Mr. Bagley had requested to turn-over the fountain that is in the Rumney Common, along with the respective maintenance, to the Town. After a discussion with the Selectmen, the Road Agent, and Budget Advisory Members it was determined that;
- More information is needed before the Town will know if it can accept the fountain as a gift.

- Seasonal opening and closing of the fountain will become part of the “mowing contract” next year.

Library – Roger Daniels

- Increase in inspections
- Increase in cleaning
- Increase in telephone
- Increase in salaries

Overall increases are related to the increase in the physical size of the library, along with the lift and alarm system.

Conservation – Janice Mulherin

- Increase in dues
- Increase in mowing

Next year the mowing of the Jim Darling Conservation Area will be included in the “mowing bid”.

Cemeteries – Kathy Sobetzer, Dwight Lyon, Linda Kimble

The wall repair project is partly complete. Section 1 is complete. The repair of sections 2 and 3 were targeted to be completed this year, but it is unsure if the contractor will make it back before winter arrives.

Several trees will be removed this fall. The reason for the tree removal is twofold 1) The root system is the cause for damage to the stone wall 2) If any of the targeted trees were to fall, they would damage the stones in the area.

The 2016 budget shows a request for \$16,000. To complete the wall repairs on Highland North.

After Highland North is complete, the Cemetery Trustees hope to work on Highland South.

Long term projects for other cemeteries would include upgrading fencing and signage.

Business meeting

Meeting Minutes – Minutes of the October 5, 2015 were reviewed. Dan Kimble made a motion, which received a second from Ed Haskell, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed 2-0

Correspondence from Cheryl Lewis was reviewed. Cheryl Lewis submitted her resignation from the Rumney Board of Selectmen. She stated she “no longer able to

fulfill the time obligations required to adequately represent the residents". It was with regret that Dan Kimble made a motion, which received a second from Ed Haskell, to accept the resignation of Cheryl Lewis from the Board of Selectmen effective today's date. Motion passed 2-0

Correspondence from MRI Compliance Assistance Consultant Ken Knowlton was reviewed. Knowlton had visited four properties in Rumney to assess if there were violation of junkyard laws. Two properties were placed on notice and will be re-visited in 30-45 days.

A PAF was reviewed and approved. Administrative Assistant, Joe Chivell, will be on leave November 27th and December 18th. The Office of the Selectmen will be closed on those two days.

9:05 PM Nonpublic Session

Ed Haskell made a motion, which received a second from Dan Kimble, to enter into Nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a). Motion passed 2-0

At 9:20 PM Dan Kimble made a motion, which received a second from Ed Haskell, to leave nonpublic session and return to public session. Motion passed 2-0

9:20 Motion to Adjourn

Ed Haskell made a motion, which received a second from Dan Kimble, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20PM. Motion passed 2-0.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell
Administrative Assistant
Rumney Board of Selectmen