

**Town of Rumney  
Board of Selectmen  
November 16, 2015  
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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

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

**6:00 Call to order**

**Review meeting minutes** - Minutes of the November 2, 2015 Selectmen's Meeting were reviewed. Dan Kimble made a motion, which received a second from Ed Haskell, to accept the meeting minutes. Motion passed 2-0

**Appointment** - At the request of the Trustee of the Trust Funds, Board members reviewed, approved and signed an appointment for Anne Dow to fill the current vacant position as a Trustee of Trust Funds. This appointment will cover the time frame starting at her swearing in until elections in March 2016.

**Acceptance of Gift** - Iberdrola Renewables recently offered the town a specialized piece of equipment, a stabilizing short board, which would assist in the removal of an injured person from the Groton Wind Towers. It could also be used in other high angle rescues. A brief discussion followed surrounding the possible use, training to use it, and placement of the short board. Ed Haskell made a motion, which received a second from Dan Kimble, to accept the donated equipment, label the equipment "Rumney EMS / Fire", place the equipment on the ambulance and place it into service under the supervision of trained EMS personnel. The motion passed 3-0.

**6:30 Budget review** - Budget Advisory members present: Tim Lewis, Roger Daniels, Isaac Dewever, and Bob Berti

**Police Department** - Chief Miller

Chief Miller opened by stating his goal is to show a minimal increase and to have a realistic budget to cover the needs of the town.

Police Chief Salary shows slight decrease

Part-time officer line items shows an increase, most of which is offset by a decrease in the prosecution line, see prosecutor line for further information. This line would also allow for the department to offer programs and assistance to our senior residents and also the youth of our town

Full-time Officer shows a slight decrease

Training slight decrease

Supplies/Ammunition & targets increase by \$100.00 cover increased cost of ammunition

Fuel - decrease of \$1,200.00. Mark Andrew was concerned the Chief was shorting himself in this area. The Chief stated with the new cruiser's better fuel mileage and lower fuel costs, since changing to Yeaton Oil, were the main reasons this line was reduced.

Equipment repair increase will cover an agreement to update and repair out dated Tasers

Prosecution was reduced by \$5,355.00. The past several years Rumney criminal cases that were heard in the district court were handled by the Plymouth Area Prosecutors Association. Although the basis of the association was to share costs, the costs per case have become cost prohibitive for Rumney. The Chief explained that he has a retired police officer, who has experience in the area of prosecution, who will work part-time and will cover district court cases. He has also entered into an agreement with the Grafton County Attorney that allows an attorney from that office to cover cases, on an as needed situation, and will be billed only for those cases.

#### **Executive** – Joe Chivell, Administrative Assistant

Selectmen salary showed an increase. Administrative Assistant Chivell explained that because of the number of hours required by Board members, above and beyond the Monday meetings, a sample of selectmen stipends from neighboring towns and towns of like sizes had been gathered. Rumney is currently the lowest paid stipend. Chivell thought it appropriate to increase the stipend for this position. The current stipend is \$1,300.00 a year, Chivell requested this be increased to \$1,800.00 a year. Advisory committee member Bob Berti, who has served as a Board member in the past, suggested a slightly smaller increase be looked at. Berti also commented that when he served in the position it was more out of a duty to the town rather than a reason to expect a payment.

Administrative Assistant salary decreased

Administrative Assistant overtime decrease to 0

Retirement was decreased from \$5,512.00 to 0, short term disability was placed in this line in the amount of \$360.00

Moderator salary was increased by \$100.00 because of the number of 2016 elections

Trust fund increase slightly

Secretary/Bookkeeper increase by \$155.00

Special Projects decreased by \$6,000.00

#### **Financial Administration** – Joe Chivell, Administrative Assistant

Telephone increase of \$120.00 to cover a telephone line that will be shared with the Planning board and Emergency Management

Computer Services increase of \$1,000.00 reflects the increase in the cost software services used

Equipment/Repair/Maintenance/ Contracts primary increase covers the cost of networked copier lease

New Equipment increase of \$1,700.00 is to replace a 7 year old desk top computer  
Auditor's increase of \$150.00 covers the year-end audit conducted by Plodzick &  
Sanderson

Other areas of the budget reported on by Mr. Chivell were;

**Legal Expense** – the amount for Defense Proceedings is pending the status up date of  
the utilities appeal

**Health Insurance** – Slight decrease

**Code Enforcement** – Level funded

**Property liability** – Slight increase

**Ambulance** – Waiting on a proposed contract from Warren-Wentworth Ambulance

**Health Agencies** – Requests have been received from; Ammonoosuc Community Health,  
Pemi-Baker Community Health, Voices Against Violence, Bridge House, Genesis, CASA,  
CADY, American Red Cross, Mid-State Health Center, Transport Central, Grafton County  
Senior Citizen Council and Tri-County Cap. A discussion covered agencies that had been  
funded in the past, areas of coverage provided, and needs within the town of Rumney.  
Initial funds assigned to selected agencies is attached

**Capital Reserve Funds;** A current balance sheet was not available for the capital reserve  
funds. Capital reserve funds discussed were; Police Department, Highway Equipment,  
Town Facilities Improvement, Fire Department, Town Revaluation, Merrill Library Capital  
Improvement, EMS Vehicle, Transfer Station Compactor, Town Bridge Repair, Transfer  
Station Equipment, Fire Department Equipment, Water Supply-Dry Hydrants, EMS Major  
Equipment, Cemetery Improvement, and Town Office Equipment/Software. Initial funds  
assigned to each reserve is attached

Warrant Articles from Department Heads are due by December 2, 2015

The next meeting date with the Budget Advisory Board is to be determined.

**Other business** - DRA has not provided a tax rate for the town as of today. Information  
for obtaining a Tax Anticipation Note will be gathered by Admin. Assistant Joe Chivell.  
Aside from the prior approved projects and day-to-day operation expenses major bills  
pending are the November Russell School payment, the November SAU 48 payment, and  
the December Grafton County tax bill. Based on these pending financial commitments  
and the current funds available, it was determined that if tax bills cannot be mail within  
the next two weeks a note would, more than likely, be required.

See attachment for correspondence made available for review by the Board.

Payroll and accounts payable were signed.

**Motion to Adjourn** – At 9:35 p.m. Ed Haskell made a motion, which received a second from Dan Kimble, to adjourn. Motion passed 3-0

Next meeting is December 7, 2015

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell  
Administrative Assistant