

Rumney Fire Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2023

Commissioners Present: Terry French and David Coursey

Fire Chief not in attendance, due to a funeral he was attending.

Guests: Daniel Medaglia, Sam Coes, Kathy Hacker, Dawn Coffey and Lila Williams

Clerk: Joan Coursey (for Diana Kindell)

The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes of the May 2, 2023 were approved as written.

Lila asked for a copy of the agenda and mentioned that the April minutes needed to be sent to her to be posted on-line. They can be e-mailed to her. Joan said she'd get them to her.

The commissioners will be meeting with the selectmen on Monday, June 19th.

Terry will not be able to meet with the selectmen on Monday, July 3rd, if they are still planning to meet as he will be away.

Dave will ask Joe for a time for the next selectmen's meeting.

Old Business: Dave will check with Joe on the chimney work. He'll also check with the Road Agent, Nick, about the spreading of the loam that was here for the Fire Auxiliary's plant sale.

Dave asked Kathy Hacker if a survey had gone out to the firefighters yet asking what they would like to see in a new building. Kathy responded, "You'd have to ask the chief about that."

Lila asked about the building committee for the fire station as discussed at the last meeting.

Kathy asked if the decision for that shouldn't be left up to the chief. Dave said the chief would certainly be involved, but so would the commissioners, the selectmen, and some townspeople, so it would be a joint decision as to who is on the committee.

Lila mentioned something should be done about the septic tank because they were having some trouble with it in the town offices. Dave said that the fire department had its own septic tank and it hadn't been pumped out for as long as he could remember, which was back through Chief John Hemeon's time.

Dave mentioned that Daniel Myles was going to be coming in to the meeting to discuss the work contract on the trucks. Terry is checking in with him. Dave mentioned the E1 people previously took care of everything on the trucks.

New Business: The Commissioners would like to have another meeting with Evan before the selectmen's meeting. It needs to be posted 48 hours in advance or Lila said she has been able to post meetings within 24 hours if necessary.

Dave asked people not to speak out during the meeting unless being recognized. He asked everyone to raise their hand and he or Terry would get to them as soon as possible, but they had business to conduct. Kathy said, "You're not in charge! You haven't treated anyone well since the beginning!"

Sam Coes was recognized and asked about Jim McCart's condition and whether or not he would be able to return as a commissioner. If not, he thought we should get another commissioner, or at least an alternate until he is able to return. Dave related what he knew about his condition and he and Terry agreed they would like to have an alternate, if possible, as they needed a third person there.

Sam was recognized for a follow-up question about Engine 3 still being out of service. Dave said he was going to ask Dan about it if he came in, but so far he had not.

Payroll: There was a bill presented for salary for the Chief, but nothing accompanied it explaining what was done during the month, etc. The commissioners reiterated that they were not going to sign until he gives them a report on what he is doing during the month, such as hours worked in the office, on calls, and any other activities he is involved in. Dave said he's not interested in holding anyone's pay up, but it's been requested for two months and they still have nothing from the Chief.

Dawn was recognized and asked if he had to do that when he was chief. Dave said, yes, he gave the commissioners a monthly report at the meetings. Dawn said she had seen copies of a report from the chief come through the town office. Dave and Terry said they had not seen anything, that nothing was given to them. Dawn said she would send over whatever they receive from Evan.

Lila asked if the Commissioners would look over the reports before the meeting so the bills and payroll could be paid on time. Again Dave mentioned he has no desire to hold anyone's pay up, if they could just get what was asked for from the Chief.

There was a motion to adjourn by Terry. Lila seconded it, but was told she couldn't do that. Dave seconded and the meeting officially adjourned at 6:35 p.m..

