Selectmen Present:  Mark Andrew, Janice Mulherin, John Fucci
Administrative Assistant:  Anne Dow
Secretary:  Janet Sherburne

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm.

Note** The board did not meet on 1-14-08

MINUTES:  The minutes of 01-07-08 were approved.

SELECTMEN’S ISSUES:

Police Dept. – Chief Main met with the board to discuss reporting activity in the department. At the meeting with the Advisory Board there was discussion about reporting statistics for 2007 in the town report. Chief Main has included the statistics in the 2007 report. John Fucci asked if the department could provide a monthly report to the board. A monthly report will be provided.

Health Insurance – The board discussed the rising cost of health insurance. John Fucci suggested getting some comparisons on plans and companies that provide health insurance. The board agreed that any request for a proposal should come from the town office. Anne will start by contacting the Local Government Center for information. She will also contact other municipalities for information on the coverage and plans they provide for their employees. John will try and get names of some other companies that provide health insurance for comparison.

Ambulance Meeting – Mark Andrew attended the meeting on January 9th and gave the board an update. Contracts have been mailed to all towns. The selectmen signed Rumneys’ contract tonight. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9th at 4:00pm.

Energy Alliance – John Fucci presented the board with information on Our Town Energy Alliance out of Barnstead NH. This alliance provides the opportunity to save on heating fuel. This is something to look into for next year.

ADMINISTRATION:

Cartographics – A written proposal was received from Cartographics for digitizing the tax maps. The proposal is $63,000 without software and $69,000 with the Arcview Software.

Skating Rink – The Rumney Village Store has been collecting donations for the rink. The rink committee would like to set up a meeting with the Selectmen and Deb from the Village Store so she can present the donation to the town. The committee also asked if the town had a leaf blower that could be used at the rink. The town does not have one but suggested that the Cemetery Trustees be contacted as they may have a leaf blower.
Karaniuk Septic – The board received an e-mail from Mr. Karaniuk regarding his proposed septic and the board’s concerns about approving the plans.

Tax Relief – The board agreed to draft and send a letter to all State Representatives concerning the property tax burden to residents and asking that the state work on a solution to the problem.

Signed: Checks; Plymouth Ambulance Contract; Fire Contracts – Dorchester, Ellsworth, Groton; EMS Contracts – Ellsworth & Groton

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Sherburne