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

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES:  The minutes of 09-15-08 were approved.

SELECTMEN’S ISSUES:

Budget Process:  The board discussed the budget process and proper procedure for warrant articles.  The board reviewed the budget letter that will be sent to all departments.  The letter will be sent this week.

Blair Property – Some residents are concerned about the condition of the property and the burned out building that remains on the property.  The board discussed what they could do, if anything.  Anne will look into this and check with MRI to see if there is anything as far as code enforcement that can be done.

Omer Ahern – Mr. Ahern is a candidate for County Commissioner-District 3.  He met with the board to discuss his candidacy and how he would serve District 3 if elected.

John Moulton/Frank Simpson – John Moulton, Logger and Frank Simpson, Road Agent met with the board to discuss a logging operation that Mr. Moulton will be doing on Lower Doetown Road (property 04-02-04).  Mr. Moulton explained where the log landing would be and that he would be hauling the logs out using Lower Doetown Road.  The board is concerned about the use of Lower Doetown Road.  Mr. Moulton will install two culverts just before the driveway to the property and one culvert further down the road at the request of the Road Agent.  Two other culverts will be covered with gravel.  Frank is concerned that if the logging operation is started before the ground is frozen the road will be damaged.  Mr. Moulton agreed that he will maintain the road this winter and that if the road is changed or damaged in any way it will be repaired before the bond is returned.  The Planning Board will determine the amount of the bond required.  The board and Frank Simpson asked if Mr. Moulton could make a couple of runoffs for drainage along the road, place some “Logging Operation” signs on the road and revise his sketch to reflect where the culverts will be placed.

Highway Chainsaw – Frank Simpson got a quote of $540.00 to replace the chainsaw that was stolen.  The Board approved the purchase of a new chainsaw.

Pressure Washer – Frank Simpson notified the board that the pressure washer needs to be repaired or replaced and he suggests replacement.  He explained that the most important feature the washer needs is heat for hot water to thaw culverts.  He has two quotes and the washers cost approximately $5,000.00.  Anne explained that there is $5300.00 in FEMA money that was not spent last year and the purchase of the pressure washer is an approved use of the FEMA money.  The board approved this purchase and asked Frank to see if the old washer could be traded in or sold.

ADMINISTRATION:
West Rumney Fire Station: John Fucci would like to find out about getting the roof repaired and will get estimates. Anne will get estimates for garage door openers. This is being done to prepare the building for cruiser storage.

Transfer Station Gate: The town received a quote from Superior Fence for repair of the gate. A copy of the quote and a letter will be sent to Robertson Transit.

Safety Vests – New standards for public safety traffic vests have gone into effect. The town has ordered 34 vests for town employees that meet the new standards.

Fuel Assistance Ideas – The board reviewed a letter they received from Katy Gautsch regarding ways the community could assist residents during the winter months. The board agreed the Town of Rumney does not have the personnel or a building that could be used to house people, but perhaps the church or conference grounds could be used if needed.

Time Warner – The board reviewed a letter to be sent to Time Warner asking for their cooperation and assistance in providing access to Rumney residents.

To Sign: Checks; Supplemental 07-08 Timber Tax

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Sherburne