SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2009

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

Public Present: Carl Spring

The meeting opened at 7:00pm.

MINUTES: The minutes of 1-14-09 and 1-26-09 were approved.

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W. RUMNEY FIRE STATION GARAGE DOOR: The doors at the station are not opening correctly. The board voted to have Overhead Door repair the doors.

WARRANT ARTICLES: The board reviewed the draft of the warrant articles and decided on which board member would speak to the articles at town meeting and the budget hearing. The draft warrant has been reviewed by the DRA and the Town Attorney. A petition warrant article was received and also reviewed.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

TAX MAPS: The updated tax maps have been received from Cartographics.

UNKNOWN PROPERTY: The information was reviewed and it has been determined that the property on East Rumney Road that has been listed as owner unknown is owned by M. Covitz. The necessary changes will be made to the tax records.

BRAVO Committee: John & Jody Williams and Ted Giebutowski met with the board to discuss how the committee should proceed with the property on Route 25. The board explained that funds for signage, mowing and a portable toilet were included in the 2009 budget. The Highway Dept. will provide gravel and labor for improving the driveway. The board asked the committee to determine what signs are needed and then the board will get estimates and approve the wording. The board agreed that any burning that may be done should be coordinated through the selectmen’s office. The board thanked the committee members for their hard work.

TRANSFER STATION: John Franz and Dave Conkey, Dorchester Selectmen, met with the board to discuss some concerns they have regarding the contract between Rumney and Dorchester for use of the Transfer Station. The Dorchester Selectmen feel that if they are being charged based on 19% they should receive credit for 19% of the revenues the Town of Rumney receives. The board explained that there are some indirect costs that are not included in the formula used for example: plowing, liability insurance, administrative costs and funds placed in capital reserve accounts. The board also questions how to determine what percentage of recyclables Dorchester residents bring in. The board will discuss this request further and decide if revenues should be included in the formula used to calculate Dorchester’s cost. Since this is being done, Anne will also check to make sure the correct population figure for Dorchester is being used. The Rumney board will get back to the Dorchester Selectmen as soon as possible so any revised figures can be voted on at their town meeting.
The Dorchester Selectmen also asked that if it came to the point that there was a cost to get rid of recyclables, would this be included in the expenses used in the formula. The Rumney board agreed that yes it would be included if it was an expense to the Transfer Station.

**TOWN COMMON/TREES:** Some residents have commented on the Christmas Lights this year. Instead of lighting the big tree, some smaller trees were placed in the common with lights. The suggestions were to prune the larger trees so the lights could be placed on them; cut down the large trees and plant donated trees or use 10-12’ trees for lights instead of the 6’ trees.

To Sign: Checks; Abatement – J. Keyes; Dealer Application – MB Tractor; Driveway Permit – Spillios

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Sherburne