

Rumney Fire Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2023

Commissioners Present: Terry French and David Coursey

Fire Chief: Evan Hacker

Guests: Mike Brandli, Sam Coes, Dan Medaglia, Kathy Hacker, Dawn Coffey and Lila Williams

Clerk: Diana Kindell

Acting Chair Terry French opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Minutes of April 13, 2023 were approved as written. Later in the meeting the Chief presented one bill for approval. This being Evan's pay request and the Commissioners would like more detail on time spent and

what was being done. A time card is completed for the Selectmen and a copy should be available to the Commissioners. The information would be helpful in completing the job description and help determine pay for

next year. Evan stated that should Fire and EMS combine it would mean more work/hours for the Chief.

The Commissioners met with the Selectmen on May 1, 2023 and will continue to meet with them the 1st Monday of each month. As stated by Selectmen Berti, "it is time for the two Departments to work as one

team with no more throwing sand". This year is a transition year given the Selectmen will have more control over the Fire Department starting in March 2024. The 1993 Commissioner Policies and Procedures will

remain in place thru this transition period. A committee will be formed to include the Commissioners and others, to be determined, to create accurate job descriptions for the various positions within the department

and act as a building committee for a replacement station. Charlie Buckley would be a good candidate for this committee. The Chief needs to discuss the wants and changes to the building with the members of the department.

The Chief stated they had seven (7) calls in April.

1. He attended a class on electric vehicles held in Plymouth.
2. An extraction class will be held in Rumney with Wentworth and Canaan attending – hoping Plymouth will attend with electric vehicle info.
3. There will be a station cleaning prior to the Ladies' plant sale. Loam will be dumped soon for their potting purposes.
4. The chimney replacement will start when weather permits.
5. He has inspected fire pits at a couple of campgrounds and expects to complete them in the next couple of weeks. A gas tank for the outdoor shower at Barn Door Hostel was not inspected nor was a permit taken out for it. Reminders need to be sent to the propane/oil companies that permits are required.

6. The propane heater in the basement of the Town Office is not vented yet. This is a safety issue! The tanks there are not stable either as the ground has shifted. Drainage work needs to be done there.
7. The entire sign on the back of the station is down. Evan will contract JD Designs for pricing on a vinyl replacement.
8. The Smokey sign needs either repair work or replacement. It was suggested they check into the newer style sign NH Forestry now has. Dawn mentioned the local 4-H Club may that on that project.
9. Still waiting for Dan Myles to weld the seal leaks which are just the gaskets now. Kirks could do the job if necessary. One cross leg valve is currently leaking but not bad yet.
10. The new cab and chassis have been ordered prior to the price increase expected this month.
11. Items that still need to be purchased – hose and boots for new member Ed Petersen.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry French
Acting Chairman

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