

TOWN OF RUMNEY
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 9, 2016

Present: Jerry Thibodeau, Steve Weber, Ken Weinig, David Saad and David Coursey
Clerk: Diana Kindell

Chairman Jerry Thibodeau opened the meeting at 7:06 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Capital Improvement Plan:

Byron G. Merrill Library did not meet with the Board; however, they submitted a copy of their current CIP and stated there were no changes to be made.

Highway – Frank Simpson met with the Board and stated he would like to replace the 2001 CAT backhoe this coming year. When asked what the problems were with it he said it blows oil, which it was doing when it went in for its major overhaul a few years back. Nothing was done to correct it and the representative from CAT told him it was a funky engine. The hydraulics are also sloppy. The body does have a few problems. Jerry inquired how many hours were on it but Frank was not sure. He is concerned that it is an emergency piece of equipment and would like to replace it.

The grader which is a 1981 was purchased used and would be replaced with another good used machine when it is time – presently looking at 2021.

EMS – Deb Thompson met with the Board to discuss the needs for EMS. As the new director she was not sure of what had taken place in the past. She did discuss the Cardiac Monitor which she knows is an older unit and no longer supported. She is getting information and pricing to replace that unit. As soon as she hears back, she will forward the information to the Board.

Deb felt the department should have more portable radios as more people come on board and live further away from the station. There should be a portable in the ambulance, she should have one with her, Rachael Legg once she is on board, should have one and there should be a spare. Pagers do not always work where she lives and Rachael would have the same problem. They could respond to a scene from home, especially if located within their area. Dave C. told her there are fully charged portables in the station they can take on a call any time. It was also noted that Lakes Region Dispatch will only recognize up to 10 numbers from the department.

Another need they have is for pagers. She will work with the Fire Chief to get the best price they can for purchasing several pagers at once for both departments.

The ambulance is in good shape but should have some rust protection. That can be done locally. It has been maintained by the same person since it was purchased new by Hebron.

After Deb left the conversation reverted back to the backhoe replacement. Jerry questioned the need to replace this machine at this time as they last for 25 – 30 years. After considerable discussion, a vote was taken to put off buying the backhoe until 2020. David Saad abstained from this vote as he wanted more information; however, the rest of the Board was in agreement.

David S. stated he would like to see the CIP expanded with additional information including notes and dollars the voters would be looking at in future years. He feels there is a lack of information for the voters to make good decisions at town meeting. Steve will work on that aspect of the CIP and come back in with his suggestions.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell
Clerk