

TOWN OF RUMNEY
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

September 11, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02

Present: Ken Weinig, Brad Eaton, Jerry Thibodeau, Donald Winsor, David Coursey and Cheryl Lewis. Donald Winsor was appointed to sit for Brian Flynn.

Also Present: Janice Mulherin, Tim Lewis, Terry French, and Cam Brown,

Absent: George Bonfiglio, Diane Kindell and Brian Flynn.

2. Minutes were approved. The motion was made by Ken Weinig and seconded by Brad Eaton. Five votes in favor of approving and one abstention.

3. Facilities Committee – Janice Mulherin

Three pieces of property may be available to the town

1. State rest area – will need improvements if obtained. Building can be
2. Paley Property – on the east side of Main Street before the “green” bridge 26 acres. Butts up against the school and the conservation easement land . Easement only allows for agricultural use. No parking is allowed on the property. The property is used as a canoe and kayak launch.
3. Backwoods Farm – town has opted to put that up for auction. There has been interest by someone connected with the owners in buying it back which has the town worried,

Japanese knotweed is another concern. It is an invasive weed that is blocking access to the river. It is a serious problem at the Jim Darling Natural Area.

Where does the town want to go with land acquisition and with knotweed control?

4. Fire department – Dave Coursey, Terry French and Cam Brown.

There is a current bill for \$35,000. \$19,000 comes from the capital improvement plan and \$16,000 was to be raised by taxes (per Article 14 of the 2018 Town Meeting). If the \$16,000 is put back (or remains in the CIP account) and \$14,000 is put into the CIP in 2018 and 2019 the fund will go up to \$44,000.

New radio is also needed. \$5500 to start. Needed on the forestry truck. It’s used around the state and needs to be able to communicate with other units.

Clothing is another necessary expense. One suit is \$2000 - \$2500. Four sets need to be purchased next year.

Cheryl brought up the fact that the actual amounts are not what we are looking at on Steve's spreadsheet. Jerry asked the commissioners to meet with Diane and return to our meeting on the 25th with real numbers.

5. Brad made a motion to adjourn. Donald Winsor seconded. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Hall