

Rumney Fire Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2023

Commissioners Present: Terry French, David Coursey
Selectman: Ed Haskell
Fire Chief: Evan Hacker
Guests: Mike Brandli, Sam Coes, Sean, Kathy Hacker, Lila Williams

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. There was a vote to adopt the June minutes as written. It was seconded and then approved.

Old Business:

The chimney is waiting for the rain to stop. A guy from Bristol is going to do it, according to the Chief.

The chief also said that engine 2 is all squared away. It needed a multi-plex relay. Dan DeSourcey did the electronics on it. The bill was presented for signature, which was signed. There was also a bill for work Dan Myles had done and it was signed as well. There was one more bill from Firematic for flow tests on the packs. All packs and bottles passed. Electronics are up-to-date.

The input from the firefighters on the proposed new fire station was done at their last meeting. It just needs to be typed up according to the Chief. An architect/engineer will be coming according to Selectman Haskell.

The payroll bill for the chief and time card were received and signed by both commissioners.

Inspections: Last month Evan did about six propane inspections. He has also done Wright Lodge at the Conference Grounds, and the Rumney Baptist Church. Evan will be in touch with the Fire Marshall for updates.

Dave brought up the inspection needed at the Caves Motel because of new owners. Evan did a full inspection of it last winter, including the heating system.

Dave also mentioned checking on assembly permits and checking on the library because there was a waiver on the front steps.
Russell Elementary School - Evan has done a few walk-throughs and told them where they need to post the permits.

Apartments in town: Dave asked Evan to stop by and he'd give him more info on these.

Dave also mentioned that large gathering tents need to be inspected by law. He asked about the recent tent at the Beckett School graduation and Evan said he didn't do that one because he only found out about it on that day.

Update on the third commissioner: Jim will not be able to return, due to his continued illness. Lydia will send a note to the selectmen as she has his power of attorney, letting them know he will not be returning, so they can start the process of replacing him.

Chief's Report: Evan got his state EMR license last Friday night, he reported. He is presently researching grants to update the radios because they are about 25 years old. He also mentioned that money is needed to vent the exhaust from the building that the trucks make. Dave mentioned that the new building project may take care of some of that.

Another hose order is in the works. When the new engine comes he'll have plenty of hose.

The four-wheeler is good now. It was serviced at Full Throttle Motorsports in Warren. Several firefighters took the ATV training course to be able to drive it.

New Business: Ed Haskell asked if Dave knew where the septic tank was and the last time it was pumped. Dave said it was put in in 1973 and to his knowledge it has never been pumped. He said it was a concrete tank and he can show him where it is.

Lila gave Terry a form for listing any non-public sessions and the reason for them by RSA. Lila said there was a new law coming out and she would forward that to them.

She also asked to have a copy of the May minutes sent to her for posting. I told her I thought Diana had sent them because she had them on her computer, but that I would check on them and get them forwarded.

The commissioners mentioned that both of their Active 911 apps had been turned off that usually come in on their cell phones. Evan said he had them turned off because they both had pagers so he didn't think they'd need the app and that it costs less to have less people on it. Dave and Terry both said they'd like to have it because they don't carry pagers and it helps to keep track of what's going on. They said they would be willing to pay for it. Evan said he'd have it turned back on.

Evan mentioned that Engine 2 is going to need tires on the front before winter. He is looking into getting bids for them. Pete's Tire Barn in Littleton and Kirk's in Plymouth had the state bids last year.

There was a motion to adjourn by Terry, seconded by Dave at 6:40 pm.

Joan Coursey, Temp. Clerk