

Rumney Fire Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2020

Commissioners present: Cam Brown, Terry French and Tim Lewis
Fire Chief: David Coursey
Secretary: Diana Kindell

Chairman Brown opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

The minutes of November 9, 2020 were approved as written. Bills were signed for approval.

The major discussion of this meeting was the budget and cuts made by the Selectmen. Several line items were drastically reduced. The budget had been prepared to meet the needs of the department for the ensuing year. What cuts can we agree to and what amounts need to be reinstated?

The training budget and protective clothing are essential – especially is this coming year. We have two members waiting for FF1 to become available. A second set of gear is needed to attend this class. Vehicle maintenance is another necessary line as all our vehicles are older and the Commissioners have agreed to a small maintenance fee for the Chief's truck. The option of 58 cents a mile for his vehicle was also mentioned.

All discussed changes will be further reviewed with the department liaison as there are no department meetings being held due to Covid 19.

Cam questioned the situation with the bollards for Buffalo Road. They were purchased some time ago and painted. It will be a priority to get them installed.

It is important the Commissioners be involved with the contracts for this coming year with Groton and Dorchester. Groton more so as the Fire Chief has been requested to attend to more inspections as well as the department covering a greater area. This should be brought to the liaison's attention.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell
Secretary