

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
07/28/2008

Selectmen Present: Janice Mulherin, Mark Andrew, John Fucci
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow
Secretary: Janet Sherburne

The meeting was opened at 6:45 pm.

At 6:00 the board met with members of the BRAVO committee at the Baker River Lot on Route 25 to view the property.

MINUTES: The minutes of 07-14-08 were approved.

SELECTMEN'S ISSUES:

At 6:45pm the board voted unanimously to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (c). At 7:15pm the board voted unanimously to leave non-public session. No decisions were made.

7:15pm Junkyard Hearings:

At 7:15 the hearing was opened and procedures were explained to those in attendance. It was noted that the hearings would be recorded for accurate transcription.

The first hearing was on an application submitted by Bill Shortt, Old Route 25. Mr. Shortt explained that he is working to get all of the material in the "pit" area and has about 98% of the material out of the field. The "pit" is the area directly behind the shop and has a berm around it. The application states that this area is 4 acres but Mr. Shortt feels it is probably closer to 2 acres. Ken Knowlton of MRI agrees that it is closer to 2 acres. Mr. Shortt explained that he has been working on the Best Management Practices. He will put in a gate when the permit is approved. He also explained that the cars out front are customer cars that are being worked on. John Fucci asked if materials had been cleaned out of the stream. Mr. Shortt replied that the only items in the stream are a tire and rim and they are not his.

The board reviewed a drawing submitted in 1972 and noted that the drawing is not up-to-date. They asked if Mr. Shortt could submit an updated drawing and he agreed. Bill Taffe, Health Officer, brought up a question about underground tanks. The DES website lists six underground storage tanks at 1107 Old Route 25 and the website notes that two of the tanks are not in compliance. Bill and Chardell Shortt explained that the tanks were not on the junkyard property but on the Shortt's garage property. The board suggested that they contact DES to clarify where the tanks are and the Shortts' agreed they would do this. Virginia Burnham, an abutter to the property, stated that her only concern was the haulers and asked if they could be placed out back so the area would look better to the public and neighbors.

7:45pm- The application submitted by Pat Coursey was reviewed. It was noted that this is a 14 acre junkyard on Utility Drive. Mr. Coursey explained that he is using the Best Management Practices and is working with an engineer. Cathy Paquette, a neighbor, explained that they had been told that Mr. Coursey has had a junkyard license for 15 years. She is concerned about the vehicles that travel in and out at a high rate of speed. The board explained that Mr. Coursey has had a junkyard license and that Utility Drive is a private road and the town cannot post a speed limit on it. Bill Taffe, Health Officer, explained that he received a copy of a letter from DES regarding the property and that it is not in compliance with DES and Best Management Practices. Mr. Taffe expressed his concern over issuing a junkyard license if he is not in compliance. Cathy Paquette also received copies of the DES letters and is concerned about who is responsible for the test wells.

The board will review the two applications submitted and have two weeks to make a decision. The hearings concluded at 8:00pm.

Raffle Tickets – Jim Buttolph met briefly with the board to request permission for the Pemi-Baker Valley Republican Committee to sell raffle tickets at Old Home Day. The board discussed this and a motion was made and seconded and the board voted unanimously to allow the Pemi Baker Valley Republican Committee to sell raffle tickets at Old Home Day. Anne will send a follow up letter to Jim Buttolph.

Junk Yard List – Ken Knowlton from MRI met with the board and reviewed the junkyard list. He updated the board on the progress being made. The board reviewed a draft letter of enforcement that will be sent out to those in violation. This letter will come from MRI and will be signed by Mr. Knowlton. The board will send letters to property owners who are in compliance.

Ambulance – Bill Taffe, EMS Director, notified the board that the Town of Hebron may have an ambulance for sale. The cost would be between \$20,000 - \$25,000. The board discussed this and agreed that there is no money in the budget at this time.

Beautification Week – John Fucci asked about a beautification week this year. The board discussed this and there are no town projects in the works but there could still be a designated week to encourage residents to clean up. The week will be September 21-27, 2008. This information will be put in the Rumney Register and on sign boards.

ADMINISTRATION:

CNP – Letters: Letters will be sent out to property owners that did not have interior inspections done. CNP will begin at the lake with the interior inspections.

Rink – Paving Proposal – The board reviewed and signed a proposal from GMI for \$15,500 for the paving of the skating rink at the Baker Athletic Field.

DES – Municipal EcoLink – The NH DES has launched a new information source called Municipal EcoLink. They requested that the attached information be entered into the minutes. (See Attached Document)

Blair/Time Warner: The Blair's on Buffalo Road are still having problems with getting access to Time Warner. The town will write a letter to Time Warner on the Blair's behalf.

To Sign: Checks; Intents to Cut – USFS; S. Conant 13-03-09; Fuel Distribution User Agreements; DOT Application for Driveway Permit – Tax Map 11-05-01-01

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Sherburne