

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
2/15/2010

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

Public: John Bagley

**Minutes:** The minutes of 2-8-2010 were approved.

**Public Hearing Recap:** The board recapped items discussed at the public hearing. The board discussed Articles 2 and 3 and the need to make the public aware of these articles and the fact that they will appear on the written ballot and not discussed at town meeting. Selectman Fucci had questions concerning the Police Commission such as what would happen if a Police Commission decided on a budget contrary to what the board of selectmen would approve and who would run for the position of Police Commissioner? Selectman Fucci asked John Bagley what the board did wrong that caused the Advisory Committee to ask the town to form a Police Commission. Mr. Bagley said the board didn't do anything wrong, but the board couldn't get a handle on the police department and couldn't answer questions that were asked by the Advisory Committee.

**Frank Simpson:** Highway Superintendent, Frank Simpson, met with the board to give his input on warrant items involving the highway department. These items include installation of a catch basin/culvert beside the Fire Department that will drain into the ditch along Route 25. Frank agreed that the highway crew could do the work. The other item is the installation of a dry hydrant at Stinson Lake. Frank feels that the town equipment is not adequate for this project and an excavator should be used. Frank asked the board for approval to purchase stone in preparation for mud season, the board approved this purchase.

**Groton Wind Farm:** Ed Cherian would like to meet with the Selectmen and Department Heads to discuss this project and its' impact on Rumney. Anne will set up a meeting sometime after town meeting.

**2009 Assessment Booklet:** It has been suggested that assessment booklets be sent to all taxpayers as they were the last time assessments were reviewed. The cost for the last mailing was approximately \$5,000. The board discussed this and agreed the cost was excessive and should be avoided this year. The information is available to the public at the Town Office and a copy can be made available at the Town Library. It may also be possible to provide a link on the town website.

**Abatements:** As of today, 12 abatements have been received. CNP has begun reviewing the abatements and has prepared some recommendations for the board to review. The board reviewed the recommendations and approved the following: McKinley; Dellacamara; Belyea; Manson; Poole; Kelsall; Muzzey, W; Moore; Murphy.

**Policies:** Draft policies for Code of Ethics; Computer Use; Internet Use; E-mail Use and Internal Controls have been prepared and will be reviewed by the Selectmen.

**Correspondence:** An e-mail from Ray Burton regarding the formation of a Police Commission was reviewed. The board had asked for his input on what the procedure was for the appointment of commissioners by the Governor. Mr. Burton referred the town to the State Representatives for an answer to this question.

**Privilege of the Floor:** John Bagley commented on the use of "jake brakes" by trucks in the village and the noise this causes.

**Planning Board:** At the last Planning Board meeting, the board agreed to change their meeting times and will meet only once a month on the LAST Tuesday of each month.

**Letter to the Editor:** The board agreed to write a letter to the editor concerning the petition warrant article for the formation of a Police Commission. The board worked on the wording of this letter.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

**Signed:** Checks; LUCT Warrant – 12-09-08; 2009 Abatements

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet C. Sherburne, Secretary