

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
4/26/2010

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

Public: Cheryl Lewis, John Dow, Jerry Thibodeau, Chief Bill Main

The meeting opened at 7:00pm.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of 4-19-10 were approved with changes.

**Groton Wind Farm:**

- Steve Weber submitted a list of suggestions to the board of things that could be included in the agreement/contract with Iberdrola.
- Iberdrola has offered to set up a tour to the Lempster Wind Farm. Anyone interested needs to contact the Selectmen's Office by May 10<sup>th</sup> to sign-up. A date will be set after it is determined how many people are interested.
- Selectman Andrew received some comments on the sound system used at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Some people had trouble hearing. The board will look into borrowing or renting a different system for the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The Rumney Postmaster notified the town that someone was placing flyers in mailboxes regarding the wind farm. He would like everyone to be reminded that this is illegal. Anything that goes in a mailbox must go through the post office.
- There will be a webinar on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 concerning property values in reference to wind farms.
- Representatives from the NH Electric Coop, DES and Iberdrola will be invited to the meeting on May 10 at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at the Russell School. The purpose of the meeting is a follow-up to the April 22<sup>nd</sup> public meeting.
- The board agreed that at some point the town will need to get legal counsel involved to represent the town's interests. Mark Andrew prepared some notes regarding questions/concerns that should be raised regarding the project.
- The town reviewed correspondence from Dr. Mazur and Kathy Wallace regarding the wind farm project.

**Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Selectman Mulherin suggested that a CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan) be included in the plan. The next meeting will be May 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at the town office.

**Fire Chief/Fire Commissioners:** Ken Ward and Commissioners French and Coursey met with the board. Three bids for repairs to Engine 3 were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to accept the bid from E-One for \$8640.00 for pump repair/rebuild. The board unanimously approved. The Chief and Commissioners informed the board that they would like to buy four sections of 6" suction at an estimated cost of \$1500.00. They would like this to be included in the amount raised in Warrant Article 27 for the pump repair as they feel it is part of the repair. If the total cost went over \$10,000, the extra would be taken from the Fire Department's operating budget. The board asked that the Fire Chief to get a written estimate for the suction pieces and Anne will get clarification from the DRA on whether the suction can be paid for from the money raised in Warrant Article 27.

**Old Home Day Waiver:** Attorney Bernie Waugh reviewed the waiver and does not see any problems. He suggested that volunteer forms are signed and to notify the LGC of the date of Old Home Day for insurance purposes.

**Police Cruiser:** Pat Coursey will transport the 2001 cruiser to auction on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Driveway Permit:** The board reviewed a state driveway permit application for Steve Weber, Quincy Road. The board has no concerns. The Planning Board received a copy of the application and will review it at their next meeting.

**Junkyard Inspections:** Junkyard inspections will resume soon. Reminder letters will be sent out to property owners. The board will ask Ken Knowlton to bring to the board's attention any additional properties that he sees that warrant an inspection.

**Board Status:** Selectman Fucci informed the board that after last weeks conversation he has re-evaluated his commitment to the people that voted for him and he feels that he owes them three years. Therefore, he has decided to stay on as a selectman.

**Privilege of the Floor:** Jerry Thibodeau suggested the board ask the town what their opinion is of the Groton Wind Farm Project and then support the majority. If the board supports the majority then the townspeople can't come back and say the board/town didn't do anything. Discussion followed on how a vote should be taken and the cost to the town. No decisions were made.

**Signed:** Checks; Intent to Cut – T. Smith; Abatements – Hammar, Pettingill, Cormiea, McNeely, LaCasse, DeCosta, Wilbarger, Dalton, O'Neil; Veterans Credit – T. Gregoire; MRI Professional Service Agreement; Current Use Applications – Reed, Menard, Manson

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet C. Sherburne, Secretary