

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
5/17/2010

Selectmen Present: Mark Andrew, John Fucci, Janice Mulherin
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow
Secretary: Janet Sherburne
Public: Cheryl Lewis, Jerry Thibodeau

Minutes: The Minutes of 5-10-10 were approved.

NE Hydro Settlement: George Sansoucy met with the board to review the settlement offer regarding the NE Hydro Appeal. Mr. Sansoucy explained the formula and information used to determine the values. The settlement offer was reviewed and Mr. Sansoucy gave his recommendation and asked for the board's authorization to further negotiate a settlement. Mr. Sansoucy noted some of the printed information the board reviewed was confidential and could not be left with the selectmen. The board voted unanimously to authorize George Sansoucy to negotiate a settlement with NE Hydro.

NH Cooperative Appeal: Mr. Sansoucy updated the board on the appeal filed by the NH Electric Cooperative. Mediation was held via telephone and no progress was made. The next phase is to send out a second round of discovery. The NH Coop has filed appeals with many towns in the State of NH and discovery is being aggregated for all towns involved which will mean savings for the Town of Rumney.

Longyear Museum Tax Exempt Status: Al Souchard from the Longyear Museum met with the board to discuss tax exempt status and an agreement for payment in lieu of taxes. Longyear does not want to set a precedent by continuing to pay property taxes since they are tax exempt but would like to support the Town of Rumney by making a payment in lieu of taxes. The board needs to make a decision on the tax exempt status and then discuss the agreement. The board will review the information and discuss the matter at the next meeting.

D'Acres- Josh Trought: Josh Trought met with the board, Chief Bill Main, Bill Taffe and Sonny Ouellette to discuss an event that D'Acres is organizing for July 10th in Rumney. Mr. Trought explained the events that are being planned for the day including clean-up along the Baker River from the Rest Area to the Main Street Bridge and trail construction at the Rumney Crag. In the afternoon and evening there will be food and entertainment at the Calm Post Café on Buffalo Road. Safety Issues, parking and disposal of materials at the Transfer Station were discussed.

Septic Approval: Steve Weber presented a septic plan for approval for property on Quincy Road (13-04-12). The board reviewed and approved the plans.

Winners Circle Sports Bar & Grille: Kenneth Zibohis met with the board and asked if the board would sign a letter to the NH State Liquor Commission stating that the board had no objections to the business being granted a full liquor license. The board discussed this and agreed they had no objections and signed the letter.

Privilege of the Floor: Jerry Thibodeau commented that he had been told that in Europe the vertical blades were being torn down and replaced with horizontals. The board suggested this information be sent to the Site Evaluation Committee. Cheryl Lewis asked if the board would consider having another meeting to get the other side of the story and get a sense of the feeling of the town.

Groton Wind Farm:

- Mark Andrew asked George Sansoucy if he or his company has worked with communities on negotiations for the running of power lines through town. His company has worked with towns on this issue and would be glad to meet with the board concerning this matter.
- The board reviewed a draft letter to Town Attorney, Bernie Waugh and also reviewed a draft agreement between the Town and Iberdrola. The letter and draft agreement will be sent to Attorney Waugh.
- Jerry Thibodeau asked if the process was moving too fast and if the town could write a letter to the Site Evaluation Committee? The board will wait for Attorney Waugh's response to their letter and then perhaps he could write a letter on the town's behalf.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30pm.

Signed: Checks; 2009 MS-5; Intent to Cut – DeCosta, French, Sanborn; Abatements: Francis, Cormiea, Mattuchio, Mongeon; First Issue Tax Warrant

Respectfully submitted,

Janet C. Sherburne, Secretary