

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
5/24/2010

Selectmen Present: Mark Andrew, John Fucci, Janice Mulherin

Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow

Secretary: Janet Sherburne

Public: Cheryl Lewis, Jerry Thibodeau, Florence Sevigny, Millard Thomson, Anita French, Lloyd French, Kevin French, Annie Valdmanis, Christine Declerco-Mazur, Sarah Mazur, Kathleen Park

Minutes: The Minutes of 5-17-10 were approved with changes. A copy of the minutes was handed out to the public in attendance to clarify what was discussed during the meeting with George Sansoucy.

National Forest Climbing Area Plans: Frank Simpson met with Bill Dauer of the Forest Service to discuss the plans. The Forest Service is proposing making a trail close to Buffalo Road. Frank feels this would not work and is not feasible for proper maintenance or safety of the road as it would narrow the road. The alternative is to keep the trail in the woods as originally planned. The plans for the trail have not been finalized.

Groton Wind Farm:

- The board asked for Frank Simpson's thoughts on the impact to Groton Hollow Road. Frank feels areas that need to be addressed are:
 1. Dust Control – The company should treat the road during the summer months to control dust.
 2. Mud Season – Frank feels that the vehicles should be allowed to travel the road with the stipulation that the company repair and maintain the road during that period.
 3. Winter Maintenance – Frank agreed that the company could sand the road during the winter if necessary.
 4. Any work/repair done to the road will be cleared with the Road Agent, Frank Simpson before it is done.
- Millard Thomson asked if Groton Hollow Road will change. The board explained that the trees would not be trimmed any more than they are now, but that taller utility poles may have to be put in.
- Jerry Thibodeau suggested that Frank Simpson, Road Agent, go to Lempster and travel the roads to the wind farm to gather information. It was also suggested that he take pictures of the road before, during and after construction.
- Kevin French suggested that Iberdrola pay for an engineer of the town's choosing to evaluate Groton Hollow Road. This and all other suggestions will be discussed with the town attorney for possible inclusion the agreement.
- The board reviewed the town attorney's response to the questions they asked. A copy of the summary was given to the public in attendance. Mark explained that the board is trying to protect the town and the townspeople. Mr. Thomson stated that it seems that it is only the residents of Groton Hollow Road that will be impacted.
- Jerry Thibodeau asked if there was any chance the town could get a yearly remuneration from the company. This will be discussed with the town attorney.
- Mark Andrew read a letter from the Goshen Planning Board to the Town of Rumney in response to questions asked by Rumney.
- A question was raised about what happens if an accident or event occurs and hardship is suffered by a member of the public, a business etc. Does the company have insurance? The board will ask the town attorney about this matter and how this situation would be handled.
- John Fucci mentioned that this project seems to be on the fast track and the concerned public should be aware of the deadlines and they should continue to write letters to the SEC.

- The board clarified information that was recently sent out in an e-mail by a Rumney citizen concerning items discussed at the Selectmen's meeting of May 17, 2010.
- Christine Mazur asked if the selectmen honestly think this is a beneficial project for the Town of Rumney. Mark Andrew explained that the town attorney's opinion is that the Town of Rumney cannot do anything to prevent this project.
- Cheryl Lewis pointed out that the Iberdrola website states that the company would not go into a community where they were not wanted and should a town vote be taken? It is the opinion of the town attorney that such a vote could create legal risks.
- The board asked the public what form of communication works best. Suggestions included posting information at the Post Office, local businesses, the Transfer Station and the message sign that is used at the Fire Department.
- The board explained their feelings on recent e-mails that have circulated regarding the board and how they are dealing with the Groton Wind Farm Project and its impact on the town. The board members explained that they have the best interests of the town are working to protect the interests of the Town of Rumney.
- Legal Funds – The board reviewed the budget available for legal fees and discussed how to handle legal expenses regarding this project.
- Lempster Bus Tour – The tour is scheduled for June 5th. Approximately 20 people have signed up.
- The SEC (Site Evaluation Committee) will hold a Public Information Hearing on June 28th at 7:00pm in Room 220, Hyde Hall, Plymouth State University. The Rumney Board of Selectmen **will not** meet on Monday June 28th but will attend the meeting at PSU.
- The board will discuss setting up a meeting with George Sansoucy to discuss utility lines in reference to the wind farm project after they have met with the town attorney.
- The board is meeting with Bernie Waugh, Town Attorney, on Tuesday May 25th. This meeting is not open to the public according to RSA 91-A:2 I.(b) consultation with legal counsel.

Longyear Museum/Tax Exempt Status: The board has not had a chance to review this information. This will be discussed further and a decision made at a later date.

Septic Approval: The board reviewed and approved a septic design for Kenney (11-02-01-01),

At 9:30pm the board voted unanimously to enter into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) to discuss correspondence received. At 9:40pm the board voted unanimously to leave Non-Public Session. No decisions were made.

Committee Handbook: The board will review a draft copy of a Committee Handbook.

Highway Dept. Purchase: The board discussed a request from Road Agent Frank Simpson to purchase a Jonsered chain saw for \$575.00. The board voted to approve this request.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

Signed: Checks; First Issue Tax Warrant; Intents to Cut – E. Erickson, R. Keniston

Respectfully submitted,

Janet C. Sherburne, Secretary