

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
7/12/2010

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

Minutes: The Minutes of 6-21-2010 were approved.

Junkyards: The board reviewed and signed the renewal for Shortt's with the stipulation that there will be periodic inspections and photos will be taken to monitor the yard. There are 2-3 cases that require enforcement. The board would like to meet with the property owners before legal action is taken. It was noted that the original junkyard list of approximately 50 properties has been narrowed down to several properties that need to be monitored or actions taken on.

Correspondence: The board reviewed correspondence from Mr. Ryder regarding his property assessment. He is requesting a refund based on adjustments made by the assessor. The board reviewed this information and agreed to a refund.

The board reviewed correspondence from Mr. Lightfoot regarding his assessment and questions he has. The board agreed to invite Mr. Lightfoot in to meet with them in person to discuss the matter.

The board reviewed a copy of an abatement which they received from Mr. Savoie on June 29, 2010. Mr. Savoie said that he mailed the abatement form but the town has no record of receiving it. The board will not accept the abatement because the deadline was March 1, 2010 however, the board agreed to put the Savoies' name on the pick-up list for next year.

The board received correspondence regarding an offer from NE Hydro regarding their abatement. George Sansoucy who is handling the abatement will send more information for the board to review.

Bob Francis-Abatement: Mr. & Mrs. Francis met with the board to review their abatement. The Francis' commended the appraiser and Administrative Assistant, Anne Dow, for their professionalism and assistance during the abatement process. The Francis' have some concerns about the appraisal process including the fact that Loon Lake residents were not notified or contacted about interior inspections; values do not recognize the current economy; a key should be provided for the codes used on the assessment cards; definitions for extra features should be clarified; copies of assessment cards should be sent to property owners when a town-wide revaluation is completed. The board agreed that these are points that will be discussed with the appraisal company. The Francis' would appreciate further review of these issues and their abatement.

Kevin Lacasse-Abatement: Mr. Lacasse met with the board to discuss the denial of his abatement. The abatement was denied because the inventory form (PA-28) was not turned in. The board denied the abatement but agreed to correct the assessment card to reflect a decrease in value. Mr. Lacasse argued that the RSA does not say he loses his right to a refund. Discussion followed on the interpretation of the wording of the RSA. At this time the board stands behind their decision that the abatement was denied but the assessment card will be adjusted to reflect the new value as of April 1, 2010. Anne will check with the LGC and town counsel for an opinion on the wording of the RSA.

Privilege of the Floor: John Bagley thanked the board, highway crew and Carl Spring for their assistance in the repairs made to the town fountain. He also informed the board that there are a few street lights in town that are out or covered by tree limbs.

Peter Helgerson, Principal of Russell School, explained that on July 31st the school will hold "Rumney Cares". This event is being held to spruce up the outside of the building and show community support for the school.

Help is needed on several projects. The board agreed that fees would be waived for any material cleaned up and taken to the Transfer Station from the school on that day.

Groton Wind:

- Ed Cherian, Iberdrola and Town Attorney, Bernie Waugh met today to review and discuss the draft agreement between the Town of Rumney and Groton Wind. There are still a few issues to be discussed but progress is being made.
- The board discussed setting up a meeting with the Groton Selectmen to discuss emergency services for 2011.
- The board has scheduled a meeting with the residents of Groton Hollow Road on July 28th at 6:30pm. Ed Cherian from Iberdrola will also be present. This is a public meeting and the purpose of the meeting is to address the concerns of Groton Hollow residents and the potential impact to Groton Hollow Road relating to the Wind Farm Project.

Galos Property – 188 Doetown Road: The board reviewed the Class VI Road Agreement signed by the previous owner of the property (Mieckowski). The board agreed that the agreement is registered at the Grafton County Registry of Deeds and would therefore be transferred with the property. The new property owners would have to comply with the stipulations of the agreement. A letter will be sent to Mr. Galos, the owner of record.

Hunter Culvert: Frank Simpson and Anne met with Bruce Barnard to discuss the status of the permit. It was agreed that a different type of culvert should be used and the application will be resubmitted.

At 9:20 the board voted unanimously to enter into Non-Public Session according to RSA 91A:3 I (c) to review correspondence with Police Chief Main. At 9:40pm the board voted to leave Non-Public Session. A letter acknowledging receipt of the correspondence will be sent.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.

Signed: Checks; Intent to Cut – Horgan, Patterson

Respectfully submitted,

Janet C. Sherburne, Secretary