

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
8/9/2010

Selectmen Present: Mark Andrew, John Fucci, Janice Mulherin  
Secretary: Janet Sherburne  
Public: Cheryl Lewis, John Bagley

**Minutes:** The Minutes of 7-19-2010 were approved.

**Current Use Update/Timeframe:** The review needs to be completed by April 1, 2010. Nory Parr and Arthur Morrill have offered to help with the reviews, there are 261 to. The board discussed the process and will start on a few to see how much time is involved and how much they can get done. John Fucci suggested that if Nory and/or Arthur do help, specific guidelines should be prepared in writing.

**Tax Exempt Properties Review:** The DRA (Department of Revenue Administration) has suggested that the board review all tax exempt properties. Anne will begin scheduling appointments with property owners.

**Broadband Informational Meeting:** Senator Deb Reynolds asked if Rumney would be interested in a public informational meeting on broadband. This meeting could be coordinated with other area towns. The board is interested and would like to coordinate with the Town of Wentworth.

**Lightfoot:** Mr. Lightfoot called the Selectmen's Office on Friday and is still waiting for a satisfactory response from the Selectmen and the Planning Board. He requested a phone call from Tom Grabiek, Chairman of the Planning Board. Anne relayed this request to Tom Grabiek. John Bagley explained that he spoke with Mr. Lightfoot via telephone last week and asked Mr. Lightfoot to meet with the Planning Board.

**Fire Dept. Painting Quote:** The Fire Department provided the additional information that the board requested. The board reviewed the quote and voted unanimously to accept the bid from Mayhew Painting for \$1250.00.

**Buffalo Road:** Frank Simpson, Road Agent, met with the board. He has discovered ledge in the pavement layer of Buffalo Road about 1000' West of the Blair residence. There is approximately 80 feet of road that may need to be rebuilt. This should be done before that portion of the road is paved next year. The digging can be done in-house and equipment rental would be between \$2,000-\$3,000. The board agreed to go ahead with the repairs, the money is in the highway budget.

**Groton Hollow Road:** Gravel is washing into the road at 330 Groton Hollow Road. A letter was sent to the owners in 2005 asking that the problem be repaired. Another letter will be sent by the board.

**John Mieczkowski/Golas Subdivision:** John Mieczkowski met with the board to discuss how the road (Lower Doetown Road) needs to be upgraded. Adam Golas gave Mr. Mieczkowski authorization to speak on his behalf concerning this matter. The board, Frank Simpson and Mr. Mieczkowski reviewed the 2003 list of upgrades. Upgrades needed include: culverts, additional gravel, adjustment to width of road, removal of stumps, construction of a turn-around past the final driveway. A follow-up letter will be sent to Mr. Mieczkowski outlining the discussion.

At 8:00pm the board voted to enter into Non-Public Session to have a discussion with the Town Attorney, Bernie Waugh. At 8:20pm the board voted to leave Non-Public Session.

**Groton Wind Draft Agreement:** The board met with Ed Cherian from Iberdrola and Town Attorney, Bernie Waugh to review the draft agreement. There are a few points remaining that need to be discussed.

- **Bond:** The board clarified that the town does require bonds from loggers and others using town roads and the board feels strongly about requiring a bond from Iberdrola. Mr. Cherian explained that less road was used in Lempster than will be used in Rumney. The bond issue was discussed as well as the possibility of providing a Letter of Credit. This matter will be discussed further.
- **Legal Fees Reimbursement:** A cap of \$10,000-\$12,000 was discussed. Mr. Cherian is concerned because this exceeds the amount agreed upon with the Town of Groton. It may be possible to address this matter separately in an Attorney Funding Agreement. Ed will send a draft copy of an agreement.
- **Power Line Route:** The board stated they are not in favor of the use of Quincy Road. The route has not been determined at this time.
- **School Bus Schedule:** The board is concerned about the bus schedule and the construction traffic traveling on the road. Mr. Cherian explained the permit is not issued until a few days before transport. He will check with the construction managers on this issue.

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Cheryl Lewis had some concerns regarding the Groton Wind Farm and the town's liability for fire protection and damage from blasting. She also asked why the board did not request that the Conservation Commission take part in this process. The board agreed to ask the Conservation Commission for their input on the Groton Wind Farm.

John Bagley asked what the purpose of the bond was.

**Ambulance Advisory Committee:** The board reviewed the 2011 ambulance contract and has some concerns. The next meeting is August 18 at 4:00pm. The board agreed to ask the Warren/Wentworth Ambulance Service to come in and discuss what services they could provide to the Town of Rumney.

**Library Trustee:** The Library Trustees recommended Leina Smoker to fill the Library Trustee vacancy. The board voted to accept the Trustees recommendation and appoint Leina Smoker to fill the Library Trustee vacancy.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.

**Signed:** Checks; Veteran's Credit – Beaulieu, P; Letters – Kuchinsky, Lane, Nadeau, Longyear

Respectfully submitted,

Janet C. Sherburne, Secretary