

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
8/23/2010

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

The Selectmen, Anne Dow and Frank Simpson met at 6:30 and visited Groton Hollow Road. They looked at the driveway at 330 Groton Hollow Road and will meet with the owner (at the site) on September 13th to discuss the problem. They also viewed the Rumney/Groton line and feel the line is consistent with what the town and road agent have been working with.

The meeting resumed at the town office at approximately 7:15pm.

Minutes: The Minutes of 8-9-2010 were approved.

Road Agent:

Frank Simpson met with the board. The town received the permit for the Hunter culverts on East Rumney Road so the project can move forward. Frank received a price from Ferguson for two culverts of \$5659.11, delivered. The money for this project is in the highway budget. D.A. White will do the excavation work and the highway crew will work along with them. The board approved moving forward with this project. Frank will notify the necessary emergency services when the road will need to be closed.

The highway truck is being repaired and the repairs will cost approximately \$2100.00. This money is in the budget. The board approved the repairs.

Frank asked for the board's approval to purchase sand from Rumney Sand and Gravel at \$5.25/yard.

Approximately 600-700 yards will be purchased. The board approved this purchase.

Frank looked at the Golas Subdivision and some of the required work has been completed. There is a concern about one of the driveways and this will be addressed during the driveway permit process.

Nick Coursey has obtained his CDL. Frank Simpson requested that Nick be given a \$1.00/hour increase for completing the necessary requirements to obtain the CDL as discussed when he was hired. The board approved the increase in pay.

Jim Buttolph-Groton Wind Farm: Mr. Buttolph requested a meeting with the board to discuss the Groton Wind Farm project.

- Data Requests: How is the board going to handle the responses?
- Technical Session: Mr. Buttolph is concerned about the town attorney's participation and responses at the session.
- Fire Emergency Response: At the Technical Session the Plymouth Fire Department raised some concerns. The board is not concerned about this issue because there are basic agreements in place that will cover emergency responses.
- Signing of Agreement: Is the signing of the agreement imminent? Mr. Buttolph urged the board to please take their time before signing the agreement as it is not all encompassing.
- Conservation Commission Involvement: Mr. Buttolph questioned the Commissions involvement or lack of involvement in this matter. The board has written a letter to the Commission asking for their input.
- Minutes of 6-21-2010/Non Public Session per RSA 91-A:2(d): Mr. Buttolph questioned the use of this particular RSA and stated that if decisions had been made at previous meetings they should have been public. The board explained that there were no decisions made that were not public. There were discussions about what would be included in the agreement and these discussions were at public selectmen meetings and are part of the minutes. Mr. Buttolph asked if the board would be willing to let the agreement be public in a week. The boards answer is no as some topics are in negotiations and may

or may not appear in the agreement. Mr. Buttolph asked if there will be an open meeting to discuss the matter when the agreement is signed. The board will discuss this further.

- **Property Values:** Mr. Buttolph asked if the board had considered requesting a property value guarantee. This can be done by petitioning the FCC by August 31st. The board has not considered this but will look into it. The board asked the towns of Goshen and Lempster if property values have been affected and at this time there is no data available to show if the project has had any affect on values.
- **Aquifer:** Is there any wording in the agreement about the aquifer? No, the board feels this is part of the SEC process and should not be part of the agreement. Carl Spring asked if the board would request, as part of the agreement, that all wells on Groton Hollow Road be tested before the project begins. Cheryl Lewis stated that Iberdrola did this in Vermont.

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Warren/Wentworth Ambulance Service: Brian Clark met with the board at the board's request to discuss the possibility of Warren/Wentworth Ambulance Service providing services to the Town of Rumney. Mr. Clark explained that they could provide service to Rumney but would like to know what services Plymouth currently provides so an accurate quote can be provided. Currently Warren/Wentworth has 48-72 hours of manpower at the station per week and has a 24/7 on call schedule. There are currently 27 people on the service. Anne will pull together some information for Mr. Clark so he can provide a quote.

Plymouth Ambulance Advisory Meeting: Janice updated on the recent meeting. Fees for 2011 will be based on budgeted expenses not actual expenses. Plymouth is not willing to negotiate this point. The board agreed to send a letter to Plymouth stating the town would like to renew at the existing rate structure and existing agreement.

Septic –Chagnon/Buffalo Road: The board reviewed and approved the septic plans.

Privilege of the Floor: Carl Spring asked the board to please urge the Conservation Commission to get involved with the Groton Wind Farm and work on the aquifer with the SEC. He also asked if the board would meet with the Planning Board before the final draft agreement is released. The board will discuss this.

Junkyard-Kuchinsky: Mr. Kuchinsky reported that two appliances have been removed and one car is almost ready to go.

DES Inspection-CMR: The board received a report on a spot inspection performed by the DES on CMR. A copy will be forwarded to Ken Knowlton, MRI.

Auto Inspection/Dealer Application: The board received a letter from the State of NH asking for the towns input regarding an application for an auto inspection/dealer license at 556 Depot Street. The board will defer providing input and will get more information because there is already a license on file for this address under a different business name.

Correspondence – W. Lightfoot: The board acknowledged correspondence received from Mr. Lightfoot in response to the board's letter of August 11, 2010. It was also noted that the town received notification from the State that Mr. Lightfoot has filed with the Board of Tax and Land Appeals.

Police Department: Chief Main notified the board that 4 winter tires need to be purchased for the cruiser; this purchase will exceed \$500.00. The board approved this purchase.

Groton Wind Farm:

- Selectman Fucci was unable to attend this evenings meeting but asked that the following statements regarding the Groton Wind Farm be included in the minutes. These items did not come up for discussion or vote at this meeting, but the statements are included as requested:
“I would like to urge you to stress that we do everything possible to insure the safety of our school children and bus drivers. I vote to limit all oversized traffic when the bus is completing its route.”

“To my knowledge, we were lead to believe that Iberdrola would cover our reasonable legal fees. Our Town Attorney is charging a reasonable fee. We have limited his hours. Both have been reasonable. I feel that if we set a predetermined monetary limit, no matter how reasonable it may seem to be, it would only benefit Iberdrola. I suggest that we ask Ed to honor his implied commitment and help us expedite negotiations, thus holding the legal expense to a minimum.” I vote NO on setting a predetermined limit on the legal fees requested from Iberdrola. I vote YES, that we ask Ed to honor his implied commitment to pay our reasonable legal fees. It is my feeling that if we were to agree to a predetermined amount and that amount falls short of our actual expenses, our constituents will strongly suspect us of selling them out. Surely they will not appreciate paying additional legal fees.”

- **Oversize Vehicles** – The State of NH issues permits for State roads only. The permit would not have any impact on travel on Groton Hollow Road. This is a town road and would be covered under any town requirements and/or specifications. The town currently does not have any restrictions. Two things to consider would be adopting the same state weight limits for town roads and lowering the speed limit on Groton Hollow Road from 30 to 25. The board asked the Police Chief if it was feasible to lower the speed limit. Lowering the speed limit would require a traffic study and a public hearing and would most likely not have a positive effect.

Foote Property/555 Groton Hollow Road: The town received an e-mail from Joye Foote stating that at 555 Groton Hollow Road the road is a right-of-way and not a town road. Copies of deeds were provided. Anne Dow has researched the deeds also. The board will ask the Foote’s to come in to discuss this matter further.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Signed: Deputy Health Officer Appointment; 2010 MS-1; Intent to Cut – Sanborn (7-7-13); Letter to Old Home Day Committee Co-Chairs; PA-16

Respectfully submitted,

Janet C. Sherburne, Secretary