

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
9/20/2010

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

The meeting opened at 6:45pm.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of 9-13-2010 were approved.

**Department Head Meeting:** At 7:00pm the board met with department heads. Bill Main, Sonny Ouellette and Tom Grabiek were unable to attend the meeting. The board requested the meeting to give department heads an opportunity to discuss any concerns they may have and to ask the board questions. The board also explained that 2011 budget information will be sent out during the first two weeks of October.

- EMS – Bill Taffe explained that call volume is up this year and there are no problems to report. He explained that the stipend line item may look like it is over budget this year but that is due to details that the EMS has done but has been reimbursed for. The fuel line item may go over budget due to underestimating and also some fuel from 2009 was paid for out of the 2010 budget.
- Emergency Management – Bill Taffe explained that he may be requesting an equipment line in the 2011 budget to be used to set up an Emergency Operations Center. There also may be grant money available for this. The Russell Elementary School is currently the designated shelter, but there are no supplies or materials available to make it a functional shelter.
- Library – Tom Wallace explained that the Library is well within the 2010 budget and there are several new people registering to use the Library each week. Mr. Wallace asked if the current oil prices could be included in the 2011 budget packet.
- Cemetery – Ed Openshaw explained that there have not been any projects started this year. Kathy Sobetzer is working on a computer data base for the cemeteries and the Cemetery will not be requesting an increase in their budget for 2011.
- Conservation Commission – Nory Parr explained that the Conservation Commission will be under budget in 2010 and the budget request will remain the same for 2011. The Commission will continue to work on some long standing projects such as Master Plan Input and a Natural Resources Inventory. Mr. Parr also explained that the Conservation Commissions concerns regarding the Groton Wind Project are with the water and the commission is remaining neutral.
- Fire Department – Chief Ken Ward explained the 2010 budget is in line and there are no large expenditures anticipated for 2011. Manpower is about the same, there have been a lot of inspections done in 2010. Dave Coursey mentioned the need to come up with a way of educating the public on new laws that residents need to comply with.
- Highway – Frank Simpson explained that the 2010 highway budget is good and in 2011 some money may be budgeted for bridge or culvert work.
- TownClerk/Tax Collector – Linda Whitcomb reported that the 2010 budget is in good shape and there will be no major changes in 2011.
- Administrative – Anne Dow reported that the 2010 budget is on track. A new computer will be purchased for the secretary/bookkeeper and the old one will be used in the meeting room for the public to view tax cards.

**Ed Cherian/Dept Heads:** Ed Cherian, Iberdrola met with Bill Taffe, Frank Simpson, Ken Ward, Dave Coursey and Terry French to discuss some areas of concern. The wording of the sections of the draft agreement pertaining to safety was reviewed, specifically training for emergency personnel. Ed Cherian explained that Iberdrola would draft a plan for the site for the Emergency Departments to review and there would also be site

reviews before and during construction. The Fire Departments biggest concern is access to the site and the need for additional equipment was briefly discussed. The board feels that the equipment concern should be addressed within the agreement between Iberdrola and the Town of Groton. Mr. Cherian explained that there is a training exercise being scheduled at the Lempster Wind Farm in October and Rumney Emergency Responders are invited to attend. More information on the exact date will be forthcoming.

**Groton Wind:**

- The board reviewed the draft agreement specifically the sections pertaining to training and emergency response.
- Wording changes to the draft agreement will be forwarded to the town attorney for review.

**Ambulance Service:** The board discussed ambulance service for 2011. The board agreed to sign the agreement with Plymouth as there is a clause in the agreement that if the Town of Rumney does not vote to go with Plymouth at the 2011 town meeting the agreement is void. Therefore, the board will bring the proposal from the Warren/Wentworth Ambulance Service and the Town of Plymouth before the voters in March 2011.

**Privilege of the Floor** – No comments.

**Administrative:**

- East Rumney Road Culverts – Work is progressing. There is no date set yet for road closing.
- Longyear Foundation – Matt Upton is finalizing the PILOT agreement and will be sending it for next weeks meeting.
- NE Fellowship – The Fellowship is still compiling information regarding their tax exempt status.
- Correspondence Received: The board received a copy of a letter sent from the Town of Holderness to the Town of Plymouth regarding the Ambulance Contract; the board reviewed an e-mail from Moderator Jim Buttolph regarding election procedures.
- The board will not meet on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

**Signed:** Checks; Old Home Day Volunteer Letters & Certificates; Timber Tax Warrant – Decosta; Intent to Cut – L.Lord

Respectfully submitted,

Janet C. Sherburne - Secretary