

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
WORK SESSION  
MINUTES  
10/08/2010

Selectmen Present: Janice Mulherin, Mark Andrew, John Fucci (via telephone)  
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Selectman Andrew explained that the reason for this meeting was to address the issue of additional forest fire equipment for the wind farm if it was found to be necessary sometime in the future.

There was a provision in the Town of Groton's DRAFT agreement with Groton Wind, LLC which stated:

**“The Owner shall cooperate with the Town’s emergency services to determine the need for the purchase of any equipment required to provide an adequate response to an emergency at the Wind Farm that would not otherwise need to be purchased by the Town. If agreed between the Town and Owner, Owner shall purchase any specialized equipment for storage at the Project Site.”**

Anne checked with Groton to make sure this was still in their agreement and learned from AA Pam Hamel that the Groton selectmen had taken that section out. They thought because Rumney handles the fire protection, the section should be addressed by Rumney. This subject has not been part of the Town's negotiations for the Agreement with Groton Wind. Rumney's fire chief, Ken Ward, has told the Selectmen that the Rumney Fire Department does not need any additional equipment. However, the need for additional forest fire equipment has been raised several times by the Plymouth fire chief in his testimony for the SEC. The Selectmen felt that, up until now, should this need arise, it would be handled through this provision with Groton.

After some discussion, the Board agreed that they would like to see this provision included in Groton's agreement since the project is in their town, and our emergency service contracts with them are renewable year to year. A letter will be sent to the Groton Selectboard asking them to consider putting the provision back in their agreement with Groton Wind.

**Property Values/McCann Motion** – Mr. Andrew said the Board is remaining consistent with their actions concerning the Groton Wind proceedings and did not take a position on the Applicant's motion to exclude testimony from Michael McCann, real estate expert.

Cheryl Lewis expressed her concern over the Board's non-response to this motion and other issues raised during this process. The proposed Groton Wind project could affect the property values of the entire town and region, and the Board's lack of a response comes across as if they do not consider this an important issue for the town.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow  
Administrative Assistant