

**TOWN OF RUMNEY**  
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**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**11/08/2010**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of November 1, 2010 were accepted as written.

**Selectmen's Issues:**

**Tax Rate** – The 2010 tax rate has been set at \$18.33 per thousand, a \$.62 increase over last year. The rate is broken down as follows:

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Town</b>	3.99	4.31	+.32*
<b>Local School</b>	9.98	10.34	+.36
<b>State School Rate</b>	2.43	2.36	-.07
<b>County</b>	1.31	1.32	+.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17.71</b>	<b>\$18.33</b>	<b>+.62</b>

\*\$.23 of the increase in the town portion is due to the \$400 increase in the Veteran's Credit as voted in at the 2010 town meeting (was \$100, now \$500 x 116 vets)

**White Mountain National Forest/Rumney Rocks Project** – Frank Simpson and John Bagley met with representatives from the Forest Service, Andrews Construction and P & S Construction at the project site on Buffalo Road (near the climbing areas). The Rumney Driveway Unit sent a letter to the WMFS outlining the concerns they have with the project – drainage, visibility/large rock, fees and permits. The RDU is withholding the construction/temporary use permit approval pending the WMNF's response to the letter. Anne will check with P & S on what necessary DES permits, if any, are in place.

**Trailers on land of another** – Linda Whitcomb met with the Board for a discussion on trailers that are located on the land of someone else and used for living quarters. There have been unique circumstances in the past where taxpayers have asked for a variance for different reasons, and it has been granted by the Planning Board. The subject was brought up recently by someone stating that the town would not allow him to live in a trailer located on a relative's land. The Board wishes to state for the record that no one has approached either the Select Board or the Planning Board with such a request. There has been no official request, therefore, no official denial by any board. A discussion followed about travel trailers and their status in the various campgrounds around town. The Board will draw up a letter to the local campground owners explaining that they can be liable for unpaid taxes of trailers located on their property. Anne will check with a few sources for clarification on this issue.

**Groton Wind** – Request for further clarification regarding fire equipment. In recent testimony before the SEC, Plymouth's Fire Chief Casino Clogston stated again that Rumney's Fire Chief, Ken Ward, supported Plymouth's request for additional firefighting equipment for the Groton Wind Farm. To try to clear up any confusion the SEC may have over this issue, the Board will send a letter to them stating that the Rumney Select Board and the Rumney Fire Chief speak for the Town of Rumney, the Plymouth Fire Chief does not, regardless of his recent testimony.

**Privilege of the Floor** – none

**Administrative:**

**Abatements, Refund** – The Board reviewed two abatements and a refund for three individual properties. The Board agreed to grant both the abatements and the refund.

**Kancamagus Website** – The Board received a request from the manager of the website to have a link from the town's website to this new website <http://www.KancamagusHighway.com>. The Board discussed the request and agreed that they would not allow a link from Rumney's website to theirs but would have no problem if they wanted to have one from their site to Rumney's.

**North Country Council Membership** – The Planning Board would like to use NCC's services to assist them with the completion of the Master Plan in the coming year. The Town has not been a member for several years. The Board will discuss this further with the Planning Board when they have their budget review.

**Cartographics** – The Board reviewed a request from Cartographic to consider parcel mapping and Online Mapping/GIS services and budgeting for this over the next two to three years. Although the Board realizes the value and importance of this modern mapping, they do not plan to include it in the budget this year.

**Personnel** – At 7:50 p.m. Janice made a motion to enter into non-public session to discuss a personnel issue under RSA91-A:3 (b), the motion was seconded by John and the Board voted in favor of the motion 3-0 to enter into non-public session. The Board voted to leave non-public session at 7:55 p.m. No decisions were made.

**Time Off** – Anne will be taking some time off this week; Janet will cover the office.

**Budget Review** – The Board will begin meeting with department heads next week.

**Lighting** – The Board discussed upgrading the lighting in the town office building and at the Highway shed. They will get several bids for the work.

**Christmas Tree Lighting** – The Board is still hoping to find someone who is willing to take on the task of overseeing this annual event. Anyone interested in helping out is asked to contact the Selectmen's Office.

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**Road Committee** – Anne will schedule a road committee meeting to discuss plans for paving, etc.

**Signed:** Checks; Intent to Cut – N. King; Tax Collector's Final 2010 Warrant; Abatements – Hildreth, Palmer; Refund – Durgin

**Upcoming:**

11/15- Selectmen's Meeting

11/18 - LGC Awards Luncheon

11/22 – NH Electric Coop – Distribution Lines

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow

Administrative Assistant