

TOWN OF RUMNEY
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
12/06/2010
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Selectmen Present: Janice Mulherin, John Fucci, Mark Andrew
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow

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

APPOINTMENTS

7:05 Frank Simpson, Road Agent; Molly Fuller, USFS District Ranger, Bill Dauer, USFS met with the Board to discuss the current status of the parking area on Buffalo Road. Due to extreme heavy rains last week, there were some severe washouts on parts of the new walkways. Discussion followed on solutions to the water issues in the parking lot. Mark commented on the water collecting on the westerly side; Frank said it could get worse after it is paved. Mr. Dauer said when it is paved the swale should be at the original elevation of the ditch line; it is not at the finished grade now. The paving is planned for the spring. There was further discussion on what could be done as a temporary fix until then. All parties agreed that the ditch line should be put back to the pre-construction elevation. The USFS will take another look at it in the spring and consider installing a culvert if necessary. At this time, the town driveway permit remains unsigned by all three Driveway Unit members. Molly reported that the Forest Service has applied for a permit from DES.

7:20 Donna Quinn, Regional Public Health Coordinator for the greater Plymouth area met with the Board for an informational update on the public health network. Bill Taffe was also present. The Greater Plymouth Public Health Network consists of 12 area communities. These communities are working together to develop a regional plan and address public health emergencies. There will be a course offered on ICS for Executives & Appointed Officials on January 13 at Plymouth State University, details to follow. Mark is planning to attend.

7:30 Kathy Sobetzer and Ed Openshaw, Cemetery Trustees, met with the Board to go over their proposed 2011 budget. No major projects are planned, just continue with tree maintenance, fence repair, etc.

Anne presented them with a copy of the **Committee Handbook** recently adopted by the Selectmen. The handbook outlines the general procedures for all town commissions, boards and their members. It sets out the basic requirements of how meetings and discussions between members may be conducted and covers all forms of electronic communication. It also outlines the town's standard to be followed in publishing minutes. All commissions, committees and boards will be receiving a copy and are expected to follow these procedures for all their meetings. A copy of the complete RSA 91-A (access to governmental records and meetings) is attached to the handbook for reference.

MINUTES: The minutes of 11/29/2010 were accepted as written.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – none

SELECTMEN'S ISSUES

Septic Plans/Failed System (Tax Map #11-07-03) The Board reviewed the plans for the new system. They agreed to sign the plans but will send a letter to DES with the plans recommending that the tank be moved to the required 75' setback from the well.

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Road Committee will meet December 9th; the Board discussed several options for road improvements for 2011.

Groton Wind – A request will be sent to Iberdrola asking for reimbursement for the additional legal fees the Town has incurred in excess of the \$12,000 they have already paid (approximately \$1,500).

ADMINISTRATIVE

Ken Knowlton will be conducting the final junkyard inspections tomorrow for 2010.

Bry Harv Properties (Tax Map #12-07-32) Last week the town received a letter from DES notifying them that DES had accepted an application for the permit program requesting a subdivision of their property located on Depot Street. Today the Board received a copy of a letter the Planning Board sent to the property owners asking them to come to their meeting on December 14th to discuss their plans for subdivision as the town has authority over such matters.

Transfer Station Schedule – The Transfer Station will be closed on December 25 for Christmas and January 1 for New Year's Day. Sonny has requested vacation from December 19 through December 26; the Board granted his request for the time off.

Correspondence: 1) The Board received a letter from a taxpayer protesting the inventory penalty. His letter stated that his wife personally turned the form in to the office on the due date, April 15. However, his inventory form clearly shows that it was signed for by the secretary and date stamped on April 16, a day late. The Board will send a letter to the taxpayer stating the same, the penalty will stand. 2) The Board received a letter from a taxpayer discussing a police incident that he was involved with in 2007 and his frustration with how it was handled. The Board received another letter earlier in the year from this person with the same concern. They did look into the matter at that time but agreed that no further action was needed by them.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant

Signed: Checks; Septic Plan/Failed System (#11-07-03); Letter – Central NH Hazmat

Upcoming:

12/09 Road Committee Meeting
12/12 Historical Society Christmas Tea 2:00-4:00; Christmas Tree Lighting on the Common 4:30
12/13 Selectmen's Meeting
12/14 Planning Board Meeting
12/15 Safety Committee