

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
01/24/2011

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

The meeting was opened at 7:05 p.m.

MINUTES – The minutes of 01/10/2011 were accepted as written.

7:30 Linda Whitcomb, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, met with the Board to discuss two items:

1. Abatement – Board signed
2. Legislation (LSR930) that is presently in discussion, Electronic Vehicle Registration Program Bill. The program would be optional for customers and dealers but would be a forced mandate on local government. It would require towns to allow dealerships to act as an agent for the town (for its Town Clerk), to approve residency and to process and collect the town portion of a motor vehicle registration. There is potential for loss of revenue, residency issues, additional costs to towns for auditing and reconciliation of monies and loss of local control. Linda asked the Board to support her in opposing this legislation. The Board agreed and will send a letter to our legislators stating their position.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – Ron Bryson from Bry Harv Properties, LLC was present (waiting for a septic design to be delivered). After hearing what Linda said about the proposed bill and EVR, he stated that the turnover of the title clerks in dealerships is not generally high and should not pose any concerns for towns. Mr. Bryson eventually left; the septic plans did not arrive.

SELECTMEN'S ISSUES

Septic System Approval – During Mark and John's absence, there was a failed septic system that required immediate approval for a replacement system, Tax Map #13-05-25. Janice reviewed and approved the plan for the new system.

ICS Workshop/Planning – As a result of an ICS training session Janice attended last week, she recommended that the Board get proactive this year with emergency training and conduct some training sessions with department heads. She suggested the Board set some goals and begin working on this after town meeting.

Emergency Operations Plan – The Board voted formally to accept the new Emergency Operations Plan and signed the Statement of Promulgation. This plan, when implemented, will provide a means for effectively responding to and recovering from the impact of natural or man-made disasters or emergencies.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Selectmen's Report – Anne asked the Board to please be working on their report for the town report; it needs to be submitted to the printers as soon as possible.

Comstar Rate Change – The Board agreed not to increase any rates charged by the town for ambulance transport. The Comstar Rate Change Form was signed indicating no increase.

Town Office/Oil Tank – There is currently a problem with the venting of the oil tank which may require it to be dug up and eventually replaced. The Board is hoping to wait until spring. Funds have been budgeted for this.

Correspondence received from:

1. DES – Perkins Farm – A Sludge Site Permit has been issued for the farm.
2. NHDOT – Notice of Rehabilitation Project, Wentworth-Rumney #16221 near Dorchester Road and Route 25, scheduled for September of 2012. State is asking for any known potential impacts on the surrounding areas.
3. NH the Beautiful – Grant for recyclable bins – Sonny proposed applying for the grant for bins which would be given out to each household. After some discussion, the Board agreed not to go forward with this in 2011.
4. Letter from Thomas Mullen opposing the Northern Pass Project
5. A copy of a Resolution Petition to the SEC signed by local residents strongly opposing the Groton Wind project.
6. State of NH Liquor Commission notifying the town that Stinson Mountain Sports Bar & Grill LLC has applied for a liquor license. The Board has no objections but will send a letter stating that there have been several liquor licenses granted to this same address over the last few years.
7. NCC petition to be an Intervener in “Northern Pass” project – seeking Selectboards’ input; the Board completed the attached survey.

Budget Review

The Board called John Fucci, and they had a conversation via speakerphone addressing several budget matters. The Public Hearing on the proposed budget and warrant is scheduled for February 7, 2011 at the Russell School at 7:00 p.m.

Signed: Checks; Intent to Cut – G. Sanborn; Forest Fire Warden Appointments; Emergency Contracts for Dorchester, Ellsworth and Groton; Comstar 2011 Rate Change Form; CNP 2011 Assessing Contract; Plodzick and Sanderson Engagement Letter; Cartographics Associates, Inc. 2011 contract for tax map maintenance; Oaths of Office for Rumney PD Special Officers – G. Robinson, K. Maes, D. Learned and J. Foley; letter to LGC notifying them of the town’s decision to go with Primex for WC and P & L; letter of official acceptance to Primex for WC and P & L coverage.

Upcoming: 1/25 Planning Board
1/31 No Selectmen’s Meeting
2/07 Public Hearing on Budget/Warrant – Russell School 7:00
2/09 Rumney School District Del Session – Russell School 6:30
2/10 Pemi-Baker School District Del Session – High School 6:30
2/14 Selectmen’s Meeting
2/16 Public Hearing on SB2 - Russell School 6:00

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant

