

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
03/14/2011

Selectmen present: Cheryl Lewis, Janice Mulherin, Mark Andrew
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of 03/07/11 were accepted as written.

Phil Bodwell, CNP Assessor, will meet with the Board next week.

Mark welcomed new selectperson Cheryl Lewis and gave a brief overview of the Selectmen's duties and responsibilities.

SELECTMEN

Board Organization

1. Chairman – Janice made a motion to nominate Mark for Chairman; the motion was seconded. The Board voted in favor of the motion.
2. Liaison Assignments
 - a. Highway – Janice
 - b. Transfer Station – Janice
 - c. Police – Mark
 - d. Fire – Mark
 - e. EMS – Mark
 - f. Emergency Management – Mark
 - g. Planning Board – Cheryl
 - h. Administration/Financial – Cheryl
3. Goals & Objectives for 2011
 - a. Adopt financial policies
 - b. ICS
 - c. Energy Audit
 - d. Update Personnel Policies
 - e. Update Welfare Guidelines
 - f. Get Town Facilities' Committee in place
 - g. Get Recreation Committee in place
4. Meeting Schedule
 - a. Continue to meet weekly until June
 - b. In June will consider meeting every other week, depending on need

Conservation Commission Appointments – The Board voted to appoint Judy Weber and John Serfass to the Rumney Conservation Commission again for 3-year terms (2011-2014).

Fire Department By-Laws and SOG Meeting Minutes – Ray Valentin notified Mark that there is a committee in place that will begin reviewing the fire department by-laws and develop some operating procedures as well. Mark will be meeting with Mr. Valentin this week to discuss the committee's plans and time line.

USFS Parking Area – Flooding – as a result of the heavy rains and melting last week, there were some water issues at the new parking area near the climbing rocks. Pictures were taken showing the areas with flooding and potential problems. The pictures were forwarded to the Forest Service with a note that improvements will have to be made to the site. The Forest Service responded and said they will be working on ways to improve the water flow.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:30 - Kathy Grabiek met with the Board to ask if they would waive the inventory penalty they incurred in 2010 for not returning the form by the April 15th deadline. Mark explained that in order to be fair and consistent with all taxpayers with this same request, they remain firm in their position of not waiving the penalties. Kathy thanked the Board for their consideration.

Selectmen's Issues – continued

Non-Public Session – The Board voted at 7:45 p.m. to enter into a non-public session to discuss a personnel issue under Section 91:-A:3 II (c). The Board voted 3-0 to seal the minutes. No other decisions were made. The Board voted to leave non-public session at 7:50 p.m.

Northern Pass – Janice received a request from an individual from another town to asking the Board to take a position on the proposed Northern Pass Project. After some discussion the Board agreed they would not take any public stand at this time. They will continue to learn more about the project and may take a stand sometime in the future. There will be a hearing on the project Friday, March 18 at the Hannaway Theater at PSU at 6:00.

Groton Wind – The Agreement for Reimbursement of Expenses was signed by Mark and Janice; Cheryl did not sign. There was brief discussion about whether Cheryl should sign due to a possible conflict of interest regarding her individual position as an intervener in the proceedings.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – None

ADMINISTRATIVE

Jake Brakes – The Board reviewed town counsel's response to their inquiry about amending the "Disorderly Noise Ordinance" adopted by the town in 1998. Bernie had concerns about the ordinance and did not recommend going forward with an amendment to address the sound issue through that ordinance. He suggested the Board do some more research on the issue. Chief Main suggested that Troop G be asked to monitor the area at night or early morning to get their take on the matter. The Board agreed this would be a good first step.

Town Facilities' Committee – The Board would like the committee, when established, to set priorities of work needed and look ahead at the capital plan for future needs of all the buildings. Anne will check to see if the town has deeds to all town properties. The Board is seeking volunteers to serve on this important committee. Contact the Selectmen's Office if you are interested.

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Correspondence

- A. Election Recap from Jim Buttolph
- B. Groton Wind correspondence 3/7 – 3/14

Signed – Checks; Groton Wind LLC – Agreement for Reimbursement of Expenses; Primex Membership Agreement; Primex P&L & WC 5% Multi-year Program Agreements; Northway Bank signature cards

Upcoming: 3/21 Selectmen's Meeting with Phil Bodwell from CNP

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant