

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
03/28/2011

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

The meeting was opened at 7:15 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of 03/21/11 were accepted as written.

SELECTMEN

Current Use Workshop – Janice reported the current use workshop, held at the town office on March 24, provided helpful information for those in attendance. The workshop was put on by the Grafton County Extension Service.

Town Counsel's Response/Conflict of Interest – The Board reviewed Attorney Waugh's response to their question about a possible conflict of interest with the subject of Groton Wind and new board member Cheryl Lewis, an intervener in the current Groton Wind proceedings. In his response he stated that he sees no legal reason why Ms. Lewis would be disqualified from fully participating in Board discussions and expressing her views on the Groton Wind project. However, if the Board had an important decision to vote on involving the project and her vote could be a possible deciding vote, she might want to consider not voting as that decision could be overturned by a court.

Cheryl updated the Board on the current status of the process with the final deliberations by the SEC scheduled for April 7th and 8th; the final deadline for their decision is April 26th.

Linda Whitcomb, Tax Collector met with the Board to discuss several properties up for tax deeding on April 8, 2011. Ten properties were discussed; the Board voted not to accept tax deeds on two of the properties as the acquisition of these properties would not be in the best interest of the town. A few questions were raised regarding the deeding process and what the town would be liable for if they took ownership of some of the properties. The Board asked Anne to contact town counsel for input on these questions. Linda will update the Board next week on the status of the properties.

CNP Response/Assessing Contract - The Board reviewed the letter they received from CNP addressing their questions and concerns raised during last week's meeting regarding entrance to properties during the cyclical inspections. The letter outlined their schedule for the first year of four of the 2014 revaluation. They will be "measuring and listing" Maps 7, 11 & 12, a total of 479 properties. These properties are the ones that were visited first in 2007. The Board agreed to sign the 2011 Cyclical Revaluation contract.

Personnel – A motion was made and seconded and voted 3-0 to enter into non-public session at 8:38 p.m. under RSA 91-A:3 I (c). The Board voted 3-0 to leave non-public session at 8:40 p.m. No decisions were made.

Commissioners' Meeting – Mark was present last week for their meeting; however, because it had not been posted, the meeting was rescheduled for April 5th. This meeting will be a non-public meeting.

Ambulance – Mark reported that some unexpected repairs are needed on the ambulance according to Anthony Reed, assistant EMS director. Anthony will see that the work gets done.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – None

ADMINISTRATIVE

Town Office Septic System – There are some problems currently with the septic system. A service call has been placed.

Scholarship Committee – It is time to schedule a meeting for the committee to meet. Anne will check with the high school to find out the date of the scholarship night. Janice will represent the Selectboard, letters will be sent to Robin Bagley, Pat Giebutowski and Troy Harris to inquire if they are still interested in serving on the committee. Anne will contact the school board asking them to appoint a representative from their board.

Time Warner Cable is no longer carrying any of the Boston stations. Anne received a call from a resident expressing his concern over this change. He is going to start a petition and ask for support in requesting Time Warner to carry some of these channels again. The Board acknowledged this issue and will send a letter to Time Warner asking them to make an effort to put these channels back in the line-up. Janice will work on a draft for next week.

Bry Harv Properties, LLC – There is still a question about their status as an LLC; Anne will contact town counsel for input on the impact of their status and the pending subdivision application before the Planning Board.

Cleaning Service – Mr. Miller asked if a back-up person could take care of the town office cleaning during his vacation time this summer. Anne will check about insurance coverage for a substitute.

SIGNED: Checks; MS-5; Intent to Cut – N.E. Fellowship; Timber Tax Warrant; Groton Wind Amended Agreement for Reimbursement of Municipal Legal and Consulting Expenses; CNP 2011 Assessing Contract; Letter – Dept of Safety – Fireworks Ordinance.

UPCOMING: 3/29 Planning Board Meeting
 4/15 Inventories are Due
 Last day to apply for Current Use
 Last day to apply for Elderly Exemption
 Last day to apply for Veteran's Credit

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant