

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
04/11/2011

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 04/04/11 were accepted as written.

**SELECTMEN'S ISSUES**

**HB 316** – a bill that would remove penalties for taxpayers who fail to fill out property tax inventory forms (PA-28) and refuse to allow property inspections. The Board is opposed to this bill as the inventory form is the town's only way of keeping up with changes in properties since the town does not have zoning or building permits. The property tax is the town's only means of funding expenses. If improvements are made to properties but not assessed, the taxpayers will ultimately pay for the lower assessments through a higher tax rate. The Board will send a letter to our legislators expressing their opinion.

**Tax Deeding** – The Board met Linda Whitcomb again to review the final properties up for deeding. The Board voted 3-0 to accept tax deeds on 16-04-13 and 11-07-02.

**Time Warner Letter** – The Board signed a letter to Time Warner addressing their concerns over the dropping of several stations and asking them to contact the office to schedule a meeting to discuss this and the continued lack of service, internet and/or cable, in several areas of town.

**Jake Brakes** – Mark reported that Chief Main has contacted Troop G regarding Jake Brakes and they said towns cannot impose restrictions on these engine braking mechanisms. The Board will visit the mills in town and speak with the owners asking them to remind drivers to be considerate of the residents regarding the brakes.

**FD Quarterly Billing** – The Board reviewed the quarterly billing of Dorchester, Ellsworth and Groton for fire calls. Additional monies will have to be billed over and above the hourly rate to cover the payroll taxes and administrative costs.

**Intent to Excavate** – The Board received an Intent to Excavate for the 2011-12 year from Central Aggregates. The Board reviewed the new requirements for excavation. Before signing the intent, a letter will be sent to the DOT inquiring about the status of the relocated driveway on the property and should this be a condition of the Board signing the intent.

**Town Facilities Committee** – The Board came up with a list of possible members; letters will be sent to them asking them to serve on the committee.

**USFS Area** – Mark stopped by the parking area and reported that it still needs work. Janice will contact them about the situation.

**Backwoods Family Campground** – The campground is scheduled to open soon; no updated septic plans have come before the Board. Anne will check into the status of this.

**Groton Wind** – Cheryl reported that the project had been approved but with conditions. One of the conditions is that there must be an evacuation plan put together for the Groton Hollow Road residents. Also, contact information must be available at the town office for anyone wishing to register a complaint.

Anne reported that representatives from the Louis Berger Group will be in town for the next week or so working on identifying historic buildings, sites, etc. as part of one of the conditions with the Groton Wind project.

**APPOINTMENTS** – None

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – None

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Month-end Report** – The Board reviewed the March month-end report.

**Mowing Bids** will go out next week.

**Elderly Exemptions** – The Board reviewed two elderly exemptions. One was granted, one was denied.

**Comstar Write-off/Medicare Enrollment follow-up** – Anne contact Comstar, they reported the party has no insurance, they have billed three times per town's request with no response; the town's next step was to write-off. Cheryl asked why the individual towns weren't billed for the cost of the transport. The responsibility for collection would then be up to the individual towns to collect from their residents. Mark said the individual towns already pay for the EMS service; the town does not plan to be a regular transport, but with the occasional incident this billing system has been set up with Comstar. After some discussion, the Board agreed to ask Comstar to bill one more time. Anne will contact the town office for any additional information. This may be an area that needs to be revisited before the 2012 emergency service contracts go out to the other towns.

The Medicare enrollment does not apply to Rumney this year; it will apply in 2015. Comstar suggested starting to budget for the cost a few years before.

**Bry Harve, LLC** – Anne reported that the owner will be submitting paperwork to the Planning Board stating that the members of the LLC do approve of the pending subdivision of the property.

**Energy Audit** – Anne is compiling data for ETAP for both electric and fuel expenses.

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The Board will not meet April 18, 2011.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow

Administrative Assistant

SIGNED: Checks; PA-29 Elderly Exemptions – 1 Granted, 1 Denied; Veteran's Credit – Granted; 2010-11 Timber Tax Warrant; Intent to Cut – 15-01-01 & 15-01-02; Letters – Time Warner;

Upcoming:           4/12 Planning Board Work Session  
                          4/15 Inventories Due  
                                  Last day to apply for Current Use  
                                  Last day to apply for Elderly Exemption and Veteran's Credit  
                          4/18 No Selectmen's Meeting  
                          4/25 Selectmen's Meeting  
                          4/26 Planning Board Meeting  
                          4/27 A rep from Charlie Bass's office – Town Office 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.