

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
05/09/2011

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 05/02/2011 were accepted as written.

APPOINTMENTS

Russ Rigoli and Marianne Lachar met with the Board to discuss some town concerns over the fireworks they set off on April 30th from their Stinson Lake Road property. The town received numerous complaints from residents on the duration (approximately 9-hour span) and intensity of the fireworks. Mr. Rigoli explained that the day had been scheduled for a group of licensed users to test a variety of fireworks, and all necessary permits and permissions had been obtained from both the State and local police and fire departments. They acknowledged that the length of the testing was excessive. Any future testing will be limited to approximately a four-hour timeframe. The Board also commented on the lack of notice and communication of the event between the owners and the town. For any future sessions, the Board requested plenty of advance notice so that it could be posted on the town's website and recommended they do a better job of notifying the public with posters, etc.

Jim Turbyne, a Trustee of the Trust Funds, met with the Board to discuss a letter the trustees submitted to the Board, dated May 9, 2011, regarding the dispersal of funds for the Haven Little Scholarship. In 2009 a policy was adopted, with input from the Trustees, Scholarship Committee and Selectmen, regarding the fund and the dispersal of the funds. It stated that 70% of donations received from memorials and fundraisers would go towards the next recipient(s) and 30% would go towards the principal. Mr. Turbyne explained that this method is proving difficult to track. The Trustees are asking that the policy be changed so that all donations are added to the principal and any money dispersed would come from interest earned and not the principal. Discussion followed with a question raised regarding using a fiscal year or calendar year for collecting the funds. Reference was made to the original warrant article voted in in 1994 "to create an expendable general trust fund ..." No decisions were made. The Scholarship Committee will be meeting on May 11th. The Selectmen will take the Trustees suggestions under advisement.

Fire Commissioners Dave Coursey, Terry French and Jim McCart and Fire Chief Ken Ward met with the Board to discuss several items:

1. Building Maintenance budget has already exceeded the budgeted amount; a large part of the overage is for items that were not budgeted for. The commissioners explained that they were unaware of some of these problems until they started the insulation project. Numerous electrical issues were discovered and needed to be repaired and/or updated.

2. The Selectmen reminded them of the policy requesting that all departments notify them of purchases that will exceed \$500 and asking for bids for work and/or purchases over \$500. The commissioners explained that the contractors they used were fire fighters who worked at a discounted price.
3. The Fire Department was on hand for the duration of the fireworks event at the Rigolis on April 30th. The Board inquired if that was being used as a detail; the commissioners explained they had an arrangement in place with Mr. Rigoli for this event but future events would be considered details.
4. Commissioner Coursey updated the Board on the dry hydrant project. He is working with Neil McIver on the permits.

SELECTMEN'S ISSUES:

1. Backwoods Campground – There has been no response from the owners to the town's letter regarding septic, driveway, etc. Planning Board Chair Tom Grabiek spoke with the owners and reports that the campground will not be opening this spring as planned.
2. Janice and Frank met with the USFS this morning to discuss the status of the parking area.
 - a. Grade has been raised to change path of water
 - b. Frank would like to have a culvert installed across the road; USFS is hesitant to do so in the town road
 - c. USFS suggested a culvert adjacent to the guard rails bring the water to a catch basin
 - d. Removal of the guard rail and face plate giving more space for winging back snow
 - e. Or removal of entire guard rail and put in a "curb" to allow for snow
 - f. They are hoping to grade from near catch basis to culvert
 - g. A change order is needed
 - h. The town wants the water off the road
3. Groton Wind – Anne will contact Ed Cherian to schedule a meeting to discuss the project.
4. One of the Selectmen received a complaint about the police department; the liaison has discussed the matter with the Chief.
5. Intent to Cut – returned to owner for signature and bond.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – None

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Comstar – The Board voted to "write-off" charges, due to hardship, from a Groton medical call that required medical transport by our EMS. Ms. Lewis voiced concerns with this practice when the Board first discussed it and her position remains the same at this time.
2. CNP will begin the "pick-ups" this Saturday.
3. Junkyards – MRI will be scheduling an appointment to go over this year's list.

The Board will not be meeting on May 16th.

Signed: Checks; Intent to Excavate – K. Morrell; Sansoucy Agreement

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Upcoming: 5/11 Scholarship Committee 7:00

5/16 No meeting

5/23 Meeting

5/30 No Meeting – Memorial Day – office closed

5/31 Planning Board

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow

Administrative Assistant