

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
06/27/2011

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 06/13/2011 were accepted as amended.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

**7:05 Sonny Ouellette** met with the Board. The Board voted to enter into non-public session at 7:05 p.m. under RSA 91:A-3 II (a). The Board voted to leave non-public session at 7:10 p.m., no decisions were made.

The Board inquired about the transfer station issue regarding commercial trash. Sonny reported that at the present time, the issue has been resolved. A charge was assessed and paid for the dumping of the commercial trash.

**7:15 Ed Cherian**, representative from **Groton Wind** met with the Board to update them on the status of the project. Road Agent Frank Simpson was present and several residents from Groton Hollow Road. Mr. Cherian stated that as of June 24, 2011, the Decision Granting a Certificate of Site and Facility with Conditions issued on May 6, 2011, is suspended by the SEC pending consideration of two outstanding motions that have been filed with the Committee. A public session will be held July 8, 2011 in Concord to consider all pending motions. The Board had received notification of the hearing.

Groton Wind has provided the Board with a set of site plans. Surveys were done previously on the properties in Groton. If a survey is necessary as part of the road evaluation, Groton Wind will provide the town with a copy of it. Anne will check records for a date of when the road was laid out.

Selectman Andrew addressed the issue of hiring an engineering firm to perform an evaluation of Groton Hollow Road, as stated in the agreement between the Town and Groton Wind. He stated further that it was the intent of the three board members serving at the time the agreement was drafted that a New Ha recommendation to hire "local". Ms. Lewis suggested the firm of VHB Vanasse Hangen Brustilin, Inc., a company based out of Bedford, NH. Mr. Cherian stated that they were the firm that drew up the current permitting site plans. Ms. Lewis asked who had done the road evaluations for Lempster; Mr. Cherian stated that the Louis Berger group did the work. They are currently working on the DHR properties. After some discussion it was agreed that Mr. Cherian would ask the Louis Berger group to take care of the engineering needs for the road/project. Communication between the engineer and road agent is extremely important.

Ms. Lewis asked if Iberdrola would be willing to cover any legal costs associated with the project this year. Mr. Cherian said they had fulfilled their agreement with the town for the 2010 costs and had covered additional costs over and above the original agreement. The other Board members felt that the town should be responsible for minimal costs associated with the review of the Letter of Credit.

The Agreement states that an emergency plan needs to be in place. Mr. Cherian said when the general contractor is on board with the project they can start with the plan. He recommended coming up with a committee that would fairly represents all parties involved. Members would represent Groton Hollow Road residents, town departments, the select board and possibly someone to represent the commercial businesses that use the road. Ms. Lewis said her impression of this part of the agreement was that it would be a public meeting with Groton Hollow Road residents giving them an opportunity to give their input because they are the ones who will be affected the most by the project. Mr. Andrew said a committee would be the best way to proceed with the planning as it would be difficult to be productive with such a large group of people. He suggested meeting with the Groton Hollow Road residents beforehand to get a list of their concerns and ask them to appoint a couple of people to serve on the committee. Before anything is finalized, he suggested having another public information meeting to see if all legitimate concerns were addressed. Ms. Lewis would like some more time to review the SEC conditions for both plans – emergency plan and one taking into consideration the inconvenience factors for the residents.

Mr. Cherian will have a clearer timeframe for the project following the hearing on July 8<sup>th</sup>. When the project is up and running he plans to meet monthly with the Board for updates and questions. Moving forward he will check with the company about hiring Louis Berger Group as the engineers for the road and Anne will get back to him regarding the Letter of Credit.

Ms. Lewis asked for a DHR (Division of Historical Resources) update. Mr. Cherian reported that the Louis Berger Group has submitted information; when all the research is done, DHR will make a determination. He has no timeframe at this point.

**8:00 – Rumney School Board, represented by Kathy Sobetzer and Jerry Thibodeau**, met with the Board to discuss a property issue. David Saad has contacted the school board to let them know he will be making improvements to his right-of-way (portion on school property) to his property which is located down behind the school. He provided them with a rough drawing of what he would like to do (involves a part of the school playing field). The school board asked the selectmen what their position was. After some discussion, the selectmen recommended getting assistance from their legal counsel and having a survey done of the property. The Planning Board and Conservation Commission would also have an interest in these improvements as they may involve the Shoreline Protection Act.

There was also discussion about the **Racine** property. The selectmen suggested that the school board meet with all parties (Saad, Racine, school counsel) to see what can be worked out between all of them.

**Cemeteries** – Kathy Sobetzer said the Trustees plan to have some trees taken down in the Depot cemetery. She asked if the work should be put out to bid; the selectmen stated that it is in the town's interest to get a few quotes and make a determination at that point. The chain link fence at the Depot cemetery will be taken down and replaced with PVC fencing.

## **SELECTMEN'S ISSUES**

**New Hampshire Electric Coop, Inc. abatement** – The Board reviewed George Sancoucy's recommendation to deny the abatement. The Board concurred with Sancoucy.

**Septic Approvals** – Mr. Andrew approved a septic plan last week for a failed system on 12-07-08. Because of the urgency, it could not wait until this meeting. He did go over the plan with the other Board members. The Board reviewed and approved a plan for 16-05-08 (Costa).

**Cell Phones/Electronic Devices** - During the meeting someone was using a cell phone/electronic device which were distracting at times. The Board agreed that at future meetings, those in attendance will be asked to put their phones, etc. on silence or vibrate.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** - None

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Comstar Write-off** – Comstar has requested another write-off on an incident dating back to August of 2010. The patient was not a Rumney resident and records indicate the patient was paid by his insurance company in August of 2010. Anne will contact Comstar and ask that they bill one more time. The Board will pursue bill collection if Comstar is not successful with this last attempt. Anne will check with some other towns on their policies for ambulance write-offs.

**Rest Area** – The Board would like to meet with DOT's Commissioner Campbell to discuss their options with the property. Anne will contact him to set up a time to do so. The Board will request that the facility remain open until they have met with the State.

**Town Facilities' Committee** – The first meeting will be held Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at the town office @ 7:00 p.m. Ms. Mulherin will represent the Board at the meetings.

**ChrisHolly Auto Body** – Owners inquired why their application for an inspection station has been held up. The Board had responded to the State earlier stating that the additional business on that property constitutes a subdivision. Anne reported that the Planning Board did not feel it was a subdivision issue. Ms. Lewis will bring it up at the Planning Board meeting tomorrow night.

**Signed:** Checks; 2010-11 Timber Tax Warrant; NHEC Abatement; Septic Approval 12-07-08; 16-05-08; Intent to Cut – R. Barnes 13-03-12, 13, & 14; 2011 Warrant for Unlicensed Dogs; April & May General Journal Entries; Letter – A. Daigle (junkyard)

**Upcoming:** 6/28 Planning Board  
7/04 Town Offices Closed – No selectmen's meeting  
7/11 Selectmen's Meeting

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

Respectfully submitted,

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