

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
07/18/2011

Selectmen present: Cheryl Lewis, Janice Mulherin, Mark Andrew
Secretary: Janet Sherburne

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

MINUTES: The minutes of 07/11/2011 were accepted as written.

SELECTMEN'S ISSUES:

Rumney Rest Area: Lyle Knowlton, DOT and two representatives from DRED met with the board to discuss the future of the Rumney Rest Area and the possibility of keeping it open to the public. Mr. Knowlton explained that it is the intention of the State to close the Rest Area and to block access to the area. The building has already been closed off, but the barriers have not been put up yet. He explained that if the town was willing to take over the responsibilities of the area such as mowing, trash removal, plowing etc. an agreement could be made between the State and the Town. The DRED representative offered help with signage for trash removal such as carry-in/carry-out signs. The board explained that there was not any money budgeted in the 2011 budget for this but maybe volunteers could mow, remove trash etc. so there would be access to the area at least for the remainder of the summer, then possibly something could be worked out with area snowmobile clubs so there would be parking for the winter months for snowmobilers. The board asked if the State would give the town two weeks to work this out and Mr. Knowlton agreed.

Long term plans for the area were also discussed. Mr. Knowlton explained the plan at this time is to sell the area and the town will have the option to purchase the property. He also informed the board the State has a letter of interest from someone who is interested in leasing the property. The company interested in leasing the property is Iberdrola (Groton Wind). The board discussed the possibility of working with Iberdrola to maintain access to the river, parking etc.

Buffalo Road Paving: Frank Simpson reported to the board that the paving had started today (Monday) but was delayed due to rain. The paving project will start again on Wednesday.

Driveways: Kurland – Upon reviewing the minutes from 7-11-2011, Cheryl Lewis explained that it was her understanding after a discussion with Frank Simpson that a \$200.00 bond should be requested.
Russell – More detailed information is needed on the application and the driveway needs to be 10' from the border.

Facilities Committee: Janice Mulherin updated the board on the meeting of the Facilities Committee. The committee will prioritize work that needs to be done in all town buildings including the Fire Department and the Russell School. The first building to be looked at will be the Library. The next meeting will be August 4th at the Library.

Shortt's Junkyard License: The board reviewed an application for renewal of a junkyard license and inspection notes from Ken Knowlton, MRI. The board approved the renewal.

Iberdrola LOC: The board reviewed comments and recommendations from the town attorney on the proposed LOC (Letter of Credit). The board agreed to follow the attorney's advice and recommendations and will ask Iberdrola to make some changes before they agree to the wording of the LOC.

Signed: Checks; Letter to Senator Forrester;

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet C. Sherburne
Secretary