

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
09/26/2011

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 9/19/2011 were accepted as written. The minutes/transcript from the Selectmen's meeting with Groton Hollow Road residents on 9/12/2011 were accepted with spelling corrections. Copies of these minutes will be posted and distributed to the five Groton Hollow Road residents who will be serving on the committee as well as to police, fire, highway, EMS and Groton Wind.

### SELECTMEN'S ISSUES

#### Groton Wind

1. The Board received a letter from Attorney Susan Geiger, counsel for Groton Wind, requesting the recusal of Selectboard member Cheryl Lewis from "considering any and all issues concerning the Groton Wind Project..." The Board discussed the issues and agreed to ask town counsel for his recommendation on how to proceed.
2. LCHIP/DHR – The Board will send a letter to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation expressing their dissatisfaction with the decision by the Army Corp of Engineers for the deposit of \$100,000 into the **New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program** (LCHIP) to offset potential viewshed impacts to the historic Rumney Common area from the construction of the Groton Wind turbines and ask that the process be revisited and the conditions of the MOA reconsidered with input from the Town of Rumney Selectboard, Planning Board and its citizens.
3. The Board received the official Letter of Credit; a copy has been sent to town counsel.
4. The Board received a request from Jim Buttolph asking them to consider filing a brief with the New Hampshire Supreme Court, stating that their appeal (Buttolph/Lewis/Spring) needs to be carefully considered. After some discussion, the Board drafted a one-page letter to Supreme Court Clerk Eileen Fox asking the Court to review the NH Site Evaluation Committee's order to assure that all applicable NH RSA's have been applied to their decision. They will forward the letter to town counsel for his input on the document. Selectmen Lewis recused herself from this discussion as a Board member and addressed the Board as a resident.

Rest Area Meeting – Janice reported on the meeting held last week regarding the status of the Rumney Rest Area. Among those attending were Jeanie Forrester, Ray Burton, Lyle Knowlton-DOT Commissioner, Lori Harnois-DRED, local snowmobile clubs and County Commissioner Omer Ahern. Everyone agreed they would like to see the Rest Area remain open; however, before that can happen there has to be some type of Memorandum of Agreement drawn up as a starting point. All parties will see what is available and report to Anne Dow, person of contact. More information will be forthcoming. Janice had a discussion with Commissioner Ahern about asking the Department of Corrections if inmates would be available to come down in the near future and clean up the rest area. The Board discussed this but stated that a letter requesting their services should come from the State as the town is not the owner of the property.

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Transfer Station – The Board voted to go into non-public session at 8:20 p.m. under 91-A:3 (c). The Board voted to leave non-public session at 8:25. No decisions were made.

Septic Approval – The Board approved a revised septic plan for 12-07-23-02.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – None

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Comstar Write-off – The Board signed a letter requesting payment from the individual who received EMS transport services last year, received an insurance payment but did not pay the amount billed to him.

FEMA Update – Frank will be meeting with a representative on Friday to view the damage.

SAU/DRA Forms – At the present time, the school has not filed the necessary documents with the DRA that are necessary before the Town can receive a tax rate setting date.

**SIGNED:** Checks; Septic Approval 12-07-23-02; Comstar Write-off Letter; Draft letter to Eileen Fox, Clerk of the Supreme Court;

**UPCOMING:** 9/27 Planning Board  
9/29 Facilities Committee – Fire Station @ 6:00  
10/3 Selectmen's Meeting – J. Forrester; Roof Bids are due  
10/10 No Selectmen's Meeting-Office Closed  
10/17 Selectmen's Meeting  
10/24 No Selectmen's Meeting

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow  
Administrative Assistant