

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
10/17/2011

Selectmen present: Janice Mulherin, Mark Andrew  
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow

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

**MINUTES:** The minutes of 10/03/2011 were accepted as written.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

**7:15 Sonny Ouellette** met with the Board to discuss the hiring of a transfer station attendant. The Board received 11 applicants for the position. The applications were reviewed and at 7:20 the Board voted to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3(b). The Board voted to leave non-public session at 7:30. The Board voted to offer the job to Norman Bates. Sonny will go over the job description and physical demands of the job with him.

**8:00 Frank Simpson** met with the Board to give an update on the FEMA projects and the Buffalo Road bridge. The FEMA representative will be meeting with Frank, Anne and Janice on Friday to go over paperwork and discuss the status of the projects and a timeframe on any FEMA reimbursement the town may receive.

Regarding the Buffalo Road bridge, Frank recommended using concrete as a means of repairing the bridge temporarily until decisions can be made on how best to replace or do major repairs.

### **SELECTMEN'S ISSUES**

**Buffalo Road Bridge** – The Board put together a statement regarding the status of the bridge notifying residents that they, along with the highway crew, are working to obtain the necessary permits and will perform the repairs as soon as they are in place, contractors are available and water levels drop. The Board appreciates everyone's patience as we continue to work towards an end to this issue.

The Board will hold a public hearing on October 31 to discuss the possibility of having to overspend the budget due to the expenses incurred from Tropical Storm Irene. They will also discuss withdrawing funds from the Bridge Maintenance and Repair Capital Reserve Fund to help offset some of these expenses and will reimburse the fund with funds received from FEMA.

The Board acknowledges that town bridges (having a clear span of ten feet or more) are to be inspected bi-annually for evidence of deterioration or structural failure as required by RSA 234:23.

**Rest Area Draft Agreement** – After considerable thought and review and input from the town's insurance company, the Board voted not to go forward with an agreement with the State to take over the maintenance of the Rest Area. There is too much liability to the town and no financial means available to take it over at this time. Anne will notify the respective parties. Anne will contact the Grafton County House of Corrections to see about getting the site cleaned before the end of the month.

**Groton Wind** – The Board put together a letter for the contractors and employees who will be working on the project welcoming them to Rumney and asking them to respect the residents of Groton Hollow Road, speed limits and the heavy traffic that will be using the road for the duration of the project.

**EMS** – Bill Taffe has an opportunity to purchase a stair chair and has requested permission to purchase it as well as have some maintenance done on the Zoll; however, the Board did not grant permission for these two items as they are waiting to see the final numbers on the FEMA projects. The budget freeze is still in effect. Mr. Taffe also provided copies of a draft MOU for the shelter at Russell School and asked the Board to review and comment on that at their earliest convenience.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

**NHEC Appeal** will require representation from town counsel. Anne will ask Bernie to take on the case. Skip Sansoucy will be meeting with the Board in November to discuss his part in the defense.

**Parking** – Anne asked the Board to park away from the building during their weekly meetings to allow the parking spaces close to the building be available for residents coming in to transact business with the town clerk/tax collector.

Budget Season – Budgets are due November 14.

Signed: Checks; Timber Tax Warrant; Septic Approval 12-06-09; Cartographics Contract; Emergency Mgt Workshop registration.

Upcoming: 10/24 No Meeting  
10/25 Planning Board  
10/27 Groton Hollow Road Advisory Committee meeting 7:00  
10/31 Selectmen's Meeting/Trick or Treat 5:00 to 7:00

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow  
Administrative Assistant