

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
10/31/2011

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

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

A **public hearing** was opened at 7:05 for the purpose of discussing Emergency Expenditure and Overexpenditure (RSA 32:11) and withdrawing funds from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund due to the unexpected expenses incurred as a result of Tropical Storm Irene.

Since the notice for the meeting was posted, the Board has determined that expenses will not go over the bottomline. No further action is needed on Emergency Expenditures.

The Board reviewed the repairs that have been made to the **Buffalo Road bridge** with Frank Simpson and costs associated with them. The Board voted to withdraw \$20,000 from the Bridge Repair Capital Reserve Fund to be put towards the bridge expenses. When, and if, funds are received from FEMA, the \$20,000 will be returned to the capital reserve fund.

The repairs on the bridge are progressing, and Frank hopes to have it open next week. Other topics discussed regarding the bridge was bridge insurance (the Board will look into this), weight limits, and the importance of having regularly scheduled inspections of the bridge.

The public hearing concluded at 7:20 p.m.

SELECTMEN'S ISSUES

Groton Wind - Frank has reviewed the engineer's report of Groton Hollow Road and has no problems with it.

Septic Approval- The Board approved a septic plan for Tax Map #11-06-04, S. Dow.

Tax Rate - The Board voted to take \$160,000 from the unassigned fund balance and put it towards lowering the tax rate. The final 2012 tax rate has been set at \$19.20, an 87 cent increase over 2011.

MRI - The Board discussed the status of the junkyards and the participation of MR!. Because of the budget concerns, the Board had voted to suspend any further expenditures Code Enforcement this year. They do, however, wish to continue next year with enforcement of the last few properties still in violation.

The Board voted to release those line items they had "frozen" last month. They do ask all departments to spend only as necessary for the remainder of the year and remind them that any purchase over \$500 needs to come before them before the purchase is made.

EMS/Emergency Contracts - The Board received a memo from Bill Taffe addressing some concerns regarding emergency contracts for the areas of Groton that are now being used for the wind farm, areas that Rumney has not covered before. He recommended the Board contact the Town of Groton and discuss their expectations for the future of that area and what they expect from Rumney. A revised contract addressing the change in scope of coverage will need to be written and agreed upon.

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He also brought to the Board's attention that Rumney is still responding to emergency calls in South Wentworth. The original agreement with Wentworth for this coverage dates back many years ago. There is no current agreement with Wentworth for this coverage, and therefore, the town is not being reimbursed for any of the calls they respond to. The Board will contact the Wentworth Selectmen to schedule a meeting to address this issue.

Transfer Station Position – The Board voted to hire Norman Bates for the transfer station attendant position. He will begin work on Wednesday, November 2, 2011.

SIGNED: Checks; Septic Approval 11-06-04; Intent to Cut – B. Berti; Letters – G. Libby, Grafton County House of Corrections; N. Bates

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant