

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
11/07/2011

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

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

**Buffalo Road Bridge** - Frank Simpson met with the Board to report on the Buffalo Road bridge. Two state inspectors took a look at the bridge today and said it looked okay to open for traffic. Frank will have it opened tomorrow. He will be conducting regular inspections of the bridge. Anne will notify the school and the post office of the bridge opening. We can now submit the paperwork for this project to FEMA.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

**7:15 George Sansoucy** (the town's utility assessor) met with the Board to discuss the current appeal by New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. The appeal has been filed with the Superior Court. There are 10 towns involved in the appeal. He gave an overview of how he arrived at the assessment he did. He recommended that the town consider joining several of the other towns in Grafton County who will be using the law firm of Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella. He said this method has worked well for other towns in similar situations and the cost of the attorney is split several ways. The Board agreed to hire the firm to represent the town with this appeal. Mr. Sansoucy will notify Attorney Waugh of the Board's decision.

#### **SELECTMEN'S ISSUES**

**Groton Wind** – Following the meeting October 27<sup>th</sup>, Ed Cherian has forwarded the final Notification Plan for Groton Hollow Road residents. The committee will meet in the spring when the permits are issued.

The Board responded to Mr. Cherian's request for follow-up to Groton Wind's request that Selectperson Lewis recuse herself from matters pertaining to Groton Wind. The Board will send a letter stating that Ms. Lewis will be recusing herself from said matters; however, she can speak as an individual on these issues.

A complaint has been received stating that there has been speeding on Groton Hollow Road. The police department has been notified.

**Emergency Management – Memorandum of Understanding – Russell School as a shelter.** Per Bill Taffe's request the Board reviewed the MOU; they had no problems with it and support moving forward with this matter. Anne will follow-up with Bill.

**Health Officer/Welfare Officer Indemnification** – Bill Taffe provided the Board on information regarding indemnification for these positions. The decision requires a vote by the Board at one of their regular meetings.

**EMS Mutual Aid** agreements with Groton and Wentworth – Letters have been sent to the selectmen of both towns requesting a meeting to discuss the current agreements and what will be expected for 2012.

**Tax Rate** – The 2011 tax rate has been set at \$19.20; a \$.87 increase over last year.

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**Christmas Lights/Common** – The Board will ask for volunteers for getting some Christmas lights in the common.

**Chief Main** met with the Board to discuss some personnel policies.

**Septic Approval** – The reviewed and approved a septic design for an upgrade for S. Dow, 11-06-04.

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

**SIGNED:** Checks; Tax Warrant; Septic Approval – 11-06-04; Abatement – N. Perreault; letters to selectboards of Groton and Wentworth re: mutual aid agreements.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow  
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