

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
11/28/2011

The meeting was held at the Russell School.

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

Others Present: Nory Parr, Conservation Commission; Planning Board members Kathy Wallace, Diana Kindell, John Bagley, Carl Spring and Brian Flynn; Library Trustees Tom Wallace and Roger Daniels (also representing the Historical Society); Betty-Jo Taffe, Pemi-Baker Land Trust; public – Anita and Lloyd French, Paul Spring

Chairman Mark Andrew opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

The following is information that outlines the purpose of the Selectmen's invitation to LCHIP to attend tonight's meeting.

In September the Army Corps of Engineers issued a permit known as the New Hampshire Programmatic General Permit (PGP) to Groton Wind, LLC . A Memorandum of Agreement was issued "Among the New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, The New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer and Groton Wind, LLC regarding the Groton Wind Project, Groton, Hebron, Plymouth and Rumney NH Pursuant to 36 CFT Part 800.6(a)."

One of the stipulations listed in the MOA concerns the Town of Rumney and states the following:

F. MITIGATION. The ACOE, SHPO and Groton Wind, LLC agree that the following measures constitute appropriate and full mitigation for adverse effects determined with respect to Rumney Village and Circle House. The proponent will implement these agreed-upon mitigation measures within the time frames noted below.

1. NH LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCHIP). Groton Wind LLC shall contribute \$100,000 to LCHIP no later than 31 December, 2011. The monies shall be expended by LCHIP, according to LCHIP's existing procedures and statutory requirements, for the purpose of preserving agricultural land *and/or* historic buildings in the vicinity of the Rumney Village Historic District. Up to \$10,000 may be kept by LCHIP for administrative expenses. The remaining monies may be used to leverage other funds such as, but not limited to the Natural Resources Conservation Services Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program (NRCS FRPP). If, after a good faith effort, the monies contributed cannot be spent in the vicinity of the Rumney Village Historic District within three (3) years of receipt, LCHIP may widen the geographic area of eligibility to the towns of Rumney, Groton, Plymouth, Holderness and Hebron. In the event that LCHIP is not able or willing to accept the mitigation monies described above, the ACOE, in consultation with NH SHPO will select another appropriate organization to receive the above described mitigation funds. Such selection shall be made within one (1) year following the execution date of this Agreement. The proponent shall make payment to the selected organization within 90 days of being notified of said selection. LCHIP's activities and the completion of funded grant projects are not subject to and may exceed the duration period of this Agreement. LCHIP will provide a yearly letter report to ACOE and NH SHPO, summarizing this program's progress and final completion.

2. Town of Rumney. A visioning session may be held to gain public input regarding the history and heritage of the Town and to determine what preservation tools best fit the Town's needs. The preservation action plan may explore tools such as, but not limited to, a historical resources chapter for the Town master plan, a walking tour of Rumney Village, a preservation plan for the community, or a guide to weatherizing Rumney's historic buildings while protecting their most significant historical features and building materials. Groton Wind, LLC shall pay up to \$10,000 for the costs associated with the development of this preservation action plan.

**LCHIP** - The first part of the meeting was an overview of the LCHIP program given by its Executive Director, Dijitt Taylor. She came at the Board's request to explain what the LCHIP program is, how the town can benefit from it and what the procedure is to utilize the LCHIP funds. Ms. Taylor did state that the town will not be expected to come up with any matching funds. There is a three-year limit on the exclusive use of the funds by the town; after that several other neighboring towns can also apply for the funds.

Mr. Andrew requested that LCHIP put in writing that the Town would not be expected to meet the usual 50/50 match for LCHIP grants.

Ms. Taylor answered questions from the various boards present and provided the Selectmen with information regarding on the Criteria, Guidelines and Procedures for the program.

This part of the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**Groton Wind** – Carl Spring reported that Clark Brook became extremely muddy this afternoon. Anne will report it to Kelly Revell and Ed Cherian first thing tomorrow. Carl also notified Nory Parr, Conservation Chairman of the situation.

Business part of the Selectmen's meeting began at 8:00 p.m.

## **SELECTMEN'S ISSUES**

**Minutes** – The minutes of 11/14/11 were accepted as written; the minutes of 11/21/11 were accepted as amended.

**Meeting with Groton Selectmen/Responding to Groton Wind calls, etc.** – scheduled for next week, December 12. It will be a work session beginning at 6:30; the regular meeting will follow.

**Warren/Wentworth Ambulance Service** – The first year “wrap-up” meeting will be December 19<sup>th</sup>. During that meeting the Board will address the EMS and Fire responses to Wentworth calls. Is there a need? What needs to be done if Rumney is going to continue responding, i.e. a contract, agreement?

**Police Revolving Fund** – The Board reviewed the fund and a several questions on it; Anne will follow-up on the questions for the next meeting.

**Hazard Mitigation** – The town has qualified for the next step in the mitigation process. Anne will get an estimate from Ed Bergeron for his company to do the cost analysis study to see if the town should proceed with any mitigation work.

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**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – None

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**SIGNED:** Checks

**UPCOMING:** 11/29 Planning Board meeting  
12/04 Christmas Tree Lighting 5:00  
12/05 No Selectmen's Meeting  
12/06 Janice – Timber workshop/Chocura  
12/07 Bridge inspection with DOT  
12/11 Historical Society Christmas Tea  
12/12 Selectmen's Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow  
Administrative Assistant