

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
01/24/2012

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

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

The regular weekly meeting scheduled for 1/23/12 was cancelled due to bad weather and rescheduled for tonight.

MINUTES: The minutes of 01-09-12 were accepted as amended.

SELECTMEN'S ISSUES

Emergency Contracts – The Board reviewed final draft; they will be signed next week.

Wentworth – Emergency Services – Board would like to discuss status with selectmen. Anne will contact their office. Unless there is some agreement in place, the Board will recommend that no further service is provided unless it is through a mutual aid call (includes both EMS and Fire).

Transfer Station Contract w/Dorchester – Board reviewed final draft; to be signed next week.

Driveway Permit/Bishop – Reviewed by Board; Cheryl inspected with Frank last week; agreed on a \$250 driveway bond as discussed by Planning Board clerk and Driveway Unit.

Town Report/Selectmen's Report – Janice will draft the report for the Board's review.

Budget/Warrant Review

- Per DRA auditor, adjustments made to the budget and warrant include:
 - Offsetting revenues will not be listed in regular warrant articles; they will be shown on the revenue side (MS-4). Special articles will still include them in their text.
- \$25,000 was included for Library Feasibility Study (Article #26) to be offset by LCHIP funds
- Article 23 (Highway Equipment) needs further discussion; financing options looked into

2012 Goals – Board members discussed goals for the coming year; updating policies will be a priority as well as updating the long-term plans for all departments. The goals will be addressed further at a future meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – None

ADMINISTRATIVE

LCHIP Update

- \$100,000 has been received
- Amy Dixon met with Library Trustees 1/23 to discuss grant process/requirements pertaining to feasibility study to identify ways the current library building could be made accessible to the disabled; she suggested using \$25,000 for an amount for the study
- The Board of Directors met last week and discussed how the process will work and what will be required from the town; upon acceptance of those meeting minutes, correspondence will be sent to the Board regarding the above

NHEC Appeal Update – A tentative trial date has been set for January of 2013; before then parties will attempt mediation, details to be forthcoming

Bergeron/Benefit Cost Analysis – The quote for the study on the Buffalo Road bridge is \$750 - \$1,750 depending on research involved; the study will indicate whether the Town should consider rebuilding the bridge and therefore apply for a mitigation grant (deadline is February 10). The Board agreed to have Bergeron conduct the study.

Policies – Draft Fund Balance Policy and information was handed out, the Draft Investment Policy will be e-mailed to the Board for their review at next week's meeting. .

Groton Wind Update – Blasting phase was scheduled to begin Monday, January 23, 2012. A Nixle notice was posted stating: The blasting will take place throughout the project footprint and is expected to last six to eight weeks. Blasting operations may be performed weekdays between the hours of 6:00 am and 7:00 pm. and continue for approximately 6-8 weeks. **For full details please refer to the town's website www.rumneynh.org.**

Audit – The town's auditing firm Plodzick & Sanderson will conduct their annual audit March 19th – March 21st. A risk assessment letter was distributed to the Board for review at next week's meeting. The auditors have requested that it be completed and returned to them as soon as possible.

SIGNED: Checks; Intents to Cut – Bishop, Iberdrola; Timber Tax Warrant; Oath of Office – Part-time Police Officer – G. Hill;

UPCOMING:

- 01/25 First day to file for town office with Town Clerk
- 01/30 Selectmen's Meeting
- 02/03 Last day to file for town office with Town Clerk (open until 5:00 p.m.)
- 02/06 Selectmen's Meeting
- 02/07 Last day to submit petitioned warrant articles to Selectmen's Office
- 02/07 Pemi-Baker School District Deliberative Session – High School @ 6:30
- 02/08 Russell School Deliberative Session – Russell School @ 6:30
- 02/13 Budget Hearing – Town Budget and Warrant – Russell School @ 7:00

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant

