

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
04/09/12

Selectmen: Cheryl Lewis, Ed Haskell  
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow

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

**MINUTES:** The minutes of 04-02-12 were accepted as written.

### SELECTMEN'S ISSUES

**Investment Update** – Anne met with Jan Cole, Cash Management Service Representative from Northway Bank to discuss banking options. Ms. Cole also addressed the auditors' statement of risk with the town accounts. Ms. Cole provided the Board with a letter stating that the town accounts are sufficiently protected. Bette Kapp from Charter Trust will be sending a similar letter summarizing the protection the town accounts have with them.

**Road Committee** – Although Mark was absent, he provided the Board with minutes from the Road Committee meeting held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. (Complete minutes on file with Town Clerk)

**Highway Truck Purchase** - Per discussion will go with a Ford truck with gas engine; Frank will check into SS dump body vs. painted steel; truck will have integrated sander; Frank and Annie will finalize specifications and send out requests for sealed bids.

**Road improvements** – finish paving Buffalo Road bridge and west end of Buffalo Road beginning at the Sand Hill bridge.

**Bridge Repairs** – as necessary within budget.

**Capital Improvement Plan** – needs updating

**Master Plan Hearing** – Mark provided the Board with a summary of the hearing.

**Month End/First Quarter Review** – The Board reviewed the month-end report.

**Groton Wind Farm** – Tonight is the beginning of the two-week trial period for a night shift on site. The Board will meet with Groton Wind representatives on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to review the two-week period and listen to feedback from the residents as to any impact they may have experienced with the night shift.

Brian Paquette was present and stated that he has received numerous complaints from his patrons about the dust and lack of watering the road to keep the dust down. Ed Haskell recently witnessed some large rocks falling out of some of the trucks as they were pulling out of the gravel pit onto Route 25 and raised concerns as the rocks could cause a lot of damage to vehicles traveling on the road.

### APPOINTMENTS

**Susan Barickman** met with the Board to discuss concerns she has with Groton Wind, the road maintenance, traffic, etc.:

1. Construction vehicles and "Semi's" speeding
  - a. The following truck #'s were given:
    - i. 185, 146, 73, 148, 78, 110, 191, chip truck #28
  - b. They are very concerned about the excessive speed being used with summer coming and knowing the kids will be out of school.
  - c. Suggested having more police patrols
2. Driving Habits
  - a. Drivers frequently use the middle of the road to travel rather than on the correct side of the road; this causes problems when they meet residents with the large trucks, does not leave much room to pass; sometimes it is impossible to do so.
  - b. One resident had an incident with the grader which kept her from being able to pass by the vehicle because the operator was in the middle of the road first and then pulled over to the side but kept the blade out which kept her from being able to pass by.
3. Grading
  - a. The grader is leaving the road more rough after grading with lots of rocks being turned up in the roadway after it has gone through a section making it quite difficult to drive a small vehicle on the road; the rocks cause a lot of shaking of the vehicles when traveling over the surface which is wearing on vehicles' tie rods, ball joints, bushings, etc. The residents suggested it may be time not to cut back on the grading a little.
4. Dust
  - a. This seems to be the major issue at this time. The amount of dust generated aggravates residents' asthma and upper respiratory problems. Residents would like to see a lot more watering of the road more frequently during the day. Just doing it once in the afternoon is not enough to keep the dust down to a manageable level.
  - b. Several weeks ago a truck went through spraying some type of green liquid; **residents would like to know the name of the liquid that was dispersed.**
5. Signs Residents would like to see several signs put up on the road
  - a. Speed Limit – Town's responsibility
  - b. Kids at Play – Town
  - c. **Iberdrola (Groton Wind) Construction Site sign** posted at the beginning of Groton Hollow Road warning people that there are a lot of large construction vehicles, delivery trucks and activity on the road.
  - d. Blind Drive sign near 436 Groton Hollow Road – Town
6. Work Hours per Road Agreement
  - a. Construction vehicles, per agreement, are to travel on the town road between **6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. only**. Residents have said this is not always the case. Tonight, April 9, at 7:15 p.m. a tractor trailer went up the road with some type of a mobile crane. These hours are supposed to be honored unless special arrangements have been made with the Selectmen.
  - b. Residents reported that trucks have been seen coming down the road at 5:30 a.m.
7. Blasting – residents are hearing blasting after 6 p.m. in the evening.
8. Personal Driveway – There were two pickup trucks parked in the driveway at 331 Groton Hollow Road tonight. The owners do not want employees, contractors, etc parking in their driveway.

These concerns will be passed on to Groton Wind for their review.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – None

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Personnel Policies** – The Board will be reviewing the draft policies beginning on a weekly basis with a goal of adoption by June 1.

**Ellsworth** has returned the signed contracts with payment in full for the 2012 year.

**HB121** – This bill allows towns to adopt a provision to grant a tax exemption for the disabled who would qualify under Title II or Title XVI of the federal SS Act. The Board was notified that there will be a hearing on this bill Tuesday, April 10; Senator Forester requested a response from the Board. The Board is not in favor of the bill as amended as they do not believe they are qualified to make decisions on anyone's disabled status. Anne will notify Senator Forester that the Board's position remains opposed to the bill as written.

**Hazard Mitigation Grant Application** – Bergeron sent the application for the Board's review; there were some areas that needed clarification. Anne will contact Bergeron for additional information and present the application again next week.

**SIGNED:** Checks; Intent to Cut – G. Sanborn;

**UPCOMING:** 04/16 Selectmen's Meeting – LGC/Health Ins; WWAS  
04/23 Selectmen's Meeting – Groton Wind – night shift follow-up  
04/24 Planning Board  
04/30 Selectmen's Meeting – Mow Bids

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

Respectfully submitted,

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