

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
04/23/12

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

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

MINUTES: The minutes of 04-16-12 were accepted as amended.

APPOINTMENTS

7:30 Groton Wind – Randy Stocks, Pat Holland, Anthony Corson and Miguel Marco were present to discuss several issues. Groton Hollow Road residents Susan Barickman, Paul Spring and Florence Sevigny were also present. Selectperson Cheryl Lewis recused herself from discussion and sat with the public.

Night Shift – No complaints have been received regarding the night shift that began two weeks ago. The Board gave the go ahead for another two weeks. The parties will meet on May 7th to review this again.

Blasting – The blasting plan filed in December 2011 states the hours will be from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday-Friday. At the meeting last week, Groton Wind requested permission to blast on Saturdays. Selectman Andrew stated that to be fair to the Groton Hollow Road residents, the Board is firm in their position that no blasting will take place on Saturdays. The Board did agree to allow blasting later in the day (could be as late as 8:00 pm some days) to help speed up the process but will not allow any blasting on Saturdays. When the blasting occurs later in the day, Randy stated that there could be up to six vehicles traveling the road until 9:00 pm.

B. Shanks – Randy reported that they met with Mr. Shanks at his property and came up with a plan to help alleviate the water problems he has been experiencing.

Water Sampling – Randy reported that an engineer from VHB was sampling water today after the heavy rains over the weekend (per Groton Wind's permit requirements).

Project Tour – Randy Stocks and Anthony Corson will be taking the Selectmen, Frank Simpson and Anne Dow on a tour of the project Saturday, April 28th. They will meet at the Rest Area at 3:00 p.m.

Signs – Groton Wind will purchase and put up signs for Children at Play, Construction Area and Speed Limit.

Tower Components – The components are expected to arrive around July 1. Groton Wind's priority will be to keep Groton Hollow Road open during the transporting of these parts.

Cheryl Lewis rejoined the Board.

8:00 Charlie Hall-Cemetery Issues – Charlie met with the Board to discuss several issues. The Selectmen will schedule a meeting with the three Cemetery Trustees to discuss these issues further.

SELECTMEN'S ISSUES

Driveways – Mark reported that the Driveway Unit met and view three driveways: 1) Russell – needs work; 2) Rumney Ecological Systems – needs work; 3) Shilansky – okay to issue Final permit. Planning Board Chair Tom Grabiek will write up a summary and send letters to the owners explaining what still needs to be done.

Police – Cheryl Lewis reported on her meeting with Chief Main. Per her request, he will get back to her on several issues.

Letter to SEC – The Board reviewed a draft letter to the SEC on the Petition Warrant Article #27. Per a vote of the Town at the recent town meeting, the Board was directed to send a letter summarizing the town's position opposing any development that includes overhead development of alternating current or direct current high voltage transmission lines within the borders of the town. The Board agreed on the letter and will sign the final letter next week with copies going to the local legislators.

Health Insurance – The Board reviewed the current options available to the town. They are still waiting on one more quote and will make a final decision after they have had an opportunity to review and consider it.

Fair Point – The Board will send a letter to Fair Point expressing their opposition to the \$.99 per line charge they are instituting in response to the State taxing the telephone poles and requesting that it be waived for the Town as it is a tax exempt entity.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Intent to Cut – The Board was presented with an Intent to Cut; however, the original page was not attached, only a faxed copy with the landowners' signatures. The Board wants the original signature page before they sign. Anne will notify the logger of their decision.

Scholarship Committee Meeting – The scholarship meeting will be held on Thursday, May 3rd at the town office at 7:00 pm. Anne will notify the other committee members of the date and time.

IRS Audit – The auditor will be returning tomorrow for more follow-up.

Personnel Policies – The Board reviewed the first section of the policies.

SIGNED: Checks; 2011-12 Gravel Tax Warrant;

UPCOMING: 04/24 Planning Board
04/30 Selectmen's Meeting – Mow Bids
05/01 Hearing on Junkyard Bill 340 in Concord @ 10:30 am
05/07 Selectmen's Meeting - Residents' Forum 7:00-7:30; Truck Bids

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant