

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
05/21/12

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

Mark opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES – The minutes of May 7, 2012 were accepted as written.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Susan Barickman reported that the loud blast heard around 5:30 tonight was at Latulippe's pit, not the wind farm. Anne will contact Mr. Latulippe for some follow-up on the large blasts.

Joan and Conrad Michel reported that they are having a drainage issue along their property on Old Route 25. Frank Simpson, Road Agent, was present and said he will stop by and take a look at the problem. They also mentioned problems during the winter with large rocks scattered about after the road was sanded. Frank and the Board acknowledged this and stated that some loads of the sand are screened better than others.

On another matter the Michels told the Board they had problems over the winter with numerous break-ins and commended Chief Main for his assistance with this matter.

APPOINTMENTS

7:15 Frank Simpson was present for the opening of the truck bids. The Board received four bids for the cab and chassis. The bids included the trade-in of the 2004 truck. Auto Serv of Tilton was the successful bidder with a quote of \$29,859.

Frank said Tim Keyes may be able to break up the large rocks on the side of Buffalo Road this weekend if equipment is available; there will be no cost to the town at this point.

Jerry Thibodeau asked how much it would cost to pave East Rumney Road. Frank stated that it would be very costly to pave the road. He also explained that the town has limitations on the road as it was voted in as a scenic highway many years ago.

8:45 Chief Main met with the Board at their request to discuss several police issues.

1. Cheryl Lewis said that there is a need for improvement with communication between the department, the Board and the community.
2. Cheryl said she and Chief Main have discussed the schedule. The Board had requested more coverage in the morning; the recent schedule does reflect a change.
3. Mark Andrew said they try to encourage people to attend the meetings and speak up with their concerns.
4. Chief Main asked for some specific concerns people have. Cheryl and Ed reported from feedback they have received:
 - a. Calls going to dispatch not being answered by the department
 - b. If a resident finds Rumney is not on duty, they think it's too late
 - c. There is a fear level of being perceived differently by the police department

5. Cheryl said she and the Chief have talked about getting info out in the media more, newspapers, etc. in an effort for taxpayers to feel they are getting their money's worth from the department.
6. Chief Main said he doesn't put a value on the department by the number of arrests they make.
7. The Board would like to see a Groton Wind speed detail; Groton Wind has stated previously they would welcome them along Groton Hollow Road. Chief Main didn't feel it warranted a full-fledged detail; he has been incorporating routine patrols on Groton Hollow Road to monitor the speed and traffic.
8. Chief Main asked again for specific issues that are being brought up, what are the dispatch issues?
9. Chief Main said that follow-up from the public would be helpful. If they see something, even though Rumney isn't on duty, the details they could provide of a certain incident (color of vehicle, time of day or night, etc.) to the department could be very important and helpful later on.
10. Jerry Thibodeau asked if the officers could be on call instead of calls going to dispatch.
11. Chief Main said he will look into where some of the dispatch calls are going; what feedback are residents getting from dispatch?
12. Groton Hollow Road – Speed Limit – Chief Main said the road is considered an urban residential road – the speed limit is 30 mph. The Board said they would consider a 25 mph limit.
13. At 9:40 Cheryl Lewis made a motion to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c); Ed seconded it. The Board voted to leave non-public session at 10:00 p.m. The Board voted to seal the minutes permanently 3-0.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jerry Thibodeau asked how many foreclosures the town has had this year. Anne reported four since October 1, 2011.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Health Insurance- A representative from LGC is scheduled to meet with the seven full-time employees to go over the new insurance plan with them on May 31st. Cheryl will plan to attend the meeting; Mark and Ed will be there if their schedules allow. Anne recommended that the Selectmen be the ones to distribute the new insurance packets to the employees explaining the changes that will be taking place, both with the plan and the employee's share (from 6% to 8%). The Board will try to see their respective department employees during the week so the employees will have some time to review the plan before meeting with the LGC representative next week.
2. A meeting with the School Board and Planning Board has been scheduled for June 4th at 7:30. The School Board would also like to have Chief Ward present.
3. The Board will recommend June 7th as a possible evening to attend one of the fire department's dinners.
4. There has been a request from a resident to use the ball field for parking for a wedding that will take place in August. The wedding will be at the residence on Quincy Road, and they have asked to use the field for overflow parking. The Board agreed to the request and will ask for the usual paperwork and \$100 deposit.
5. Investment Policy – The Board voted to amend the Investment Policy by eliminating “Proprietary Funds” from Section 2 – Scope. The town does not have any proprietary funds.

SELECTMEN'S ISSUES

1. Abatement – The Board reviewed and agreed to grant Kleiner the abatement as recommended by CNP.
2. Groton Wind – Reimbursement for training, super load details, etc. Cheryl Lewis recused herself from the Board and spoke as a resident. She stated that during early discussions about the wind farm project and during the SEC hearings, representatives from Groton Wind said there would be “no cost” to the town of Rumney generated by the project. All agreed that a letter should be sent to Groton Wind requesting reimbursement for training that has already taken place so far with EMS, Fire and Police.
3. David Lorry met with the Board. At 7:55 pm the Board voted to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (d). The Board voted to leave non-public session at 8:10 pm. No votes or decisions were made.
4. Fire Department Office – Ed reported that he did not feel there was an issue with the vapor barrier with the new construction of the office.
5. At 10:10 the Board voted to enter non-public session under 91-A:3 II (c). The Board voted to leave non-public session at 10:20.

SIGNED Checks; 2011-12 Timber Tax Warrant; Intent to Cut – Prohaska; IRS Forms 2504; 2504-WC.

UPCOMING 05/28 Memorial Day – Office Closed – No Meeting
05/29 Planning Board
06/04 Selectmen's Meeting – Residents' Forum

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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