

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
06/04/12

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

The meeting was opened at 6:30 pm.

Frank Simpson, Facilities Committee members Roger Daniels and Brad Eaton were present. At 6:30 Mark made a motion to enter into **non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (d)**; motion was seconded by Ed. Board voted 3-0 to go inter non-public session. The Board voted to leave non-public session at 6:50. A decision was made to meet with all the members of the Advisory, Facilities' and Road committees next week at 7:00 pm to view the property together and then return to the town office for a discussion at 8:00 pm.

Highway – Frank asked permission to hire a company to break up some of the larger rocks along the side of Buffalo Road that is slated for paving this year. Low invasive charges would be used to break up the rock; estimated ½ day's work. Frank would like to get this done before the paving begins. The expense will exceed \$500; he is unsure of the total amount because it depends on the materials that are needed to do the job. He does have money in the budget to cover the expense. The Board agreed to his request.

7:00 RESIDENTS' FORUM - Public present: Jerry Thibodeau, Dave Learned, Brett Miller, Peter Helgerson, Diana Kindell, John Bagley, Bill Main.

Dave Learnerd asked if there were any objections to putting up small American flags in the common. The Board had no objections. He had put up six to eight flags around the war memorial and an additional eight flags around the fountain. He asked if there was someone who was officially in charge of taking care of the common. The Board said no one in an official capacity; John Bagley has been looking after it for several years. Mr. Learned said Mr. Bagley removed several of the flags and he took exception to that. Mr. Bagley said Mr. Learned usually puts up six to eight flags; this year he put up an additional eight flags. He thought that was excessive and posed a danger to kids, as well as being a nuisance for the person who mows the common. After some further discussion, it was agreed to keep the flags around the war memorial. Anne will contact JDT and ask if he would replace the flags after he mows. Mr. Learned also asked if it was okay to picnic in the common. The Board said there were no rules against picnics; it is a public place.

Jerry Thibodeau asked if the Town had a checklist for anyone planning to start a business in town. The Board stated that at this time there is no master checklist in place. Inquiries should start with the Planning Board. The Board said they will work with the various town boards and committees to come up with something in the future. In the meantime, all interested parties are asked to contact the Planning Board with any questions at rumneyplan@roadrunner.com.

The Residents' Forum concluded at 7:15 pm.

SELECTMEN'S ISSUES

Minutes – The minutes of 5/14/12, 5/21/12 and 5/31/12 were accepted as written.

Department Head Meetings – Cheryl would like to see the Board resume periodic department head meetings, all departments together. The Board agreed to schedule two between now and the end of the year.

Groton Wind Billing – Cheryl Lewis recused herself from discussion. The Board discussed the recent accident at the wind farm. EMS has submitted a bill for their time at the accident. Discussion followed regarding billing for the accident. The Board agreed it should be billed to either the Town of Groton or Iberdrola. The Board will bill the Town of Groton but will wait to send it after the Fire Department submits their second quarter billing for their calls.

7:30 School Board requested a meeting with the Selectmen, Planning Board members and Fire Chief. School Board members present were Kathy Sobetzer, Jerry Thibodeau, Rachel Anderson and Roger Scroggins; Planning Board members were Dave Coursey, Tom Grabiek, John Bagley, Clerk Diana Kindell; and Fire Chief Ken Ward and Commissioners Terry French (and Dave Coursey). Peter Helgerson, Principal, Ethel Gaties, SAU Ass't Superintendent and John Francis, SAU Facilities Manager was also present. Several issues were discussed:

- I. The school heating system is in need of replacement. The school board is currently looking at their options – woodchips, pellets, solar, oil and propane.
 - Jerry Thibodeau has been researching chips and pellets; the projected savings of using chips versus oil over a 25 year span is over \$2.2 million and pellets over \$2 million.
 - There is a projected 6.6% increase in oil over the next 25 years bringing it up to an estimated \$18/gallon.
 - Dave Coursey asked if a furnace for the chips/pellets would take away from the square footage of the school property necessary to sustain 180 students; the school board stated that it would not affect it.
 - This purchase will be voted on at the March 2013 town meeting.
- II. The gym floor will be replaced this summer. Kathy Sobetzer reported that due to some changes in their budget there are funds available for the project this year.
- III. There is currently an issue involving a right of way to the property located adjacent to the school's lower fields. The owner has a right of way over the school property (stated in the deed as a cart path) and wishes to make improvements to it, ie widening and possible paving. The School Board has hired an attorney to help resolve the issues with the landowner.
- IV. There are several issues with the adjacent Racine property also. Ken Knowlton from MRI is working with the Planning Board and the Racines to resolve some compliance issues. The school board will continue to work towards resolution with this matter. Regarding a possible septic problem, the Selectmen advised the School Board to contact Bill Taffe, Health Officer, if they detect a septic problem.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR - Jerry Thibodeau thanked all the boards for willing to meet and work together.

SELECTMEN'S ISSUES (continued)

Energy Improvements – Mark would like to move forward with some of the energy improvements designated for the town office this year. Anne will look into drawing up some specs sometime in July.

Copies of the Master Plan were distributed to the Board members.

Health Insurance – The Board voted to officially change from the current HealthTrust health insurance plan, Blue Choice BC2T10+(07)/RX10/20/4 to a Matthew Thornton plan MTB101PDED R10/25/40M10/40/70 effective July 1, 2012. The percentage the employees pay will increase from 5% in 2011 to 8% for the rest of 2012.

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Elise Saad will be resigning as the Rumney columnist for the Record Enterprise. The Town is looking for a replacement.

Chief Main met with the Board to discuss changing dispatch services from Grafton County to Plymouth. He stated the main reasons for the change are cost and quality of service. He reviewed the dispatch history. Cheryl asked if the price is based on activity or hours? Chief Main said it is activity. The Town would be joining Thornton, Campton, Holderness, Ashland, Bridgewater, Plymouth and PSU. The cost of the service is less than the budgeted amount for 2012. After a brief discussion, the Board voted 3-0 to change dispatch service from Grafton County to Plymouth effective July 1, 2012. Chief Main will notify both Grafton County and Plymouth of the upcoming change.

SIGNED Checks; Library/Historic Building Assessment Grant 5/29/12; Abatement – Kleiner; Intents to Cut – J. Jette, Sobetzer et al.

UPCOMING 06/07 Firemen's Dinner @ 6:00
06/11 Selectmen's Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant