

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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 SELECTMEN'S MEETING
 MINUTES
 06/25/12

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

The meeting was opened at 6:40 p.m. Several members of the Advisory, Facilities and Road Committees were present. The Board voted 3-0 to enter non-public session at 6:41pm under RSA 91-A:3 II (d). The Board voted 3-0 to leave non-public session at 7:15 pm. A decision was made to make an offer on a piece of property in town and look into what is required to get town approval for the purchase.

MINUTES: The minutes of 06-11-12 were accepted as written.

APPOINTMENTS

Frank Simpson met with the Board to discuss the two bids received for the “plow package” for the 2012 truck. On June 11th the two bids were opened; however, there were some questions on the bids, and the Board recommended that Frank review them in detail and report back with his recommendation at tonight’s meeting. His recommendation is to go with the Fairfield package for \$58,771. Several key factors were:

	Fairfield – Concord, NH \$58,771	Tenco – Barre, VT \$48,725
Body/Side Dump (\$56,780)	8 ft Stainless Steel	8 ft -Mild Steel
Body –Airflow	9 ft Stainless Steel/superior quality	N/A
Plow	Everest 9.5 ft/40” high /push easier	Housatonic 10ft/53” high (too high)
Wings	9 ft. Multi-panel steel	10 ft – Steel & Plastic/90 lbs heavier
Useful Life	Planning for at least 8 years	8 years

Ed made a motion to accept the HP Fairfield/Stainless Steel bid of \$58,771, Cheryl seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the motion. Frank will call the companies to notify them of the decision; Anne will follow-up with a fax to both of them.

Road Work-Buffalo Road – Frank reported the department is currently working on culverts on Buffalo Road.

Tom Wallace – LCHIP has approved the Library’s Feasibility Study Grant. The Board and Tom agreed that both the Town and Library would sign the necessary documents. The Library Trustees voted to have Roger Daniels sign for them; the Selectmen voted to have Mark sign for the Board. Tom said they are working towards a presentation in March of 2013. It was also agreed that the funds would be run through the Town’s general fund. The Trustees will submit authorized invoices to the Selectmen’s Office for payment. It was further agreed to have both Roger and Mark sign the architect’s agreement also.

Other Library Items – There is a minor oil leak; a temporary fix is in place. They are looking into their options.

Phil Bodwell/CNP Assessor – The Board had reviewed the abatement for #02-01-02 at their last meeting. Mr. Bodwell had recommended granting the abatement with an adjustment on the actual lake frontage. Before making a final decision on the abatement, the Board requested this meeting with him for clarification on several items. After a review of the abatement with Mr. Bodwell, the Board voted 3-0 to grant it.

John Bagley met with the Board to discuss his concerns with the number of American flags placed around the Common this year. The American Legion Post #76 is the organization that donates the flags as well as places them in the Common and the cemeteries throughout the town. Mr. Bagley has checked with several neighboring towns about the number of flags they allow for display and reported that compared to those towns Rumney has an excessive number of them. He showed the Board several pictures of the flags on display in these other towns. Mr. Bagley's main concern is for public safety; he considers the flags a nuisance and they pose a danger to kids playing in the Common. He has also checked with ADA requirements on access to parks, and he said the present access is borderline for compliance and that the flag placement restricts it even more. He recommends the flags be removed. Mark suggested removing the ones around the fountain and keeping a few around the monument. Dave Learned, a member of Post #76, was present and said he did not feel the flags were a safety issue. After some discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Learned will look into markers that would allow the flags to be displayed safely and/or more permanently around the monument. He will report back to the Board in a few weeks. In the meantime, he will put two or three flags in the planters (provided by the Bagleys) on the monument and remove the ones around the fountain.

Discussion followed about the flagpole in the Common. It is in need of painting. Mr. Bagley said he would like to see the pole replaced and relocated in the Common. He said the Fountain Fund could take care of the cost it. Mr. Learned reported that several people have volunteered to scrape and paint it in its present location. Mark reminded him that prior to a volunteer doing any work in the town, that person must complete a volunteer form and submit to the Selectmen's Office.

Mr. Bagley also reported that a granite post at the "church" end of the common needs some ledge pack placed around it. Anne will notify Frank.

SELECTMEN'S ISSUES

Groton Wind – Today was the first day of the turbine component deliveries. Kelly Revell and Anthony Corson were present on behalf of Groton Wind. Cheryl Lewis recused herself from any Board discussion. They reported no issues on the first day. The emergency departments were in place on Groton Hollow Road for the first load as outlined in the plan. Clay Wheeland will be the contact person for Gamesea and will be distributing a daily delivery schedule to the appropriate parties. They stated that these schedules are the targeted plan but can and will change depending on different variables, i.e. weather, availability of State police, breakdowns, etc.

Mark said that earlier talks had the deliveries coming in convoys not individual loads. Kelly said they would like to have them closer together but with so many variables it isn't possible. He said the State Police dictate the schedule as they are the escorts from the State line to the job site. Cheryl Lewis spoke as a resident and expressed her disappointment with the process. She said the town/residents and SEC were told early on that the deliveries would be in a convoy and now they find out they will be on a more individual basis. Kelly said he can't rule out a convoy but they are at the mercy of the State Police. Chief Main stated that when there is a delivery, Groton Hollow Road is not closed. Although the delivery may be one at a time, it is moving and thus no one's driveway is "blocked" for any length of time. Anthony said this way is a better and more safe way to do it, so let's do it. During the week of July 4th, a delivery is scheduled for Monday, July 2nd and Friday, July 6th.

Cheryl Lewis rejoined the Board.

Septic Plans – The Board reviewed and approved a septic plan for Tax Map #08-06-04-03.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Junkyard Renewal Fee – Anne asked the Board to consider amending the annual renewal fee from \$250 to \$100. The initial junkyard application fee is \$250 but the owners of the two licensed junkyards have stated that the annual renewal fee of \$250 is excessive. The Board agreed to change the renewal fee to \$100. However, if a license lapses and is not renewed for a year then the business will have to reapply with the \$250 application fee.

Generator Update – Bill Taffe reported that he has been meeting with vendors and looking into what needs to be done to apply for the grant. Cheryl said she has gotten feedback from the fire department, and they would like to be involved with the process. Cheryl said she would like to see all the applicable departments (emergency management, fire, police, highway) involved, i.e. meeting with vendors as well as being part of the decision making process. Ed and Mark agreed; Anne will notify Bill of the Board's request.

SIGNED: Checks; Abatements – Simoes, Kenney, Comeau; Septic Approval #08-06-04-03; Dog Warrant;

UPCOMING: 06/26 Planning Board
07/02 Selectmen's Meeting – Residents' Forum
07/04 Offices Closed for July 4th
07/09 Selectmen's Meeting (?)
07/16 Selectmen's Meeting
07/23 Selectmen's Meeting (?)
07/30 Selectmen's Meeting – Department Heads

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant