

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
07/02/12

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

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

RESIDENTS' FORUM

Lloyd French had a complaint about the lack of communication between the Police Department and himself, as a landowner. Over the weekend he was asked several times by both the local and State police for permission to go onto a piece of his property but never given an explanation as to why. Mark asked Chief Main if he could give an explanation of the activity. Chief Main said he would prefer to speak with Mr. French about the matter privately.

Mr. French also commented on the amount of traffic going up Groton Hollow Road between 5:00 am and 7:00 am; 83 vehicles a few days ago. Mark reminded Kelly Revell that they are not supposed to start until 6:00 a.m. Kelly said usually it is management that goes up before 6:00. The workers are still carpooling but there are more than 200 workers on the project so there is a lot of traffic. Mr. French asked about getting some signage warning people that traffic is entering or construction area, etc. Kelly said they are working with the State to see if they can get some kind of signage up warning people of the busy area.

Tom Wallace asked what is involved in getting the State to lower the speed limit along Route 25 westerly from Polar Caves on; 55 seems too fast for the present activity. Richard Wetterer said he had the same concerns. Chief Main said a traffic study would need to be conducted to in order for the State to consider making a change in the speed limit. The Selectmen said they would contact the State and let them know the town's concerns. There has already been one accident in the area, and they would like to see every precaution taken to avoid any future accidents.

Lawrence Mazur voiced his concerns about the recent accident on Route 25 and possible litigation of negligence on the Town, State or Iberdrola's part. Dr. Mazur also raised concerns that because of the increased traffic on Route 25, some people may choose to use Quincy Road and travel through the village increasing the traffic through that area. Mark said the Chief was present and will take note of this concern and monitor the area.

Dave Learned reported back on the flag markers for the monument in the Common. He is getting a quote from Perry Monument and will provide the Selectmen with an example of it before placing an order. The flag pole has been scraped and primed with two coats; top coat is ready to go. The primer was donated by Brian Paquette; the only cost will be for a quart of paint and a couple of brushes, approximately \$20.

Mr. Learned also inquired about a faucet at Highland North cemetery. Mark suggested he contact one of the Cemetery Trustees for information on the faucet.

SELECTMEN'S ISSUES

AMENDED MINUTES – Emergency Management Director Bill Taffe would like to amend the **June 11, 2012** minutes under Privilege of the Floor 2.) “Jerry reminded the Board that the school is not considered a public shelter; the Board is aware of that. It is not acceptable as a full-time shelter.” Mr. Taffe said that

statement is not accurate. Recently a shelter plan MOU was approved by both the Selectmen and the School Board. The plan is for a warming shelter rather than an overnight shelter based primarily on the town's human resources for staffing a shelter rather than acceptability or non-acceptability of Russell School. The June 11, 2012 minutes will be amended to read: "...the school is not being considered as an overnight shelter but rather a warming shelter."

Groton Wind (Cheryl Lewis recused herself from the Board's discussion.)

Delivery Schedule - Kelly Revell reported that the first week went well; they plan to bring in three complete turbines per week (27 loads). The trucks still take about 10 to 12 minutes to travel the road from Route 25 to the gate on site. Chief Main had no complaints. Mr. French commented that he did not think an emergency vehicle would have a problem getting by one of the big trucks; it appears there is room for to do so.

Accident Follow-up – Kelly said he will get back to the town regarding signage; Groton Wind takes safety very seriously. They conduct weekly meetings.

Work Schedule – Mark asked about working on July 4th; Kelly said they plan to have a light crew working that day; no night work at the present time. They may need to do some in a few weeks but will let the town know if they need to. Blasting should be completed in 2-3 weeks.

Abatements – The Board voted to deny both the FairPoint and the New Hampshire Electric Coop 2011 abatements per recommendation from George Sansoucy.

Planning Board – Mark referred to a letter written to the Selectmen from the Planning Board asking for assistance with bringing the Hawthorne Village Condo Association driveway permit process to completion. Mark will review the file before drafting a letter.

LCHIP – Tom Wallace needed Mark's signatures on two documents for the feasibility study. Mark thanked Tom and the other trustees for their work on this project.

Ken Savell – Rumney Village Store – Mr. Savell asked the Board for a letter on behalf of the Town stating that they did not have any objections to liquor being sold at the Rumney Village Store. The Board does not have any objections and will have a letter signed for Mr. Savell to pick up. Liquor will not be consumed on the premises. He will also need a Life Safety inspection done by the Fire Department; Dave Coursey will contact him for an appointment.

Fire Commissioners – Dave Coursey, Terry French, Jim McCart and Chief Ward met with the Board to discuss a detail rate for an upcoming fireworks display. Dave said they did not plan to charge for a fire truck because the detail is for a resident. The detail rate for the firefighters will be \$12 per hour this time.

Engine 2 will need some repair; Dave said the repairs should be around \$500.

The extrication equipment had some damage done to it at the roll-over accident on the Groton Wind site. It is still useable but will need to be serviced when time allows.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – **John Bagley** asked if there could be some regulation on the fireworks; any timeframe? The Board explained that currently the Town does not have anything in place to regulate fireworks, but they do intend to work on a draft ordinance for the town attorney's review. Chief Main recommended that it not be included with a noise ordinance.

Police Dispatch – Chief Main reported that as of today there has been no response from the County Commissioners regarding the Board's letter requesting a waiver of the 90-day notice for change in dispatch service. The Chief is planning on July 11th as the date for the change; there will not be a change in telephone numbers.

ADMINISTRATIVE

CNP and the Town received calls from a taxpayer regarding the entrance on their posted property by the CNP Measurer and Lister. A note has been placed on the assessment card. The Board will send a letter acknowledging his call and concerns and ask if there would be a time he would be willing to meet with the assessor on the property.

Transfer Station – Sonny will be going on vacation for two weeks starting July 13th. He has requested that a third individual be hired to help out. The Board agreed that the two current transfer station employees will have to cover; they are not going to bring someone in for just a few days.

Tax Collector Linda Whitcomb reported an 80% collection rate as of July 2, 2012; average collection.

Cemetery Funds – Cemetery Trustees Kathy Sobetzer and Dave Berman attended the annual meeting along with Betty Jo Taffe, Trustee of the Trust Funds. As a result of the meeting per RSA's, all expenses, other than those directly related to perpetual care, will be run through the Town's general fund.

Bruce Barnard is working with Mike Lonigro on his septic plan.

Junkyards – Renewals for Coursey and Shortt have been sent; letters for enforcement will be sent to Nadeau and Kuchinsky; applications to Young and Conkey will be sent. Per Ken Knowlton's inspection report, Daigle is not in violation.

Non-public Session – At 9:00 p.m. the Board voted 3-0 to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (d). The Board voted to leave non-public session at 9:10 p.m.

At 9:15 the Board voted 3-0 to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e). The Board voted to leave non-public session at 9:20 p.m. The Board voted 3-0 to seal the minutes indefinitely.

SIGNED: Checks; Abatements – Comenitz, NH Coop, FairPoint; Refunds – Kenney, Simoes, Comentiz

UPCOMING: 07/04 Town Offices/Transfer Station Closed for July 4th
07/09 Selectmen's Meeting
07/16 Selectmen's Meeting
07/23 No Selectmen's Meeting
07/30 Selectmen's Meeting – Department Heads

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
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