

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
07/16/12

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

The meeting was opened at 7:05 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

7:10 Richard Gowen was present to meet with the Board. At 7:10 Selectman Andrew made a motion to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (d), the motion was seconded by Selectman Lewis, the Board voted in favor of the motion 2-0. Selectman Ed Haskell recused himself from any discussion on this topic. The Board voted 2-0 to leave non-public session at 7:30 p.m. Selectman Haskell rejoined the Board.

MINUTES – The minutes of 6/25/12 and 7/2/12 were accepted as written.

SELECTMEN'S ISSUES

1. Groton Wind Signage – Selectman Andrew reported that the large sign that was at the entrance of Groton Hollow Road alerting the public to activity on the road has been removed. He asked Anne to check with Kelly Revell about the sign and if he had made any progress with additional signage from the State. At the last meeting Mr. Revell indicated that they were currently working with the State on signage for that area.
2. Police changeover of dispatch service from Grafton County to the Plymouth Police Department went well according to Chief Main. The Board has not gotten a response from the Grafton County Commissioners to their letter of June 25 asking that the 90-day notification be waived.
3. Blasting/Latulippe's Gravel Pit – Follow-up of the July 3rd blasting incident causing damage to the roofs of a house and two out-buildings on Groton Hollow Road. The Planning Board by statute is the regulator of excavations, and they are handling the issue. Mary Pinkham-Langer, DRA Excavation Advisor, will be meeting with members of the Planning Board later this week to review excavation regulations. The Planning Board has also contacted the town attorney for his input and guidance. John Bagley was present and stated that he had talked with several individuals who were quite concerned about the recent blasting. Selectman Andrew said the Board was quite concerned as well. Jerry Thibodeau, present, asked if the blasting company had used mats while blasting. Selectman Andrew said as far as he knew, they had not used them. Selectman Lewis asked if the Conservation Commission had been contacted as they would be interested in the water tables, wells, etc. Anne will ask Diana to include Nory Parr in communication and notices of meetings dealing with this matter. David Saad, present, asked if anyone had looked into the water issue; has there been any damage to residents' wells on Groton Hollow Road as a result of this blasting? At this time the Selectmen have not received any notification of well damage.
4. Transfer Station Draft Permit – The Board reviewed the draft permit and Anne noted their requested changes. Anne will go over the changes with Sonny.
5. Driveways
 - a. Hawthorne Village Condo Association – The Planning Board has not received a response or final paperwork from the Association for a driveway permit they filed almost two years ago. The Selectmen received a letter from the Planning Board requesting the Selectmen to send a letter to the Association asking for final paperwork on the driveway as soon as possible. The Planning Board has heard nothing from them since last year. Anne will draft a letter for the Board's signatures on July 30th.

- b. Russell (formerly) Driveway/School Street – Mark will contact the other RDU members about the driveway and report back to the office on their observations.
6. 2011 Audit – The Board has looked over the draft copy; Anne will get clarification on several items the Board has questions on.
7. Selectman Haskell volunteered to cut the brush back along the paths at the Jim Darling Natural Area. Although the main paths are mowed regularly, the smaller paths down to the river have grown in a lot. The Board recommended checking with Frosty or Nory before going forward. Anne will get back to Mr. Haskell on the matter.
8. The Board members have gotten positive feedback from residents on the operation and employees at the Transfer Station as well as Officer George Hill.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

John Bagley had received the following complaints from an individual: 1. There is a lot of silt on Halls Brook Road – could it be a result of the Groton Wind blasting? 2. Bry Harv property – concerns about septic, foundation and campers too close to the brook; Mr. Bagley did not think the property had been subdivided. Anne stated that it had been subdivided last year. The Board will check into these concerns. He also mentioned that Brian Paquette had done a nice job painting the flagpole in the common; the Board plans on sending a thank you to him for his volunteer work. Selectman Andrew asked about the flag situation, Mr. Bagley said there are no issues with the flags at the present time.

Jerry Thibodeau asked if a link could be added to the town website to the Russell Elementary School. Anne will pass on the request to Chief Main (he and Janet Sherburne handle the website).

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. The school board has filed an injunction against an abutter to the school's property over a right-of-way dispute involving the two parties. It was filed in Superior Court last week.
2. Bergeron Letter – The Board received notice that the town looks favorable for getting federal money to replace the Buffalo Road bridge located just past the library and old town hall. A formal answer should be received within six months.
3. WMUR has been dropped from the cable line-up by Time Warner due to a dispute with the Hearst Company who owns/runs WMUR. The Board will send a letter to both parties asking for a quick resolution.
4. Special Details – The Board agreed that rates for men and trucks need to be established for details done by the Fire Department. The EMS and Police Department have rates in place for their details.
5. Speed Limit Update – The Board contacted the town's legislators about their concern with the speed limit on Route 25 during the Groton Wind project, especially in the area of Groton Hollow Road and Route 25. Both Senator Forrester and Councilor Ray Burton responded and have contacted the DOT. No responses have been received as of today.
6. Baker River Watershed Water Sampling Results – The Board received the report on the counts taken on July 5. Larry Cushman had called the office to explain that the bacteria counts were quite high at the "New Town" bridge and the Sand Hill bridge but they attributed them to the heavy rains the day before. A second sampling showed normal results. David Saad, present, asked to have a link on the Town's website to the Baker River Watershed website so the public can also see the results. Anne said there is a link already to it from the Conservation Commission "tab", but Mr. Saad requested that a link be added to the Health tab as well. Anne will ask Chief Main to add the link. Selectman Lewis asked if a message could be put on Nixel regarding any high bacteria counts that might happen in the future. The Board agreed that because the readings can change so quickly (within a day or two) that by the time people got the message, the counts could have already come down.
7. The first payment (\$12,500) from LCHIP has been received.

8. The Selectmen questioned a bill for fire truck repairs which included an additional \$700 added to the \$2,800 charge listed on the bill as "Standard Mark up 25%. The Board understood the \$700 to be a marked-up charge for the use of the vendor's credit card. The Board agreed that \$700 was excessive but paid the bill. They asked Anne to send a letter to the vendor asking them to reconsider the charge to the town. The vendor should clarify the reason for the charge if it is something different.
9. There will be no Selectmen's Meeting next week, July 23, 2012.

Personnel Policies – The Board reviewed more of the policies. Anne will make the changes before the next meeting.

SIGNED: Checks; Letters-Goss, Nadeau, Kuchinsky; Shortt's Junkyard Renewal; Intents to Cut for Sobetzer, Horgan.

UPCOMING: 07/23 No Selectmen's Meeting
07/30 Selectmen's Meeting – Department Heads
07/31 Planning Board
08/06 Selectmen's Meeting – Residents' Forum
08/11 Old Home Day
08/13 No Selectmen's Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant