

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
08/27/12

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

## APPOINTMENTS

**Sanborn Property** - The Board met at the town office at 6:30 p.m. and then proceeded to Doug and Gail Sanborn's residence on Groton Hollow Road to see first-hand the damage that has been done by the blasting recent blasting in Michael Latulippe's gravel pit, New Hampshire Central Aggregates. Tom Grabiek, Planning Board Chair and member Dave Coursey also viewed the property. Residents Carl Spring, Paul Spring and Brian Lewis were there also. The Board returned to the town office around 7:00 p.m.

The Board reported that there is a large quantity of rocks that have landed throughout the Sanborn's property as a result of the blasting. The Board stated that many of the rocks were of substantial size, one measuring at least 18" x 36". They agreed that this debris from the blasting is a real danger to the Sanborns as well as to several adjacent property owners. Mr. Latulippe has assured the Planning Board that no further blasting will be done until the issues the Planning Board has raised with him regarding his operation are settled.

Chairman Mark Andrew opened the regular business meeting. At 7:10 p.m.

**Brian Paquette/Common Café & Antiques** – Brian Paquette, owner of the Common Café, attended the meeting at the Board's request. Last week he had submitted a written request to the Board asking for a letter from the Town in support of him getting a beer and wine license for the Common Café. Because the Board had some questions last week about the business and the hours he plans to keep, they asked him to attend the meeting this week.

Mr. Andrew asked if he was planning to be open for lunch and dinner. He plans, at this time, to continue with his current hours from 7:00 to 4:00 serving only breakfast and lunch. The Board asked if he had discussed this change with his neighbors as well as members of the nearby church. He said he had and hadn't received any negative feedback regarding the beer and wine license. Ms. Lewis asked if he were to begin a dinner service, how late would the hours be? Mr. Paquette said the hours would probably go to 9:00 p.m. However, at this time he is keeping the 7:00 to 4:00 hours for breakfast and lunch only. The Board asked him if he decided to begin the dinner service, to please notify them of the change in hours. Mr. Paquette agreed to do that. Mr. Andrew reminded him that the business is in a residential area. The Board agreed to write the letter to the Liquor Commission and have it ready for him tomorrow. Mr. Andrew thanked him for coming in and answering their questions.

On another matter, Mr. Andrew told Mr. Paquette that the Planning Board would also like to meet with him to resolve several matters that they have raised with him over the last few years. Planning Board Chair Tom Grabiek was present and stated that Mr. Paquette still has not made any effort to meet with the Planning Board, despite numerous letters inviting him to do so since 2009.

Mr. Paquette said he felt intimidated by the Planning Board. There was a heated discussion between Mr. Paquette and Mr. Grabiek about a number of outstanding issues the Planning Board has with Mr. Paquette. Mr. Grabiek asked for another copy of the drawing he Mr. Paquette said he submitted some time ago. Mr. Andrew spoke up and asked Mr. Paquette if he would attend a Planning Board meeting, or at least consider sending a letter, in response to the questions posed by the Planning Board on numerous occasions. Mr. Paquette said he would respond by letter and possibly attend a meeting. Mr. Grabiek then walked out of the meeting.

**Candidates running for office** - The following candidates met with the Board to share their positions on numerous topics: **Martha Richards – running for Grafton County Commissioner, Bob Lamb running for NH Senate and House Representatives Lester Bradley (District 6) and Charles Sova (District 16) both running for reelection.** Topics discussed included the Board's concerns regarding the State's downshifting of costs to the town and the question of whether or not to institute some form of a broad-based tax. The State primary is Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Russell School from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**Linda Whitcomb** suggested having the vice chairman of the Planning Board, or another member, act as spokesperson/chairperson for the Board at any future meetings with Mr. Paquette.

**Carl Spring** referred to Groton Hollow Road and the apparent fill Groton Wind has put down near the intersection of Groton Hollow Road and Route 25. Carl said in doing so they have widened the travelled way and encroached onto property owned by the Frenchs and Sanborns. In doing this they have violated a part of the agreement between Groton Wind and the Town which addresses the 33' travelled way.

Linda Whitcomb asked if the landowners had complained about this matter. The Board said they have not received any complaints from them. Carl said the Board needs to enforce the agreement the Town has with Groton Wind. The Board will send a letter to Groton Wind asking when they plan to remove the fill, etc.

Carl also thanked the Board for taking the time to visit the Sanborn property and see first hand the damage that the blasting from Latulippe's pit has caused.

**Dave Coursey**, Fire Commissioner, spoke briefly about the hydrant project. They are hoping to get one moved at the New England Fellowship in early 2013.

## **SELECTMEN'S ISSUES**

**Minutes of 8/20/12** were accepted as corrected.

**Fish and Game** – The Board will send a letter to the Fish and Game Department asking them to include Rumney on their list should they seek reimbursement for the Search and Rescue they did in late July.

**Highway Budget/Road Committee** – Selectperson Lewis suggested having the Road Committee meet to come up with a budget for the coming year for some additional input into the Highway budget. Selectman Andrew said he thinks the Road Committee plays a different role, one that looks at more long-term highway purchases such as equipment and road/bridge and culvert repairs. There was no further discussion.

**2013 Budget** – The Board will invite all Board, Committee and Department Heads to meet on October 1 at 7:30 to go over the budget process, expectations and meeting schedule for the upcoming year. The Board hopes to have all budgets in place by January 1.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Junkyard Enforcement** – The process is moving forward on two properties, both located on School Street. The Board, Anne and Ken Knowlton reviewed the draft petitions, and with no changes, asked Attorney Waugh to take the next step to get the petitions filed with the Superior Court. Ken will be submitting his latest reports on the remaining six or so properties with his recommendations.

**MS-1 Form to DRA** – The Board signed the MS-1; the Town will be able to make the September 1 deadline. Many towns and cities are filing for an extension with the DRA because they have not received the DRA's utility figures yet. The town contracts out to George E. Sansoucy for utility assessments, and we have received his 2012 figures and are able to file on time.

**Buffalo Road Bridge** – Per Ed Bergeron's request he and Frank Simpson will be meeting with the Selectmen, Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss the bridge project following the latest meeting with FEMA representatives last month.

**Cartographics – Tim Fountain** asked if the Town would be moving any closer to updating the tax maps with the new GIS system. The Board agreed that although it would be a big improvement, it will not be a warrant article for 2013.

**Heal Property** - Request to Extend P & S to 2013 town meeting – No response to date.

**Grafton County Commissioners** – Request to waive 90-day notification period; no response to date.

**Personnel Policies, Job Descriptions, etc. - next meeting.**

**Carl Spring** asked if the Board had done anything about the employees' health insurance, a topic that was brought up at the March town meeting. The Board said they did look into it and implemented a lesser plan with a higher employee percentage (from 6% to 8%) that went into effect July 1, 2012.

**Primary-Tuesday, September 11 at the Russell Elementary School from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.** The Selectmen's schedule is: Mark 8:00 – 11:00; Cheryl 11:00 to 5:00; and Ed 5:00 to closing.

**Paul Spring and Bryan Lewis** attended the meeting to fulfill a civics' course requirement at Plymouth Regional High School.

**SIGNED:** Checks; MS-1

<b>UPCOMING</b>	9/03	Labor Day – office closed – no Selectmen's meeting
	9/11	State Primary – Russell Elementary School
	9/17	Selectmen's Meeting
	9/18	Planning Board – Work Session
	9/24	Selectmen's Meeting – Ed Bergeron
	9/25	Planning Board Meeting
	10/1	Selectmen's Meeting – Residents' Forum; Department Heads et al – Budget

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

Respectfully submitted,

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