

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
09/10/12

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

Chairman Mark Andrew opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Residents' Forum – Attending was Dave Learned. Mr. Learned reported back to the Board on the “flag” display. Perry Monument (from Concord) donated a very nice flag stand that fits directly on the monument in the common. The flags are displayed in a uniform way that doesn't detract from the monument. Mr. Learned said he will bring the display in during the winter months for protection from the elements. The Board thanked him for the work he did with this. Mr. Learned will thank Perry Monument on the town's behalf for their generous donation.

Mr. Learned mentioned that part of a dead tree had fallen across Quincy Road near Ralph Poitras's house; he is concerned about the remainder of the tree left standing and it possibly falling onto a vehicle or person traveling on that section of the road. Quincy Road is a State road; Anne will call Tony at the State highway shed about the concern.

Administrative

Grafton County Commissioners/Dispatch follow-up – The Board still has not received a response from the Commissioners regarding the town's request to have the 90-day period waived for the end of Grafton County Dispatch. Anne called their office and was told that the Commissioners voted against the waiver at their August 28th meeting; a letter will be forthcoming. The Board agreed not to take any action until they review the Commissioners' letter.

Heal Property Follow-up – Still waiting for a response.

Junkyard Enforcement – Town attorney is finalizing the two petitions for filing in Superior Court.

Driveway Unit/Process – Due to some recent confusion and lack of communication between the driveway unit members over some driveways, Anne recommended that before any action is taken or any permit is signed, that all three members view the driveway together and can then discuss any issues that need to be taken care of right then.

Generator Update – Bill Taffe reported to Anne that due to his schedule and time constraints, he has not been able to move forward on the generator purchase/grant.

Library/LCHIP – Tom Wallace reported to Anne that they will be meeting with the architect this week and should have some plans to review. A meeting will be scheduled with the Library Trustees sometime in October so they can keep the Board informed on the progress. There has been some property line questions/issues raised by the Rumney Baptist Church. Mr. Wallace said a survey is being conducted now, and when that is finalized they will supply the Town with a copy as well as one for the Church. The survey should settle any questions over the property line, and the tax map will be updated to show the Town and Church lots more accurately.

Lake Property – It was suggested to Anne that should some property come up for sale on the Lake, the Town should think about it for a possible town beach site. Although the town has the Jim Darling area, they find it is not easily accessible nor deep enough to swim in. The Board acknowledged the suggestion.

Privilege of the Floor – None.

Selectmen's Issues

Minutes – The Board voted to approve the minutes of 8/27/12 as written.

Groton Wind – Letter/Encroachment on Groton Hollow Road – Board reviewed and signed it.

NH Fish & Game – Request for the Town to be included in any list for reimbursement they may receive for time spent on the Stinson Lake “Search and Rescue” in July of this year. The reimbursement would offset the funds the Town paid out for the time our emergency departments put into it. The Board reviewed and signed it.

National Flood Insurance Program/Received an e-mail from a property owner stating his frustration with trying to refinance and being unable to do so because his property falls in the flood plain and asked for an explanation. Anne did respond with an explanation. Both the Selectmen and the Planning Board are aware of this problem. It comes up a few times a year. In order to belong to the NFIP, there needs to be some form of land regulation in place. The Town has attempted to pass a variety of regulations but they have been voted down at town meeting each time.

Planning Board Letter 8/28 – The Board received a letter dated 8/28 from Chairman Tom Grabiek stating his reasons and his reaction to the Selectmen's handling of the meeting they had with Brian Paquette on August 27th. The Board will draft a response to his letter to review next week.

Selectperson Lewis stated that she regrets not tabling the issue until the following week, giving them some time to look into the Planning Board's issues with Mr. Paquette and have some further discussion on it. She was on the Planning Board during part of the time they were trying to work with Mr. Paquette. She said the matter was extremely frustrating then and it continues to be an ongoing issue today. Selectperson Lewis talked with Dave Coursey earlier, and he reported that there are still some items that need to be addressed by Mr. Paquette regarding Life Safety Codes; he also needs an assembly permit.

Selectman Andrew asked Anne to check the records back in 2009 for a possible report from MRI. At that time, the Selectmen had asked MRI to take a look at the issues raised by the Planning Board on this property. Although there isn't anything in writing from MRI dated back in 2009, Ken did send up a statement today stating that he does recall going over the Town's subdivision regulations but did not see anything in the info that led him to believe the business was in violation. He further recalls explaining his findings and asked the Planning Board to point out what part of the regulations they felt was being violated; he said it sounded more like a zoning issue. No action was taken. Ken said he asked the Planning Board earlier this year if they wanted him to conduct any other inspections on the property but was told not at this time. He said if the Planning Board asks him again to inspect the property, they would need to explain to him specifically what Mr. Paquette is in violation of. The Board reviewed numerous Planning Board letters and documentation regarding this matter. As stated above, the Board will review the draft response to Mr. Grabiek's August 28th letter at their meeting next week.

Selectman Andrew left at 9:30 p.m.

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Job Descriptions – The other board members worked on job descriptions.

Signed: Checks; Letters – Groton Wind; NH Fish & Game;

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant

Upcoming	9/11	State Primary – RES
	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/Budgets