

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
09/17/12

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

Chairman Mark Andrew opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

### **Administrative**

**Primex Training** – Anne will be attending workshops on insurance and professional development on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

**Fairpoint – Order of Notice** – The Town was served notice that Fairpoint has brought suit against the town regarding the assessment of utility poles. Fairpoint has done the same for each community throughout the State. The information has been forwarded to George Sansoucy, the town's utility expert.

**Request to Use Quincy Ball field** – The Board received a request to use the ball field for a family birthday party/softball game on September 22. The Board had no objection to the request. The paperwork will be on file.

### **Groton Wind Update**

1. The updated Letter of Credit has been received.
2. 21 of the 24 towers have been erected. The other three will be completed within the next couple of weeks.
3. The substation in Holderness needs to be completed and the NHEC has to finish connecting the overhead lines through Plymouth. These should both occur by the middle of October. After that, the commissioning process will begin and the turbines will start to run. Since it takes quite a bit of work to commission, all turbines won't be up and running until sometime in November.
4. The majority of civil, mechanical (turbines), and electrical work will be done by the end of October so the number of vehicles traveling up and down Groton Hollow Road daily will be greatly reduced. After that, weather depending, there will be some restoration and clean up which may be delayed until next spring for final completion.

**Heal Property** – The Board received notice that the Heals accepted the request for an extension; the extension has been granted until April 30, 2013.

**Transfer Station Permit By Notification** – The changes the Board requested have been made; Mark had a question regarding the words "landfill closed" and wants it changed to "open burning ceased" as Rumney never had a landfill.

**Cemetery Trustees/Mowing** – For budget purposes, the Board signed a letter to the trustees asking that they consider stopping any further mowing of the cemeteries by mid-October. The Board has asked the contractors who mow the town properties to do the same.

**AccuFund** – A representative from AccuFund will be meeting with Anne and Janet on September 27<sup>th</sup> go give them a demonstration on their municipal accounting software.

**185 Lower Doetown Road** – This property has just sold. The new owner came in to inquire what is needed if he wants to improve the road, etc. Anne will look into the Class VI waiver, etc.

**Privilege of the Floor** – Jerry Thibodeau asked about the Heal property. The Board explained the process they have gone through and that it will be a warrant article in 2013.

### Selectmen's Issues

**Minutes** – The Board voted to approve the minutes of 9/10/12 as corrected.

**McCart Driveway/ROW** – It was brought to the Board's attention that there may be a problem with the location of a garage and the proximity to the town's right of way. The garage has not been built yet but the concrete pad has been poured. Mark and Ed both looked at the site and had some concerns also. Anne will contact the McCarts and let them know some concerns have been raised and ask them to hold off on any building until it can be looked into further.

**Rumney Ecological Systems/Driveway** – Mark and Frank looked at the driveway again. Frank signed the permit stating that the driveway is not up to standards but he doesn't think there will be damage to the town road because of the minimal amount of use it will get. Mark said he considered signing it but still has reservations about it. Jerry Thibodeau said the standards should apply to everyone; if it isn't up to the town's driveway standards, then it shouldn't be signed. Mark agreed and will discuss it further with the driveway unit.

Mark asked if the Town can require a property owner to hire an engineer to work on the driveway design. Anne will check into it.

**Highway Department** – Mark talked with Frank about several highway department issues.

1. Mark told Frank of the Board's option that in lieu of paving in 2013, the money usually set aside for that will be put towards the purchase of the Heal building if passed at town meeting.
2. Frank would like to use the Rock Hog for some additional work this year; he has budgeted \$1,000 for it. The Board voted 2-0 for him to go ahead with it this year.
3. Bridges – A representative from Holden Engineering has contacted Frank and would like to take a look at the town's bridges and give a no-cost preliminary design for the work. The Board was in agreement to have Holden Engineering proceed (at no cost).
4. Air Compressor – Frank budgeted for this but has not purchased it yet. If he doesn't purchase it this year, will he be allowed to next year? The Board agreed that if it's necessary he can purchase it next year.

**Planning Board Letter** – The Board reviewed the draft letter to Chairman Grabiek and the Planning Board in response to the August 28<sup>th</sup> letter they received from Chairman Grabiek addressing the Selectmen's meeting with Brian Paquette on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Although was not present, she had provided the Board with her input on the letter; those changes were made and the Board signed the letter.

Further discussion followed about the beer and wine licensing for the Common Café'. Cheryl notified the Board that she has heard from several people stating the Church and the Library have concerns about the licensing. She suggested placing the matter on the agenda and possibly notifying abutters or interested parties of the chance to provide feedback to the State when that opportunity comes up in the near future. The Board is not required to notice abutters and has not done so in the past for similar licensing requests. The Board suggested writing a second letter to the NH Liquor Commission notifying them that there are concerned residents in the neighborhood. Anne will have a letter for the Board to review at next week's meeting.

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**Grafton County Commissioners** – The Board received the letter from the Commissioners stating they will not waive the 90-day period; the town is expected to pay the full amount of \$3,398.20. The Board will discuss this further next week.

**Highland Cemetery North** – Mark said there is a birch tree that has fallen down in the east back corner. Anne will notify the trustees about it.

**Job Descriptions** – The Board looked over the job description for the police chief. They will discuss it further next week.

**Signed:** Checks; Letters – Rumney Planning Board; Cemetery Trustees

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow  
Administrative Assistant

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| <b>Upcoming</b> | 9/18  | Planning Board Work Session                                      |
|                 | 9/24  | Selectmen's Meeting – Ed Bergeron                                |
|                 | 9/25  | Planning Board   |
|                 | 9/29  | Household Hazardous Waste Day – Plymouth 9:00-1:00               |
|                 | 10/1  | Selectmen's Meeting – Residents' Forum; Department Heads/Budgets |
|                 | 10/8  | Office Closed – Columbus Day – Selectmen's Meeting?              |
|                 | 10/15 | Selectmen's Meeting  |