

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
09/24/12

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

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

Minutes – The Board voted to accept the minutes of 9/17/12 with corrections.

Appointments

Ed Bergeron/Chris Fournier of HEB Engineers and Frank Simpson met with the Board to discuss the Buffalo Road bridge #128/073 project. Mr. Bergeron explained the timeline and the steps the town needs to take to continue with the process. The Town should hear whether or not it was successful in obtaining the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant by mid-October. If the Town is awarded the grant, HEB Engineers is willing to assist the Town with FEMA and NHDOT and the next steps of the project. Mark asked if there was a cost associated with this assistance. Mr. Bergeron assured the Board that they are willing to assist with no cost to the Town.

Jim McCart met with the Board to discuss his plans for his garage. Frank Simpson, Road Agent, was also present. A concrete slab has been poured for a garage on McCart's property and concerns were raised about the proximity of the garage and the town's right-of-way. Mr. McCart said the garage will be 10 feet from the edge of the road as stated in the Rumney Driveway and Other Road Access Regulations, Section IV, #11. It was agreed that the Driveway Unit would take a look at the site Tuesday, September 25th at 8:00 a.m.

Administrative

Junkyard Letters – Letters to B. Barlow and W. Muzzey were signed by the Board.

Heal Property – The Board signed an addendum to the purchase & sales agreement with both parties agreeing to extend the closing date to April 30, 2013.

Transfer Station Permit By Notification – The Board asked that the record show that the word "landfill" is used several times in the Operating Plan only because the State has used that term. The Town has contested that fact since the beginning of the closure process; the town never had a landfill, the open burning was stopped in the early 1980's.

Privilege of the Floor – **John Bagley** inquired about the letter that was sent to the NH Liquor Commission regarding a beer and wine license for Brian Paquette's Common Café'. He said he had not been contacted by anyone to see how he felt about the license, nor had several other people in the immediate neighborhood been contacted. He hoped there would be an opportunity for residents with concerns to be heard. The Board explained that there will be an opportunity to do so at which time they recommend concerned residents send their letters directly to the Liquor Commission.

Selectmen's Issues

Letter to Liquor Commission – Last the week the Board discussed sending a letter notifying the Commission that there were residents in the neighborhood who had concerns about the liquor license for the Common Café. After discussion at tonight's meeting, the Board agreed not to send the letter at this time. When they are contacted by the State asking for input, they will send a letter at that time with any information they have on the matter.

Rumney Ecological Systems/Driveway – Mark explained that the driveway is not up to town standards and the Driveway Unit must hold every property owner to the same standard and make sure driveways are installed correctly the first time. The driveway unit will take another look at it and let the property owners know what is still needed. Mark will discuss this further at the Planning Board meeting tomorrow night.

The Town can require that an engineer be hired, at the property owner's expense, to make sure driveways are installed according to plan.

Grafton County Commissioners – The Board would like to meet with the three Grafton County Commissioners to discuss the dispatch issue. Anne will invite them to an October meeting; the Board would like to have Chief Main present at the meeting also.

Animal Control Officer – Cheryl asked if there is a standard procedure that the animal control officer follows when they get a call; can they provide resources to assist in situations that may require animal rescue, etc.

Budgets – The Board explained the process to Ed emphasizing the importance of department heads giving as much detail as they can on each line item. The budgets will be due on October 24; a schedule of individual department heads budget meeting with the Board will be available next week.

Paycheck Summaries – The Board would like to see an accounting of holidays and comp time on the payroll check stubs if possible. Sage technical support should be able to assist with this. They would like to have all hours tracked and shown on the paystubs by November 1.

Job Descriptions – The Board continued discussing job descriptions. Anne will contact MRI to see if they are able to assist the Board with job descriptions for all department heads.

Non-public Session – At 8:55 p.m. the Board voted 3-0 to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a). The Board voted to leave non-public session at 9:10 p.m. No votes were taken.

Agenda 21 – Cheryl brought up Agenda 21 and asked the Board to look into it. She reported that several towns across the State have voted not to engage in any contracts or business dealings that mention it all.

***Agenda 21** is a non-binding, voluntarily implemented action plan of the United Nations with regards to sustainable development. It is a product of the UN Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992. It is an action agenda for the UN, other multilateral organizations, and individual governments around the world that can be executed at local, national, and global levels. The "21" in Agenda 21 refers to the 21st century. It has been affirmed and modified at subsequent UN conferences.

Signed: Checks; Letters – B. Barlow, W. Muzzey, P & S Addendum

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant

Upcoming	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 – No Selectmen's Meeting
	10/15	Selectmen's Meeting
	10/22	Selectmen's Meeting
	10/24	Budgets Due
	10/29	Selectmen's Meeting