

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
10/22/12

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

Chairman Mark Andrew opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Minutes – The minutes of 10-15-12 were accepted with one correction. There was no meeting on 10-29-12 due to Hurricane Sandy.

Appointments

Frank Simpson had two spending requests: 1. He asked for approval for additional work that needs to be done on the International truck, approximately \$2,200 for brakes and springs; and 2) requesting approximately \$700 for two tires for the backhoe. The Board approved both requests.

Jim Buttolph, Moderator, met with the Board to discuss their role at the upcoming election on November 6th at the Russell School. Mark will be out of town that day, but Cheryl and Ed will split the shifts between the two of them. With the new laws in effect requiring all voters to present a photo id, Jim is expecting some delays in the voter lines when residents are checking in. He would like the Selectmen to help with the public as they are coming in and remind them that they need to show a photo id and make sure that an appeal form is filled out if necessary.

Marilyn Lieto introduced herself to the Board and public present. She is from Groton and is running for State Representative in District 6. She gave an overview of her positions on numerous subjects and thanked the Board for their time.

Privilege of the Floor - Richard Wetterer was present to follow-up on a noise complaint that he had e-mailed to the Board last week. The noise was very disruptive in the early morning hours on three different occasions. Anne forwarded his questions to Ed Cherian from Groton Wind asking if the noise was associated with any testing or monitoring on their part. Mr. Cherian said that Groton Wind had not started anything and was not responsible for the noise. Mr. Wetterer is still puzzled by the noise; several other residents have the same concerns.

The Board will send a letter to Groton Wind asking them to notify the Town of any testing, monitoring, etc. that they plan to do with the project. They would also like to have a report on the status of the project and what residents can expect over the next several months.

Lawrence Mazur provided the Board with a copy of an issue from the PSU newspaper The Clock with an article titled "Completion of Groton Wind Farm Proves Beneficial to NH". The article stated that Rumney citizens would be receiving major tax breaks. Mr. Mazur pointed out that Rumney was not the recipient of the tax breaks; Groton will be because the wind farm is in Groton. He plans on writing a letter to the editor of The Clock with a correction and urged others to do the same.

Carl Spring asked if the current poor financial markets in Spain would have any effect on the Town's Letter of Credit from Iberdrola. Mark explained that the Town holds a Letter of Credit from a New York bank, and he doesn't foresee any issues.

He also asked if the Board had received a response from Groton Wind on the "encroachment" letter they sent to Groton Wind over six weeks ago. Anne said they had not received a response yet. Mark said he felt if the landowners were upset with the "encroachment" issue they should contact Groton Wind themselves. Carl said when the Board drew up the Road Agreement with Groton Wind they chose to ignore comments from concerned residents that issues like this encroachment one would happen.

Library Trustees Roger Daniels, Tom Wallace and Liena Smoker met with the Board to present their 2013 budget and update the Board on the latest library improvement design. The recent survey completed by Kevin French showed that the town owns very little land around the library. The Trustees recommended that the Board contact the Rumney Baptist Church and set up a meeting to discuss the acquisition of some of their land to make the library improvements possible. Liena Smoker will get the church contact information to Anne.

Diana Kindell, on behalf of the Old Home Day Committee, asked the Board's permission to spend \$2,500 +/- on some used audio equipment. This year the Old Home Day Committee turned in \$3,348. The Board approved the request.

Privilege of the Floor

Carl Spring expressed some concerns over the high estimate for the repairs and improvements to the library. He suggested selling the library as an option, purchasing some land and building a more economical type of building for the library. While the Selectmen have no intention of selling the library, they too are concerned about the cost of the project and will look into what options are available.

Administrative

Transfer Station coverage – Sonny plans to be away in December and asked about coverage. The Board would like to see Shane step up again and fill in during Sonny's absence.

Septic Approval – Board approved an expedited system on 11-01-08-01. The Board still has questions on 12-07-32; Anne will ask the designer to meet with the Board to discuss the plans in detail.

Selectmen's Issues

Purchasing Policy – The Board reviewed the draft and agreed to adopt it at their next meeting.

Department Head Evaluations – Each board member has a form for the department heads and will work individually on them and then go over them at their next meeting.

Non-public session - A motion to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) was made by Mark Andrew seconded by Ed Haskell. The Board voted 3-0 to enter nonpublic session at 8:45 p.m. A motion to leave nonpublic session was made at 8:55 p.m. by Mark Andrew, seconded by Ed Haskell and passed 3-0. No decisions were made.

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SIGNED: Checks; Letters – B. Taffe, Grafton County Commissioners, Intent to Cut – G. Carr

UPCOMING: 10/23 Road Committee
10/24 Public Information meeting at the School on heating system
10/29 Selectmen's Meeting
10/30 Planning Board
11/05 Selectmen's Meeting
11/06 Election
11/12 No Selectmen's Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant