

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
February 11, 2013

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

Chairman Mark Andrew opened the meeting (following the public hearing) at 8:42 p.m.

Minutes – The minutes of 02/04/13 were accepted with a few minor corrections.

Frank Simpson, Road Agent, met with the Board to ask permission to purchase stone/gravel in anticipation of mud season. He currently has two quotes 1) Ambrose - \$12.75/cy and 2) Pike - \$18.75/ton. He did not get an estimate from Latulippe because his product is too coarse for what is needed. Frank recommended they go with Ambrose; the Board agreed with his recommendation. The trucking is separate. Cheryl asked if they use our own trucks for hauling. Frank said the town trucks aren't big enough; the "big" truck is actually considered a small truck for this type of job. Frank said he plans to stockpile the product in various locations throughout the town so it will be available when and where it's needed come mud season. He has contacted a couple of businesses and is waiting for their price sheets. Ed suggested a couple of possible businesses also. The Board asked him to get at least three quotes for this and give the information to Annie. She will contact the Board with the prices.

Groton Wind – Cheryl Lewis recused herself as a selectperson at 8:50 p.m for this part of the meeting. The Board reviewed the following:

1. Letter to Ryan Haley, Plant Manager – follow-up to the January 28th Board meeting with Doren Emmett where they discussed the work needed on Groton Hollow Road which will be done in the Spring. Board agreed to sign the letter.
2. Letter to Susan Geiger, Orr & Reno, in response to her letter of January 17th regarding the recusal of Selectboard Member Lewis. The Board agreed to sign the letter.
3. Letter to SEC and Iberdrola Renewables regarding the lack of plowing and sanding of the wind farm roads with respect to Rumney's emergency services' access to these roads. The Board agreed to sign the letter.
4. Per the agreement with Groton Wind, LLC they have provided the town with:
 - a. Environmental, Health and Safety Plan
 - b. Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures Plan
 - c. Updated contact information
 - d. Request to schedule training with emergency departments

The Board looked over the Environmental, Health and Safety Plan. Ms. Lewis (recused) reminded the Board that there still has been no resolution to who will pay for the emergency departments' training. The Town should clarify that Groton Wind will cover any costs the town incurs in compensating the emergency department employees for any training associated with Groton Wind. As per the agreement there will be annual training and, therefore, there will be an annual cost to the town for this. The Board agreed a letter should be drafted to Mr. Devlin, the Vice President of Operations for Iberdrola Renewables regarding this important part of the training.

5. SEC Hearing – February 19th – Ed will represent the town at the hearing. Anne asked if he wanted Dave Coursey to accompany him to assist with any questioning of the emergency services as they relate to the wind farm. Ed said he was all set and would take care of any questions they had.
6. Letter from Richard Wetterer – Mr. Wetterer sent a letter to the Board with concerns about the beacon lights on some, but not all, of the turbines. The Board agreed to have Annie forward the letter to Ryan Haley as they felt he was the one who could answer Mr. Wetterer's questions best.
7. Billings – Two invoices have been submitted to Iberdrola again for payment; as soon as Annie receives the information from the Fire Department on one of the trainings, that invoice will be submitted as well.

Cheryl Lewis rejoined the Board at 9:10 p.m.

Emergency Contracts – Groton & Dorchester – Fire Commissioners Dave Coursey, Jim McCart and Terry French were present. Annie provided the Board and Commissioners, per their request, with a breakdown of the Fire Department expenses figured using the formula used by Lakes Region Mutual Aid. The expenses broken down between Rumney, Dorchester and Groton came within \$25 of the current formula used by the Town. The Board agreed to keep the formula they have been using.

In response to the Groton Selectmen's letter of January 29th, specifically the part regarding the \$4 per hour increase in the hourly wage (3 hour minimum) for the responding firefighters, the Board is in agreement that the new rate will stand. They feel the increase reflects a fair wage for the responders. The contracts will be finalized and mailed out this week.

Administrative

North Country Council - Kathy Wallace has requested the following:

1. A substitute representative to attend the February 13th meeting in Littleton for the NCC representatives. Unfortunately, the Board did not discuss this at their February 4th meeting and as of tonight, none of the Board members will be able to attend.
2. NCC is beginning a two-year process to expand and update the future development plan of the region. Kathy suggested the Selectboard compare the NCC goals to those of Rumney's so an outline of what Rumney would like to see as part of the long term plan. Kathy said it is more of a selectboard task than a planning board one. The Selectmen will review this at a later date.
3. Kathy is looking for an alternate representative to attend the NCC. The meetings are held every other month, and she is not willing to go that often. Cheryl Lewis said she would step in as the alternate and will attend the meetings if she is able to. She will fill out the questionnaire on contact information and send it back to NCC.

Tri-County CAP – The Board has received notification from CAP that they have recently encountered financial difficulties. Changes have been made with management and staff, and they are working to preserve the programs that help so many clients in our area.

Moose Plate Grant – The Department of Cultural Resources will be accepting applications for grants through April 26, 2013. The grants are for projects that involve restoration, preservation and/or conservation of publicly-owned items significant to NH's cultural heritage. The grants are funded from a percentage of funds raised from the sales of the Conservation license plates.

February 18, 2013 Meeting – The Board agreed they would not meet on February 18th. Next meeting will be Monday, February 25th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant