

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

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

Chairman Mark Andrew opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of March 4, 2013 were accepted as written; the minutes of March 7, 2013 were accepted as amended.

Non-Public: Mark Andrew made a motion to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II(c), seconded by Ed Haskell and voted affirmatively 3-0. Motion to leave non-public session at 6:43 was made by Mark Andrew, seconded by Ed Haskell and voted affirmatively 3-0.

The Board reviewed correspondence received. Board reviewed several of the abatements.

7:00 **Department Head Meeting** – Attending – Tom Wallace, Library; Bill Taffe, EMS; Ray Valentin, Emergency Management; Frank Simpson, Highway; Sonny Ouellette, Transfer Station; Kathy Sobetzer, Cemeteries; Janice Mulherin & Nory Parr, Conservation Commission; Fire Commissioners – Dave Coursey, Terry French, Jim McCart, Fire Chief Ken Ward.

Bill Taffe, EMS

- Presently facing challenges with few responders – 3 actively responding
- He hopes to return to the squad in mid-April
- Costly and time-consuming to get certified and stay certified
- Always looking for new members

Bill Taffe, Health Officer

- No major events or issues
- State is in the process of redistricting

Ray Valentin, Emergency Management

- Working on grant for generator
- Lucked out with several of the winter storms

Frank Simpson, Highway

- Winter is behind us for the most part
- Mud season upon us – ready for it

Tom Wallace, Library

- Main focus is working towards something to present to the town at the next town meeting
- Completed a thorough energy audit

Sonny Ouellette, Transfer Station

- Economy has hit recycling hard
- Markets are way down
- Hoping to get a new container for paper next year
- A new bobcat sometime in the near future

Kathy Sobetzer, Cemeteries

- Meeting with the Trustees/not enough money in trust funds
- Will amend warrant article for \$10,000 from Trust Funds and \$25,000 from taxes
- Concentrate on Pleasant View maps

Conservation Commission

- Reorganizing group – new members – Janice Mulherin and Susan Seponoski
- Continue to support conservation easements, etc. working with landowners and Pemi-Baker Land Trust
- RCC has a good working relationship with the Planning Board
- Looking with interest at Groton Wind to see what spring brings/Water quality, etc.

Carl Spring, Planning Board

- Master Plan is completed
- Draft of the Capital Improvement Plan is being reviewed
- Blasting has been turned over to the Selectmen

Fire, Ken Ward

- 18 calls so far this year
- 3 meetings and 3 trainings
- Some code work
- SCBA – maintenance after town meeting

Dave Coursey

- Starting a Explorer program
- Training is going well – certified traffic people
- Lots of inspections in code work
- Working on SOP's and By-laws – Mark reminded them they should be run by the attorney
- Warden's dinner on May 17th
- Training at the school on March 28th
- New fire truck in 4 years or so

Kathy Sobetzer thanked the Highway crew for the work they did on East Rumney Road Sunday morning.

Anne acknowledged this was Mark's last meeting as a selectman. Those in attendance thanked him for his time served.

7:30 Frank Simpson – Backhoe

- Machine inspection has been completed
- Revised estimate is \$26,700
- No guaranty on cost or labor
- Report does not include: transporting, rental, pressure washing
- Board reviewed the report
- Lots of discussion

8:00 **Town of Groton** – Selectmen Miles Sinclair, Kyle Andrews, Christina Goodwin, Administrative Assistant Pam Hamel met with the Board and Fire Commissioners and Fire Chief to discuss the Fire Protection Contract.

Board provided them with a Revised Contract

- Hourly Wage \$13/hr with a 2-hour minimum
- No stipend points earned
- Fire Department will try to limit responders to 5 based on situation at hand
- Any specialized training - \$13/hr

After much discussion, the Groton Selectmen said they would be having a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 19 to get residents' input and will let the Board know whether they will continue with services from Rumney after the hearing.

The contracts with Dorchester and Ellsworth will be resent with the revised hourly rates.

Selectmen's Issues:

Veterans' Credit was approved and signed.

Board will hold the abatements until next week.

Privilege of the Floor

Carl Spring reported that the Planning Board had received notification that Latulippe's All-terrain Permit which is up for renewal in May asking for the Board's comments. They are expecting a call from DES on whether or not they can get an extension for comments until after their March 26th meeting.

Signed: Checks; Veteran's Credit; Intent to Cut – Horgan;

Upcoming:

03/12 Town/School Elections/Voting – Russell School 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

03/14 Town Meeting – Russell School 7:00 p.m.

03/18 Selectmen's Meeting – Fire Chief & Commissioners

03/18-03/22 - 2012 Audit w/Plodzik & Sanderson

03/25 – Selectmen's Meeting

04/01 Selectmen's Meeting; Residents' Forum

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow

