

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
March 18, 2013

Selectmen: Cheryl Lewis, Ed Haskell, Dan Kimble
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m.

Selectmen's Issues

- Board Organization
 - Chairman – Typically the selectperson who is in their third year gets voted in as Chairman. Cheryl said that because of the Groton Wind issue and her need to be recused during those discussions she thought it best not to take the position. She then made a motion to nominate Ed Haskell for the position, Dan Kimble seconded the motion; the Board voted 3-0 on the motion.
 - Department Liaisons – The Board agreed on the following assignments:
 - Administrative – Cheryl Lewis
 - Fire/EMS & Emergency Management – Ed Haskell
 - Highway – Ed Haskell
 - Planning Board – Dan Kimble
 - Police – Dan Kimble
 - Transfer Station – Cheryl Lewis
- Minutes The Board voted 3-0 to accept the minutes of 3/11/13 as corrected (two spelling errors).
- Town Meeting Recap
 - Heal Property – Anne has contacted realtor Richard Gowen; Tom Duffield has been contacted to go forward with the environmental study; the town attorney has been contacted to draw up the deed
 - Backhoe – There was some discussion on what steps should be next on the backhoe repairs. Carl Spring said Jerry Thibodeau had suggested purchasing a trailer to move the machine around rather than having drive it from place to place. It was agreed that Ed, as the highway liaison, will talk with Frank and come up with a prioritized list of repairs and go forward from that list.
 - Library/Church Lot Line Adjustment – Anne will contact Tom Wallace, the Church and the Planning Board to get a timeframe for completing this.
- Rumney Conservation Commission Appointments – Maggie Brox, Joel Grass and Dave Coursey are up for reappointment. The Board voted to reappoint Maggie Brox and Joel Grass for three-year terms. Dave Coursey is undecided whether or not he will continue as a member.

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- Septic Design Approval – The Board reviewed a septic design for Paquette, Tax Map #12-05-01, 2 Quincy Road. The Board discussed the well's location and distance to the property line but acknowledged that a "Release Form for Protective Well Radii" is being recorded at the Registry and filed with DES and the town. The Board agreed to approve the septic design.
- SEC Hearing – March 25th – Cheryl recused herself from this discussion. Ed Haskell will represent the Board at the hearing. There was some discussion about the property values on Groton Hollow Road and the impact the project may have had on them. Carl Spring suggested that an independent appraiser could be hired to provide the Town and the SEC with their opinion of fair market value in 2013 now that the project has been completed. This is something that could be discussed at the SEC hearing. The training issue and the road maintenance issue hinges on what the Groton Selectboard decide on the Emergency Services contracts. There is a public hearing on this subject scheduled for tomorrow, March 20th, depending on the pending storm.

Cheryl Lewis returned as a board member.

- Privilege of the Floor
 - Carl Spring asked if there was anything going on at Riverbrook. The Board was unaware of anything at this time.
 - Carl said that he and Diana Kindell were working on updating the Excavation regulations and will be looking into pit activity and acreages as reported on the intents and reports filed with the town by various pit owners.
- Blasting Regulations – Anne provided the Board with a draft of the Blasting Regulations Carl and Diana have come up with for the Board to review and comment on next week. Dan Kimble asked if they deal with residential blasting. He said blasting was needed when he built his house. The Board and Carl discussed this further. The regulations may want to include something regarding residential blasting, notification, etc.

Administrative

- Elderly Exemption – The Board granted the exemption and signed the application.
- The Board reviewed the wage/salary increases voted in at town meeting
- Auditors from Plodzick and Sanderson are here this week to conduct the 2012 audit.

Fire Department

- Fire Commissioners – Dave Coursey, Terry French and Jim McCart and Fire Chief Ken Ward met with the Board and Tom Lord to discuss two upcoming events that are scheduled at the Lords.

- Firemen's Association Fundraiser – Touch-a-Truck events is scheduled at the Lords on June 15th. Mr. Lord said he has trucks so far lined up to be there. There will be fundraisers for other organizations in addition to the Fireman's Association. They are planning to have 2 of the fire trucks on hand for the event. Some insurance issues have been raised; Anne is looking into the town's liability, etc. for such an event. More information is needed before the Board makes any decisions on this.
- A Go Topless event is also planned at the Lord's on May 11th. He expects approximately 150+ attendees. Mr. Lord has talked with Ray Valentin and Tyler Reidy about setting up a First Aid station. Cheryl asked if the DOT has been contacted due to the number of attendees and extra vehicles coming and going on Route 25. Mr. Lord has not but Dave Coursey suggested he contact Tony Albert at the State garage to see if he needs to do anything ahead of time, i.e. permit? Mr. Lord said he has 10 Port-a-Potties lined up. He has spoken with Chief Main about the event. Chief Main said that a police detail was not necessary on the amount of people expected.

Non-public session – At 8:55 p.m. Ed Haskell made a motion to enter a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a); motion was seconded by Cheryl Lewis; voted 3-0 to enter. At 9:15 p.m. Cheryl Lewis made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Dan Kimble, voted 3-0 to leave the non-public session. No decisions were made.

- **Fire Department Purchases** - The Fire Commissioners and Fire Chief discussed the purchasing policy and the difficulty they have in being able to get the required number of bids/quotes on many of the purchases they need to make due to the specialized equipment, tools, radios, etc. they need as well as the repairs and maintenance that the fire trucks need. After some discussion, the Board agreed that they could continue to use those vendors they have established relationships with and for the items and services discussed above but Cheryl asked that they make every effort to get bids and quotes on any items or services they can. For any purchases or services over \$7,500 they would need to put it out to a formal bid as outlined in the policy.
- Ed will be away the week of June 7 – 16th.
- The Board discussed meeting at 6:30 so the Board could sign checks, review minutes, correspondence and items to be signed so that the business meeting could begin at 7:00; they also discussed meeting every two weeks, depending on the work load. They will meet at 6:30 next week; no final decision made on the "every other week" meeting.

Signed: Checks; Elderly Exemption; Intents to Cut – Faulkner, Franz; Northway Bank-Signing Authorization; Revised Fire Contracts – Dorchester and Ellsworth; Septic Approval 12-05-01.

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Upcoming: 03/25 SEC Hearing; Selectmen's Meeting; Rita Walsh – VHB
03/26 Planning Board
04/01 Selectmen's Meeting; Residents' Forum

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

Respectfully submitted,

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