

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
March 25, 2013

Selectmen: Ed Haskell, Dan Kimble, Cheryl Lewis (7:30)
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow

The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m.

The Board signed checks, reviewed correspondence, signed Part-time Police Officers' Oaths of Office; Reimbursement for Health Insurance – A. Dow;

Appointment

As part of the mitigation package with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Groton Wind must provide funding, not to exceed \$10,000, for a consultant to assist the Town with Historic Preservation Planning efforts.

Rita Walsh, Senior Preservation Planner and Nicole Benjamin-Ma both from Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) and Nadine Peterson from the NH Division of Historical Resources (NHDHR) met with the Board and members of the Historical Society, Library Trustees and other interested people to discuss what exactly is available to the Town under this provision, what is involved and what are some of the options that could work for the Town.

Ms. Walsh explained that the outcome should be something that can be utilized by the Town to promote historic buildings, areas, etc. The \$10,000 is for the cost of the consulting; it is not available for the actual project. Nadine Peterson suggested the easiest way to start would be with an Envisioning Plan. She suggested having a group of interested people get together and brainstorm on what they think is historically important for the town and go forward from there. Ms. Walsh suggested organizing a start-up group, and she will meet periodically with them to help bring a plan together. Anne will follow-up with those in attendance and get the initial meeting set up with Ms. Walsh.

Ms. Peterson referred to the Historic Inventory of the Town that was completed a year ago. At this time the Town has not received a copy of it. She said she will see that the Town gets a copy of the inventory.

Privilege of the Floor

Arthur Morrill gave the Selectmen a copy of Canaan's 2012 town report and suggested they look through it as there was a great deal of information available that we do not have in our annual reports. He offered his services to assist the Town and Administrative Assistant with the timber tax. He also expressed his concerns over the "proposed" projects at the school and library and effect it will have on taxes. The Board thanked him for his offer and his comments.

Selectmen's Issues

(Selectperson Cheryl Lewis recused herself for the following discussion)

- Groton Wind – Ed Haskell reported on the SEC hearing held earlier today.
 - The wind farm safety/road maintenance issue still needs to be resolved. Attorney Michael Iacopino will call a meeting with all emergency service department heads from Rumney, Groton and Hebron as well as Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service to discuss this matter and see how it can be resolved.
 - The change in location of the Operations & Maintenance (O&M) building is an issue that has been raised by the intervener group of Buttolph, Lewis & Spring. Cheryl Lewis spoke as an intervener and stated that the building was relocated illegally. She said it is a serious issue and if Groton Wind does not mitigate appropriately, then litigation will follow. She feels the Town should play more of a role in this process. She further stated that there is a potential of a \$500,000 loss to the tax base for the loss of value to properties on Groton Hollow Road due to the wind farm project. Having the Town more involved in the process could offer overall protection for the Town and maybe be an opportunity to renegotiate the contract with Groton Wind to cover legal fees and additional time spent on this matter by the Administrative Assistant and other costs that may arise from this. (Anne will document any time spent on this matter from now on.)
 - Carl Spring said Town participation was cost prohibitive early on, but the permit has been granted and stipulations in that permit have not been followed by Groton Wind.

(Selectperson Lewis rejoined the Board)

- Draft Blasting Regulations – Dan had reviewed the draft and suggested including information regarding residential blasting, notification, right to waive some notification, etc. Details still need to be worked out. Dan will discuss this at the Planning Board meeting tomorrow night. Carl Spring said he and Diana have been going over Latulippe's pit plans, acreage, etc; Diana will be contacting the DOT to get an update on the driveway issue at the pit as well.
- Town of Groton – Fire Protection Contract – Anne checked with Groton's Administrative Assistant Pam Hamel today on the status of the contract. She said that their Fire Chief Roger Thompson reported that after discussing the contract with Rumney's fire chief and commissioners they have all agreed with Groton's counter proposal as listed below (changes in **bold**):

- Compensation for **certified** firefighters/EMS personnel at the rate of **\$13/hour**
- Compensation for **uncertified** personnel at the rate of **\$11/hour**
- 2 hour minimum
- Fire Department will attempt to limit the responders to five (5) based on the situation at hand
- **Roll call will be taken when equipment is returned to the station and back in service**
- Any specialized training for the Town of Groton must **first be approved by Groton Fire Chief Roger Thompson and billed at the rates of \$13.00 or \$11.00 per hour based on certification**

(A letter will be forthcoming from the Groton Selectboard stating the above counter proposal.)

The Rumney Board discussed the above and are in agreement that they are **not** in favor of these changes. All personnel should be compensated at the \$13/hour rate. They will ask to meet with Chief Ward and the Commissioners next week to agree on their response to Groton on these changes.

- Fire Department Lock Bids – The Board reviewed 4 quotes for locks for the fire department.
 - 123 Key & Security \$2,692
 - J.S. Adams \$1,481
 - G & E Security/Electrical \$1,800
 - Tombs - \$201 w/\$270 installation
- The Board eliminated 123 Key & Security and Tombs; they will discuss the other two quotes with the fire chief and commissioners next week.
- Cemetery Trustee – Dan said his son is interested in the position; Anne will ask the current trustees to give him a call about the position.
 - Minutes – The minutes of 03-18-13 were accepted as corrected 3-0. (Mark Andrew's name needed to be replaced with Dan Kimble's in the heading).

Administrative

- Lot Line Adjustment/Church & Library – Tom Wallace will contact Kevin French about the plan; the Planning Board needs a two-week notice so abutter notices can be sent out; Anne will contact the church to set up a meeting to agree on a timeline for this process.
- Heal Property – The initial part of the environmental study has been done; the engineer has recommended a water test, cost \$150 +/-; the Board agreed to have the water test done. The attorney has been notified and he is in the process of drawing up the deed. The old house will need to be taken down before the Town takes title per P & S Agreement.
- 2012 Audit – Anne reported that the fieldwork for the audit was completed last week; no issues were raised.
- The Board received notification that the grant for Police Enforcement Patrols has been approved by the State.
- Ed spoke with Chief Main today about putting the 2012 calls on the website per request at town meeting. Chief Main was away last week.
- Dorchester Selectmen have requested that they be notified monthly of all fire calls, they can still be billed quarterly but would like a list of the calls monthly; Dan suggested that this also be done for the other towns we contract with. The Board agreed to do that.

Carl Spring thanked Ed Haskell for attending the SEC hearing today on the Town's behalf.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant