

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
04/01/13

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

Chairman Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Appointments

Groton/Fire/EMS Service Contracts - Fire Chief Ken Ward and Fire Commissioners Dave Coursey, Terry French and Jim McCart met with the Board to discuss the Groton's counter-proposal to the revised Fire Protection Contract the Board presented to them in March. Their counter-proposal offered the following:

- \$13/hour for certified firefighters/EMS personnel
- \$11/hour for uncertified firefighters/EMS personnel
- A roll call to be taken at the fire house after equipment is back in service
- Prior to any specialized training for Groton, it must have the Groton Fire Chief's approval

All agreed not to accept the counter-proposal. The Board, Fire Chief and Commissioners had made a compromise, in good faith, following Groton's disapproval of the first contract with an hourly rate of \$15/hour for all firefighters, a two-hour minimum and specialized training billed at the same amount.

Dave Coursey said the Rumney Fire Department and EMS has covered a portion of Groton for many years with a good working relationship between the two towns and he would like to see that continue.

Cheryl Lewis said that at a recent public hearing in Groton, their fire Chief, Roger Thompson, referred to an agreement that he, Chief Ward and the Fire Commissioners had reached; however, the Rumney Chief and Commissioners were not aware of any such agreement.

All present tonight were in agreement to have Anne contact the Groton Selectmen's office tomorrow and notify their Selectmen that Rumney did not accept their counter-proposal and request an answer from them by Friday, April 5th. If Groton decides not to continue with Rumney for fire and EMS services, the Town will notify Lakes Region Mutual Aid that Rumney will no longer be responding to calls in Groton effective April 5, 2013. Also, the Fire and EMS services that Rumney has provided to Groton over these first 3+ months will be pro-rated and any calls the fire fighters have responded to will be billed to Groton at \$13/hour.

Security System Bids – Last week the Commissioners had provided the Board with four bids for an updated security system at the Depot Street fire station, and the Board reviewed them at that time. It is the Commissioners and Fire Chief's recommendation to go with AK Security Systems out of North Woodstock with a bid of \$1,481. The Selectmen voted 3-0 in favor of their recommendation. Dave Coursey will notify them of the Board's decision.

Heal Property Burn – Dave reviewed with the Board that the fire department will be burning the old house that is located on the property (and part of the Purchase and Sale Agreement) and using it for a training opportunity for their department as well as other local fire departments. It should be scheduled within the next couple of weeks.

Fire Chief and Commissioners appointment ended.

Residents' Forum – There were no questions from residents. Ed Haskell asked Chief Main if there was an incident here in town last week that prompted all the activity that was noticed around the police station early in the day. Chief Main explained that Rumney's police department/location was used for a staging area for something that was happening in Warren. The Rumney Police Department was not involved.

Cheryl Lewis (recused herself from the Board at 7:10 p.m.) Cheryl said she has been asked to testify at the House and Senate regarding the current legislation on a moratorium for the SEC/Energy projects. She explained to Senator Jeanie Forrester that she could not testify from the Town's perspective as a Select Board member because she has been forced by Groton Wind back in 2011 to recuse herself from any Board discussions or decisions regarding the Groton Wind Farm project because she was an intervener on the project. Ms. Lewis has done so since November of 2011 each time any discussions and/or decisions about Groton Wind have taken place with the Select Board.

Senator Forrester has asked Cheryl for copies of the correspondence between Groton Wind and the Town that addressed the recusal issue. Cheryl explained that because there are numerous newly-elected Select Board members in some surrounding towns that ran and were elected for the office publicly stating they were opposed to any further wind projects in the area, Senator Forrester and others have concerns about this recusal process which could be perceived as bullying of these new Select Board members regarding their opinions of the proposed wind farms. Cheryl stated that although the letters are public record, she wanted to ask the other Board members if they had any problems with the request before giving that information to the senator. Both Ed and Dan said they had no objections to providing Senator Forrester with the letters.

Ms. Lewis rejoined the Board as a member at 7:20 p.m.

Selectmen's Issues

- Minutes of 3/25/13 – The Board reviewed the minutes and voted 3-0 to accept them as written.
- The Board received a response from Attorney Bruce Marshall to their February 27th letter requesting several more items be added to Mr. Latulippe's/Central New Hampshire Aggregates (CNHA) blasting plan. Attorney Marshall is counsel to Mike Latulippe and CNHA.

Carl Spring told the Board that a representative from CNHA's blasting company was in town today and had notified Doug Sanborn of the plans to resume blasting within a few weeks but he did not think that any other Groton Hollow Road residents were notified.

The Board reviewed a draft letter Anne had done in response to Attorney Marshall requesting that the Selectmen's Office be notified when blasting has been scheduled along with the Police and Fire departments.

- Residential Blasting – Carl said that the Town of Milford had blasting regulations on their website several months ago, but they are now listed as being repealed. Anne will contact the Town Administrator and inquire about the status of these regulations and ask how the Town handles residential blasting. Carl suggested that there could be a paragraph included in Rumney's blasting regulations that pertains to residential blasting such as waiving the notification or listing extenuating circumstance that relieve a resident of all the regulations geared to commercial businesses.
- Linda Whitcomb met with the Board to discuss properties that are up for deeding.

Non-public Session – At 7:30 pm Ed Haskell made a motion to enter non-public session seconded by Dan Kimble under RSA 91-A:3, II(c); the Board voted 3-0 to enter non-public session. At 7:50 a motion was made by Cheryl Lewis to leave non-public session and return to public session seconded by Dan Kimble. The motion passed 3-0.

- Lisa Lord met with the Board to discuss her property.

Non-public Session - At 7:55 pm a motion was made by Ed Haskell to enter non-public session seconded by Dan Kimble under RSA 91-A:3, II(c); the motion passed 3-0. At 8:05 pm a motion was made by Dan Kimble, seconded by Cheryl Lewis, to leave non-public session and return to public session. The motion passed 3-0.

- Lot Line Adjustment w/Rumney Baptist Church – Members of the Church and the Library Trustees will meet with the Board next week to discuss the status and the timetable of the Lot Line Adjustment that was voted in at town meeting.
- DES requested additional information from the septic designer on the septic plans the Board approved last week for Paquette, Common Café Tax Map #12-05-01. At the request of the Wendy Decato, Septic Designer, the Board sent a letter to DES stating that according to Town tax records, the existing 100' well radius was established prior to 1989.
- The Board reviewed and granted a Veterans' Credit.

Administrative

- The final rates from LGC for the medical benefit renewal for the Town came in at 3% rather than the 5.9% estimated at the end of 2012. This means a reduction in the health insurance by \$1,796.

- Transport Central, a transport service in 19 communities, is now up and running. Volunteer drivers are needed to transport seniors and the disabled to medical facilities, essential appointments and errands around town. They are paid \$.55.5 cents per mile for using their private vehicles for transport. They are located at 111 Main Street in Plymouth; phone number is 855-654-3200. Anne will have the information available at the town office for anyone interested.
- Disaster Recovery Plan/Technology Plan – Anne provided Dan with some sample documents for his review. The auditors have recommended for several years that the Town adopt a Disaster Recovery Plan.
- The Board received a request from Stephen Dow of the Rumney Rebels softball team to use the Quincy ball field for a tournament at the end of April. The Board did not have any objections but stated that it would have to be dry enough for the event. The Port-a-Potty is scheduled for delivery at the end of April.
- Tom Lord is interested in the old concrete culverts presently located in the Transfer Station. Road Agent Frank Simpson said they are nothing that the town can use and gave them a \$0 value. He asked for the Board's permission to give them to Mr. Lord. The Board had no objections; Anne will let Frank know tomorrow.
- Nadeau Update – Following the March 21, 2013 hearing, the Court has ordered a Case Structuring Conference scheduled for April 25, 2013 at 9:00 am in an attempt to reach an agreement on several matters relating to the junkyard issue.
- Selectmen's Meeting Schedule – Chairman Ed Haskell said he would like to see the Board meet every other week whenever possible keeping in mind that different times of year are busier than others. No final decisions were made.

Privilege of the Floor – Carl Spring referred to MSHA Section 816:64 – 5 lbs of explosives/how does this relate to residential, etc. Discussion followed, no decisions were made.

Signed: Checks; Intent to Excavate – M. Latulippe; MS-2; Veterans' Credit; State of NH – Surplus Distribution list; 2013 Comstar Rate Change form; NHEC Petition Plan; Letters – DES/Paquette septic system; Atty B. Marshall – blasting regulations/request; Intent to Cut – G. Kenneson;

Upcoming: 04/15 Selectmen's Meeting?
04/16 Planning Board Work Session
04/22 Selectmen's Meeting
04/29 Selectmen's Meeting?
04/30 Planning Board Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant