

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
04/15/13

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

Chairman Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Heal Property - Dave Coursey, Fire Commissioner, met with the Board to notify them that the Fire Department will not be able to burn the house on the Heal property until the end of June due to scheduling. Richard Gowen, Realtor called today to schedule a closing – looking at Monday, April 29th. The two items that contain asbestos still need to be removed from the property along with a document stating that all asbestos has been removed from the property. Ed will contact Mr. Heal about removing the asbestos.

Linda Whitcomb, Tax Collector, met with the Board to discuss several properties up for tax deeding. Dan Kimble made a motion to enter into non-public session at 7:10 p.m. under RSA 91-A:3 II (c); Ed Haskell seconded the motion and the Board voted 3-0 to enter into it. At 8:00 p.m. Dan Kimble made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Ed Haskell and voted on 3-0. The Board voted to deed five properties.

Charlie Hall told the Board he supported the Town's decision to purchase the Heal property; he thought it was a positive move for the town. Mr. Hall then continued with a discussion on the cemeteries and the current operating procedures. He suggested that the Selectmen tour the various cemeteries with him so he could point out directly what the needs are for each one. Several concerns he brought up were:

1. An inventory of equipment, etc. should be taken.
2. There currently are no facilities at any of the cemeteries.
3. Suggested having a complaint form available for residents to fill out should they have a complaint.
4. Put some limitations on what can and can't be put on individual lots.
5. Where fences are needed he suggested a black chain fence that would be low maintenance.
6. He provided the Board with some history of several of the cemeteries.
7. There currently are no gates at the Pleasant View cemetery in West Rumney which poses a problem.

The Board said they would discuss these concerns with the cemetery trustees in the near future. They will contact Charlie to set up a time for them to tour the cemeteries.

Selectmen's Issues

- Minutes 04/08/13 – The Board voted to accept the minutes as corrected.
- Fire/EMS Contracts with Groton – The Board received notification from the Groton's Selectmen's office that they have agreed to continue with Rumney coverage for Fire and EMS protection for 2013; the Board signed copies of the contract, and they will be forwarded to Groton for their signatures.
- Blasting at Central New Hampshire Aggregates – Precision Blasting company has notified the town, police and fire chiefs that there will be blasting this week. The police and fire departments will be notified an hour before they plan to do the actual blasts.

- Blasting Regulations – Carl will bring in some additional information for Anne to add to the current draft of regulations he and Diana have come up with thus far.
- Fire Department billing – Anne brought up an issue with one of the calls the department had in Dorchester; the call was cancelled after a few minutes but numerous responders had shown up at the station. Ed felt strongly that the contracted town should not be charged for the responders that showed up but did not actually respond to the scene. After much discussion, the Board suggested having those who showed up but not actually go out on the call receive one point towards their annual stipend and not charge the contracted town for the 2-hour minimum. Ed will contact the Fire Commissioners tomorrow to discuss this suggestion.

Administrative

- Ed Haskell reviewed and signed two septic plans last week – replacement for failed system at Cersosimos; Kurland 02-04-04
- Abatement signed – Delacamera
- Letters/Assessments – The Board received two letters from property owners, Saulnier and Wilcox requesting abatements or a lower assessment; the deadline for filing abatements was March 1st. Letters will be sent to them outlining the process.
- Jr. Fire Fighters' program – Primex, the Town's liability insurance company, has concerns about the program and has recommended the department look into the Explorer Program through the Boy Scouts of America. This program is a successful one, already established with good, solid liability coverage. Until there is a program in place, Primex recommends that the department not go any further with the participants. Anne will look into that BSA program as well as any others that might be available.
- The Board will not meet next week; their next meeting will be April 29th.

Signed: Checks; Abatements – Lamy, Lynch, Volpe, Delacamera; 2013 Fire Protection and EMS contracts with Groton; Timber Tax Warrants 2012-13; 2013-14; Letter – LGC Contribution Holiday;

Upcoming: 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