

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
04/29/13

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

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

Mow Bids – Four bids were received for the 2013 mowing of the town properties. The bids were opened and reviewed (the bid sheet is broken into four “bids” for the different areas in town). After reviewing the bids the Board voted 3-0 on the following:

- Oikle & Sons Total Yard Care - successful bidder on bids #2, 3 and 4
- JDT Property Care, LLC - successful bidder on bid #1
- Bliss Yard & Property Maintenance – no bids were accepted
- Green Perfection Lawn & Landscape – no bids were accepted

Anne will notify the bidders of the results.

Buffalo Road Bridge #128-073 – Chris Fournier, P. E. from H. E. Bergeron Engineers, Inc. met with the Board to review the proposed project's history and future:

History

- Damaged by Tropical Storm Irene
- HEB assessed damaged, completed FEMA HMGP application, conducted file review, prepared cost estimate and completed benefit cost analysis (BCA).
- NH-HSEM recommended approval of funding by FEMA (July 2012)
- No written confirmation of FEMA HMGP funding received as of this date but is expected
- NHDOT State Aid Bridge program commitment received in April

Future

1. Receive FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) award
2. Select bridge engineering firm through Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) per NHDOT State-Aid Bridge (SAB) requirements and NH-RSA 21-122
3. Negotiate scope and fee of engineering services with selected engineer
4. Submit negotiated scope and fee to NHDOT for approval
5. Receive NHDOT scope and fee approval and proceed with design phase of the project

Chris went over the anticipated project schedule.

Chris brought up the second “Red List” bridge (#093/082) in town located further up on Buffalo Road, near the entrance to the Transfer Station. He suggested that the Board move forward with an Application for State Bridge Aid Construction to get this bridge on the project list. With the funds going into the Bridge capital reserve fund annually, the Town's portion to replace the bridge could be realized within a year or two. The Board agreed to go forward with the application.

Heal Property Closing – Jim and Donna Heal, Richard Gowen, realtor and Frank Simpson met with the Board for the closing on the property. Mr. Heal has not removed all of his belongings out of the building as of tonight but assured the Board and Frank that he will be finished within the next day or two. The Board had Mr. Heal sign a document stating that he would do so. The necessary documents were then signed and executed. The Town's attorney will take care of the recording, etc. tomorrow. Anne will contact the New Hampshire Electric Coop to notify them of the transfer.

Selectmen's Issues

- Blasting Regulations - Diana Kindell and Carl Spring met with the Board to go over the updated draft. Doug and Gail Sanborn were also in attendance. Discussion followed and some further revisions were noted; Diana will make the changes and the document will be forwarded to the town attorney for his review.
- Blasting at Central New Hampshire Aggregates – Follow-up – Carl had a few concerns:
 - Have the seismograph reports for the blasting been received yet? Anne said they received reports for the blasting last year but not for this latest blast.
 - He reported that a the signal they used for the impending blast (a truck horn) could not be heard further than 117 feet from the blast. Doug Sanborn said if they are inside their house they cannot hear that signal.
 - Anne asked the Sanborns if they had experienced any problems with the latest blast. Mrs. Sanborn said they had not with this round of blasting.
- Minutes of April 15, 2013 were accepted as corrected (3-0).
- Scholarship Committee – Cheryl reported that the committee members have reviewed the applications and made their recommendations. The Award Night for the high school will be held the first week in June.
- Cemetery Trustees' request to purchase a mower – The trustees submitted four quotes for a walk-behind mower; the Board voted 3-0 to accept the quote from Rand's in Plymouth for a Poulin Pro 625 Series.
- Policy on town WIFI – Dan asked if there was a policy in place; there is not. He said that a few members of the Planning Board have asked about using it, and he said it would be very helpful to him. Anne will check with a few towns that have a policy in place.

Administrative

- The Board reviewed and approved the following septic applications:
 - 02-04-04 – revised
 - 13-04-01A third application, 11-04-01-03, had been submitted but the Board did not sign it for the following reasons: 1) Inaccurate information on the application 2) Application was not signed 3) Planning Board is still waiting for financial information to act on a request from the owner for a hardship waiver for a second dwelling.
- Fire Department – Explorer Program – Anne reported that the Fire Chief, Commissioners and several other firefighters met last week with a representative from the Boy Scouts to discuss starting up a Rumney post. It was a successful meeting, and the Fire Department is moving forward with the paperwork to get a program underway. Going through the Boy Scouts insures that the participants, and the town, will be properly covered for any possible liability.

- The Board received a request from the Lords for a raffle permit for the event they are holding on May 11th for the benefit of the NCRS 4x4 club. The Board referred to RSA's on raffles. The Board would like to see proof of the organizations charitable status before signing the permit. Anne will notify the Lords of the Board's request.
- Historical Society Roof Repairs – Roger Daniels reported that some shingles have come off the roof near the steeple. Anne contacted Joe Santamaria, the contractor who repaired the roof in 2009. He said he would try to get the repairs done over the weekend; Anne had not received a report yet on the status of this.
- Request for Letter to Liquor Commission – The owners of the Bear None restaurant would like to be able to serve liquor on their outdoor patio area. They asked if the Board didn't have any objections to their request, would they send a letter to the Liquor Commission stating they had no objections. The Board discussed it and had no objections. A letter was signed, similar to the ones they have signed in the past for the previous owners of that establishment.
- Kathleen Corcoran contacted the office and reported that in 2000 she purchased a piece of property on Stinson Lake Road, Tax Map #01-01-07 but it was just brought to her attention that the deed was never recorded. Anne reported that there was only a copy of a deed in the file, signed the Selectmen at that time, but with no book and page. Anne contacted the Registry and they advised that a new deed be drawn up with the current selectmen as signers because the Registry can only accept original documents. Anne noted on the bottom of the new deed the reason why the dates were different; sale took place in 2000, recorded in 2013.
- Meeting with representatives from Groton Wind, SEC, and local emergency responders was held on April 24th. There are still several issues that need to be settled regarding access to the wind farm for emergency purposes, etc. There will be a second meeting at the Rumney Fire Station on May 15th.

In February Ryan Haley, Groton Wind Plant Manager, provide the Town with the Safety Plan, Gate Combination and Emergency Contact Information for the wind farm. It was stated at the April 24th meeting that the Fire Department had not been given this information. Anne wanted the Board to know that she did distribute copies of this information to the Fire Department, Police Department, EMS and Emergency Management Director back in February.

Lewis recused herself and spoke as a resident. She said it would be helpful if the Fire Chief, Fire Commissioners and Selectmen could attend these meetings. Some of the questions asked at the meetings can only be answered by them. At the recent meeting, no selectmen were present. She said it would have been helpful if one of them were there to answer those questions.

Signed: Checks; Septic Approvals 02-04-04; 13-04-01; Letters - NH Liquor Commission-Bear None Restaurant, Northway Bank/Cemetery Account;

Upcoming: 04/30 Planning Board
05/06 Selectmen's Meeting – Residents' Forum
05/13 Selectmen's Meeting?
05/15 Groton Wind Mtg with Emergency Responders – Rumney Fire Station @ 7:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant