

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
05/06/13

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

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

Residents' Forum

Carl Spring asked if all town issues had been settled regarding the upcoming Jeep event at the Backwoods Farm. The Board said that any issue raised had been taken care of.

Mr. Spring asked if the inspection of Groton Hollow Road had been scheduled with Groton Wind representatives yet. Anne said the tentative date is June 3rd; she is in the process of confirming the date and a time. Mr. Spring recommended that members of the Road Committee and any residents of Groton Hollow Road who wanted to be allowed to go along for the road inspection. He also mentioned one specific area of concern on the road near the Drakes'. He explained that trees had been cut, and he is concerned that there is no longer a root system in place making a washout very possible.

David Saad asked if the agenda could be posted on the website on Fridays. Anne said that the individuals who post items on the website are not usually available on Friday afternoons. She will try to have it posted on the website Monday mornings.

Jerry Thibodeau asked if any preventative maintenance had been done on the backhoe this year. Ed said not yet; he will be meeting with Frank this week to discuss. Jerry also asked again if transporting the backhoe on a trailer back and forth to jobsites would make save on the wear and tear of the machine being run over the roads as it is now. Ed agreed it would probably help the machine and has talked with someone who is building a trailer that could possibly be used. One of the town trucks would have to be set up to haul such a trailer. Jerry said this practice is consistent with the construction industry. No decisions were made.

Residents' Forum concluded.

Diana Kindell met with the Board to discuss bids for the fireworks for Old Home Day. She had sent letters out and received one written quote and one oral quote from a local vendor. She asked if the Old Home Day committee could forgo the bid process and stay with the local vendor. The local vendor quoted a price far less than the one with the written quote, and she has not been able to get a third quote. The Board agreed to allow the Committee to forego the bid process for the fireworks.

Selectmen's Issues

1. **Blasting Regulations** – Diana said the letter they received from DES regarding Latulippe's All Terrain Permit addressed many of the Town's concerns about the pit. The draft regulations will be sent to the Town attorney tomorrow for his review. Carl raised the issue about muck piles and the amount of residue left behind on rocks. He will check with DES regarding this and containment ponds. Carl also suggested covering the pit after blasting to reduce runoff which can affect Clark Brook.

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2. Minutes – The Board accepted the minutes of April 29, 2013 as written 3-0.
3. Frank would like to meet with Ed to discuss the backhoe and improvements needed on the new building. Ed will be available Thursday morning to meet with him.
4. Ed will have a truckload of bark mulch delivered to the town office parking lot on Thursday for the gardens.
5. Issues raised with checks – Conservation Commission check for camp, Wireguard on Fairpoint bill for Transfer Station, fuel for Transfer Station – Anne will check into these.
6. The Board will not be meeting next week, May 13th.
7. The Board received a request for an abatement – the deadline was March 1st. Anne will send a letter to the taxpayer with an explanation of the process.

Appointment

At the Planning Board's request North Country Council representatives Tara Bamford and John Krebbs met with members of the Planning Board and the Selectmen to discuss their role as the Regional Planning Commission with the regional plan that is currently being worked on through Granite State Future. Concerns had been raised by Selectperson Cheryl Lewis with her review of the information earlier this year on the Granite State Future. The Selectboard voted not to participate in the Granite State Future effort based on information she read and from input from people in the community.

Ms. Bamford explained that NCC's role was only advisory and that participation in the project was strictly optional but that it is the Town's opportunity to bring any concerns it may have in the regional area, such as transportation, to the forefront and hopefully have them addressed in some way in the final regional plan. There was discussion back and forth between board members and the NCC members with regards to "strings being attached" to federal funds that are used with these plans.

Mr. Krebbs stated that the State requires the counties to do this but no funds are available from the State so they need to rely on federal monies to fund this effort.

After a lengthy discussion, Ms. Bamford agreed to forward additional information to both Boards including the original contract with Nashua and the North Country Council contract.

Administrative

1. The property at 40 Fox Run Lane has been deeded.
2. Request for SLOW Children Playing signs has been received for Old Route 25 in West Rumney. Anne will look into getting a couple of them.

Privilege of the Floor – Carl Spring and Jerry Thibodeau thanked the Board for their position on the Granite State Future issue.

Signed: Checks; Raffle permit for Backwoods Farm/GoTopless event; Intent to Excavate – K. Morrell

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Upcoming 05/13 No Selectmen's Meeting
05/15 Groton Wind Mtg with Emergency Responders – Rumney Fire Station @ 7:00 pm
05/20 Selectmen's Meeting
05/27 Office closed for Memorial Day; No Selectmen's meeting
06/03 Selectmen's meeting - Residents' Forum

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant