

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
05/20/13

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

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

Appointments

Frank Simpson, Road Agent, met with the Board to discuss several items:

1. Air Compressor purchase – this was in his budget again this year. He obtained three quotes. The Board agreed 3-0 to go forward with the purchase from Tractor Supply; no shipping charges involved.
2. The electrical panel in the “new” highway building will need to be checked by an electrician to make sure it is set up to handle the air compressor.
3. The inspection of Groton Hollow Road, post Groton Wind Farm construction, will be held on May 30th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Frank Simpson, Groton Wind’s Senior Project Manager Doren Emmett, Plant Manager Ryan Hayley and the contractor will be conducting the inspection. They will refer to the “pre” construction engineer’s report of the road as of October 2011 as their starting point for this inspection. Per Carl Spring’s suggestion the residents on Groton Hollow Road and the members of the Road Committee have been notified of the inspection giving them the opportunity to attend if they wanted to.
4. Frank will be meeting with Neil McIver to discuss permits for several projects that are likely to require DES permits.
5. Frank reported that they have been busy at the new building doing various jobs such as cleaning up the office area, painting, and doing some outside trim work. Ed will set up a meeting with Frank and the Overhead Door people after Memorial Day.
6. Frank said Ron Vance stopped by the garage today looking for some town assistance with improvements to Community House Road. Frank explained that Community House Road is a private one, and it is not the Town’s responsibility to work on it. Frank suggested he contact the Board if he had further concerns. Mr. Vance did stop by the office and is scheduled to meet with the Board on June 3rd.
7. Backhoe Repairs – (this item was not discussed until 7:00 p.m.) Frank reported that following town meeting, they were busy with the roads during mud season and more recently been dealing with the changeover to the new building. He expects to have time soon to look into any maintenance and repairs that they can do themselves at the garage before having the major work done by someone else. Ed suggested the work be done by the CAT dealership in Concord because of warranty and liability issues. Anne referred to the 2013 Town Meeting Minutes - when Article 13 was discussed it was” stated that the repairs and work needed would go through the formal bid process”. The Board continued with their discussion and concluded with a motion from Selectman Kimble to have CAT do the work, specifically with warranty and liability issues in mind. Ed Haskell seconded the motion, and the Board voted 3-0 in favor of the motion. Frank will contact CAT to schedule a date for the work.

Appointments (continued)

Bradley Shanks and Linda Whitcomb, Tax Collector, met with the Board to discuss a tax issue. Chairman Haskell made a motion to enter into non-public session at 7: 25 p.m. under RSA 91-A:3 II(c); motion was seconded by Selectman Lewis and the Board voted in favor of the motion 3-0. Selectman Kimble made a motion at 8:00 p.m. to leave non-public session, seconded by Chairman Haskell; the Board in favor of the motion 3-0. The Board reached a decision with Mr. Shanks regarding his property.

Privilege of the Floor - Bill Wallace was present to pick up his revised septic plans. The Board reviewed the revised plans. No issues were raised, and the Board agreed to sign the plans.

Selectmen's Issues

- 1. Latulippe's Gravel Pit** – Anne reported that Carl Spring has contacted DES regarding residue from muck piles as discussed at the May 6, 2013 meeting. He reported that DES does require annual testing of water in retention ponds in order to measure the amount of residue left over from the blasting. Carl has the water sample bottles for the test. Because Carl is an abutter to the pit, the Planning Board will ask Rob Arey to conduct the tests to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest.
- 2. Groton Wind/Emergency Responders Meeting May 15th Follow-up** – (Selectperson Lewis recused herself during this discussion) - Chairman Haskell attended the meeting and reported the following: 1) Attendees agreed that the access to the turbines is sufficient 2) it is not necessary for the Rumney Fire Department to purchase a snowmobile for the purpose of access to the wind farm areas; several of the local departments have them available as well as Fish & Game. Groton Wind also has a Snow Cat and a Gator for transportation as well. 3) Training will be scheduled; a tour/meeting has been set up for the first responders, on site, June 1st; 4) Groton Wind is currently working on a fire suppression system for the turbines; 5) snow gates need to be up to NH standards, Jim Kneeland from Fish & Game will be checking; 6) until 2015 there will be five men on site on a daily basis; the number of people needed after that time has not been decided.
- 3. Minutes** – The minutes of May 6, 2013 were accepted as written.
- 4. Forever Green Donation** – Linda Duncan very generously donated three yards of bark mulch for the Town Office building grounds.
- 5. Granite State Future** – Per the Selectmen's request at the May 6th meeting with North Country Council representatives Tara Bamford and John Krebbs, Tara forwarded the contracts with Nashua and North Country Council to the Boards for their review. The Cooperative Agreement is between the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). NRPC was awarded a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program on behalf of the State's nine Regional Planning Commissions in support of a comprehensive state-wide regional planning program to develop regional plans for each of the nine commissions and one statewide policy document that will help shape New

Has future development. The regional planning program will also take into consideration the 6 "livability principles". After reviewing this information, the Selectmen have concerns about the direction this is going in and stand by their original position which is against this regional planning movement.

- 6. Backwoods Farm Event/Use of Town Property** – It was brought to the Board's attention that during the recent Jeep event the Town's frequency was used on radios by several individuals attending the event who also are Rumney Fire/EMS personnel. No permission was asked for or granted for the use of the Town's frequency for this private event. The Selectmen consider this to be a misuse of town property if they were using fire department radios, and if they had private radios why were they using the Town's frequency? The Board asked Chief Main and Chief Ward to come in and discuss the issue. Chief Ward said someone needs to speak to them about the incident; he did not feel it was a fire department issue. After further discussion, it was agreed to work on a policy to address the use of town equipment for personal use.

Administrative

- 1. Veterans' Credit** – The Board voted to grant a veterans' credit.
- 2. Elderly Exemptions** – The Board voted to grant two elderly exemptions and denied one.
- 3. Solar Exemption** – The Board voted to grant one solar exemption.
- 4. Current Use** – The Board approved two current use applications; a third application was not complete, they will review it at their next meeting.
- 5. Land Use Change Tax (LUCT)** – The Board signed a LUCT.
- 6. Historic Barn Preservation Easement Application** - The Board reviewed information about the easement; Anne will schedule a public hearing, which must be held per RSA, before the Board can grant or deny the request.
- 7. Junkyard Update** – Ken Knowlton was in town on May 17th and did a few initial inspections of the marked "junkyards". He will forward his reports to Anne upon their completion.
- 8. Blasting Enforcement** – On May 17th Diana Kindell and Anne Dow met with Mr. Knowlton to discuss what MRI's role could be with this issue. He thought MRI would be able to assist the town in some capacity but would have to discuss it further with MRI personnel before he could give a definite answer. Anne gave him a copy of the draft blasting regulations for their review.
- 9.** Next Monday is the Memorial Day holiday. The office will be closed; no Selectmen's meeting.

Signed: Checks; Veterans' Credit granted (1); Elderly Exemptions – Granted (2), Denied (1); LUCT; Current Use Applications – Saad, Patterson; Intent to Cut – Sobetzer, Lucente

Upcoming: 5/21 Historic Preservation Meeting – Planning – Library 2:00 p.m.
5/27 Memorial Day observed – office closed, no Selectmen's meeting
6/03 Residents' Forum
6/10 No Selectmen's meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant