

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
06/03/13

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

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

Residents' Forum

Jim and Lisa Cormeia introduced themselves to the Board. They will be opening up a new restaurant, Remington's, within the next month or two (previously the East North Chinese restaurant). The Board signed a letter, per their request several weeks ago, stating that they did not have any objections to them getting a liquor license. The letter did include a statement that they needed to make sure they worked with the Fire Department on the life safety code requirements.

Isaac Dewever stopped in to make sure the Board did not have any questions or concerns on the upcoming Baker River Music Festival scheduled for July 19-21. There will be a Baker River Appreciation Day on July 20 sponsored by the Baker River Watershed Association involving a river clean-up day. The Board said they had no concerns at this time.

Jerry Thibodeau asked if work was moving forward on the backhoe. Ed Haskell said it was.

Appointments

Ron Vance from the Stinson Lakes Homeowners' Association met with the Board to request some assistance with the Lake Host Program. The program is a courtesy boat inspection program administered by NH LAKES in cooperation with local participating groups to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic nuisance species, both plants and animals, from waterbody to waterbody. The cost averages \$750 per year. The Board explained that no money was budgeted for this program, and therefore the Town is unable to assist with it this year. They suggested putting out some donation cans now and consider putting in a petition warrant article next year for funding. It was also suggested that he contact the Rumney Conservation Commission to see if they would assist with the program. Mr. Vance also asked about a tax abatement for the Association's community building. The Board explained the procedure and the March 1st deadline for filing an abatement.

Mr. Vance also asked if the Town could help out with some repairs and maintenance on Community House Road. The Board explained that Community House Road is a private road, and the Town does not participate in any type of maintenance or repairs on a private road.

Tom Wallace - The Board signed the AIA contract for the next phase of the plans and funding from LCHIP for the proposed library addition. Tom said they were looking into getting a waiver for a smaller elevator which would bring the cost down considerably.

Fire Commissioners Dave Coursey and Jim McCart and Fire Chief Ken Ward had some questions about the reasons why Primex did not recommend their participation at the upcoming Touch-A-Truck fundraiser at Backwoods Farm. Dave said Plymouth was sending one of their trucks to the event and there didn't seem to be an insurance issue with them. The Board explained that if they participated, they

would be fundraising for the Rumney Firemen's Association and not for the Town of Rumney. Any funds raised would go into the Association's account, not the Town's general fund. Therefore, it would be considered a private fundraiser, a at such an event. A question was asked if such a fundraiser would be allowed if it were held on Town property. Anne will ask the insurance company for further clarification on this issue.

Dave said the Department has been using the old house on the recently purchased Heal property for training purposes. The plan is to burn it at the end of June. He said there are still some things left in the house. Do they have permission to have someone come in and get rid of the rest of it. The Board had no objections to them doing that.

Groton Wind – Dave and Ken will be meeting with representatives from Groton Wind for a dinner meeting Wednesday night.

Fountain/Common – Dave said the fountain has been opened for the summer. The cover is broken. Jim McCart and Carl Spring have offered to rebuild it. Dave recommended, going forward, that the Highway Department take over the task of covering and uncovering the fountain on an annual basis and suggested that maybe the cover could be kept at the old town shed rather than downstairs at the Historical Society building. The Board agreed and will talk with Frank about it.

Selectmen's Issues

1. Minutes of 05-20-13 were accepted as amended.
2. The Groton Hollow Road inspection was conducted on May 30th with Groton Wind representative Doren Emmett, Road Agent Frank Simpson, a representative from Sargent Corp. (civil contractor, Road Committee member Bo Beadle and residents Carl Spring and Marianne Peabody. A report of the inspection is expected this week.
3. Groton Wind Sound Study Work Plan was reviewed by the Board (Selectperson Lewis recused). The Board concurred with the plan. It is expected to be implemented sometime this month.
4. Junkyard Reports – The Board reviewed the inspection reports submitted by Ken Knowlton on the Town's current junkyard cases. The Board signed two letters to property owners giving them a deadline for compliance this summer; enforcement will follow if they do not meet their deadlines.
5. There is still a vacancy for a Cemetery Trustee and people are needed for a Recreation Committee. Anne has received a few names of interested people for the Recreation Committee. Dan suggested putting the request in the Rumney column for a few weeks.
6. Policies
 - a. Confidentiality – include in Personnel Policies
 - b. Samples of firework policies were reviewed – some discussion; Board agreed not at this time but discussed a possible 10:00 p.m. limit, incorporating it into the Disorderly Conduct ordinance, no final decisions were made.
 - c. Use of Town Equipment policy needed, i.e. town-issued radios
 - d. Personnel Policies – Board reviewed; the format needs to be correct and then sent to town attorney
7. Comstar Write-offs – The Board would like to pursue collection through Small Claims' Court for the two outstanding accounts.
8. Tax-dedeed property – More clarification is needed from the town attorney on the process, costs and penalties.

Administrative

1. A public hearing has been scheduled for June 17th at 7:15 p.m. on the Historic Barn Preservation Easement application that is before the Board (Richard and Mary Barnes).
2. Transfer Station
 - a. Planet Aid is offering a new program in conjunction with their clothing donation bins. They will pay towns that have bins at their transfer station \$.05/lb of clothing collected on a quarterly basis. They would like to see these funds used to help fund a need in our community, i.e. food pantry, rec center, heating assistance program. The Board signed the agreement.
 - b. Bobcat Update – Sonny reports that the problem has been resolved, it is running fine now.
3. CNP/Assessing – The continuation of the revaluation process is underway. A representative from the assessing firm Commerford Nieder Perkins is in town and will be visiting properties in the following areas:
 - a. Map 1 – W/S Stinson Lake Road, borders National Forest, includes Stewart Drive
 - b. Map 2 – Lake Properties
 - c. Map 5 – Lower Doetown Road and part of Cross Road
 - d. Map 14 – Thompson Farm Lane, East Rumney Road, Beech Hill Road, Chaisson Road
 - e. Map 15 – Halls Brook Road, Old North Groton Road, Old Stage Coach Road
 - f. Map 16 – Route 25 Plymouth town line to Latulippe's gravel pit, Quincy Road, Baker River Campground, Mountain View Drive
4. Generator Update – Emergency Management Director Ray Valentin said he is working on the grant for the generator.
5. NH Central Aggregates – Planning Board member Rob Ares will be doing the annual gravel pit inspection on June 8th; water samples will be taken also to check for residue from the muck piles. A letter has been sent to Mr. Latulippe notifying him of the inspection.

Signed: Checks; Conservation Restriction Assessment-GAW; Timber Tax Warrant 2012-13; Timber Tax Warrant 2013-14; Intent to Excavate – G. Sanborn; Intent to Cut – Farnsworth; Boundary Lot Line Adjustment form; Letters – US District Court/Jury Duty; A. Brosseau-JY, J. Edwards-JY; Planet Aid agreement

Upcoming: 6/06 Old Home Day meeting
6/10 No Selectmen's meeting
6/11 Planning Board work session; Russell School graduation
6/17 Selectmen's meeting
6/24 No Selectmen's meeting
6/25 Planning Board

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant