

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
07/29/13

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

Chairman Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Non-Public Session: Ed Haskell made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 6:35 under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) to discuss a personnel issue; the motion was seconded by Cheryl Lewis, so voted. Dan Kimble made a motion to leave the non-public session at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Ed Haskell, so voted. No decisions were made.

Appointments

Tom Wallace reported that the LCHIP Board of Directors voted to approve the Library Trustee's grant request of \$40,000 for Phase 2 of the library accessibility project. Both the Grant Agreement and the Architect's Agreement need the Board's signatures ASAP so they can move forward with the plans. The Board signed both agreements.

Ken Knowlton, MRI Code Enforcement officer, met with the Board to discuss the status of several junkyards. At 7:20 Ed Haskell made a motion to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel and (c) reputation, seconded by Cheryl Lewis, so voted. At 7:45 Ed Haskell made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Dan Kimble, so voted. A letter will be sent to a resident regarding his junkyard status.

Doug Sanborn stopped in and asked what, if anything, was happening with the blasting that is scheduled a . Mr. Sanborn said there are still some issues that remain unresolved with the CNHA pit regarding boundary lines and encroachment onto adjacent property. These boundary issues have been going on for several years. The Board said regarding the blasting, the regulations are still a work in progress. They had hoped to have the town attorney's feedback on them tonight, but they had not received them yet. The boundary line issues will be addressed at the Planning Board meeting tomorrow night. Ken Knowlton suggested holding the town permit for the pit until the boundary issue is resolved. Anne will contact the blasting company tomorrow morning and get some specifics on the blasting, i.e. Will mats be used? Is it necessary to do one large blast or could a series of smaller ones be used instead? She will pass on any information she gets to the Board and to the Sanborn's.

Doug Nadeau met with the Board and Ken Knowlton to discuss his ongoing junkyard status. Mr. Nadeau said he has contacted someone who may be interested in some of the snowmobiles. If that person does not take them, Mr. Nadeau said he will scrap them himself. He said he got rid of one car yesterday and has one unregistered vehicle, a red truck. He stated that all the rest of the vehicles are registered with the exception of his daughter's car (currently has a broken windshield). Selectman Haskell told Mr. Nadeau that he has had ample time to come into compliance, and the Court order should be upheld. Mr. Nadeau said he felt he was in compliance with the Court order.

Mr. Knowlton explained to Mr. Nadeau the number of vehicles he was allowed to have according to the Court Order. The bulk of the miscellaneous parts can equal one vehicle; he can have five unregistered antique vehicles but they must be enclosed and not in view of the general public.

Tonia Harris asked how many snowmobiles were they allowed to have. Mr. Knowlton estimated there are at least 30 snowmobiles on the property and asked Mr. Nadeau if he can drive all of them. Mr. Nadeau said they all run and can be ridden.

Mr. Nadeau went on to say that he had done everything he was supposed to do except put the gravel down in the enclosure. Mr. Knowlton asked how many questionable snowmobiles Mr. Nadeau needed. Mr. Nadeau did not know but he said both he and one of his sons race the sleds, his two daughters, young son and his wife all ride them.

Mr. Kimble pointed out that racing snowmobiles usually involves not just one machine, but usually two or three. If that is the case, then numerous machines could be allowed. Discussion continued but there was no agreement on a final number.

Selectman Lewis asked Mr. Nadeau to come up with a list of how many vehicles and which ones he absolutely needs, a bottom line of what he needs to keep for racing, riding, etc. Mr. Nadeau said he will ask a friend if he can store some of the snowmobiles at his place. Ms. Lewis again asked him to come up with a detailed list of what vehicles, etc he needs to keep and have it ready for the Board next week.

Mr. Nadeau stated that he was not clear as to the number of vehicles he was allowed to keep. After further discussion, it was agreed that the Board will ask the Court for clarification on #4 with a detailed list allowable vehicles, how many registered, unregistered, etc. If the Selectmen get a response from the Court on this clarification later this week, Anne will pass on the information to Mr. Nadeau. The Board agreed to meet with Mr. Nadeau and Mr. Knowlton again next week, August 5th.

Fire Chief Ken Ward and Fire Commissioners Dave Coursey, Terry French and Jim McCart met with the Board to discuss a personnel issue. At 8:45 p.m. a motion was made by Ed Haskell to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (c) personnel and reputation, seconded by Dan Kimble, so voted. At 9:35 Ed Haskell made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Cheryl Lewis, so voted. Prior to leaving the non-public session Dan Kimble made a motion to seal the minutes of this session indefinitely, seconded by Ed Haskell and so voted 3-0. The Board agreed to meet again next week with the Fire Chief and Commissioners on this matter.

Selectmen's Issues

1. Discretionary Preservation Easement – The Board reviewed the final version of the criteria they came up with to determine whether or not a structure qualifies for the easement. The Board was in agreement with the form and voted 3-0 to adopt it for this and any future applications. Using the criteria and point system they set up, the Barnes' structures will receive a 25% reduction in their assessments. Anne will draw up the easement deed and send a draft to Mr. and Mrs. Barnes for their review. If they are in agreement with the terms of the deed, the document can be executed next week.
2. Buffalo Road bridge recap – Dan summarized the conference call that took place last week with representatives from FEMA, the State Preservation Organization, Frank Simpson, Anne Dow and Chris Fournier, engineer from HEB Engineers who is currently assisting the town on this matter. Currently the Town is waiting for a meeting to be scheduled with Chris Fournier, Tom Wallace, Susan Turbyne and HEB's resident architect historian to discuss options for the mitigation. Cheryl suggested contacting Jeannie Forester to see if she could expedite this part of the process with FEMA so the Town can move along with this project.

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3. Minutes –The Board 3-0 to accept the minutes of the 07-15-13 meeting as written.
4. A revised septic plan for M. Beach, Tax Map # 13-03-32, was reviewed by the Board. The plan signed by the Board last week was returned by the State because it did not show the well radius. The Board approved and signed the revised plan.
5. Following a review of Ken Knowlton's inspection reports for the Coursey and Short junkyards the Board agreed to renew both their junkyard licenses for 2013.

Administrative

1. Groton Hollow Road Update – The road agreement with the Town and Groton Wind stated that a road inspection would be conducted after all work was completed on the wind farm; that time has come. Frank reported to Anne that he, Ed Haskell and Doren Emmett inspected the road; paving was done last Friday. As of July 23rd there several minor touch-ups along the side of the road that had to be completed. A final inspection will be scheduled for the week of August 5th.
2. Clark Brook run-off – Carl Spring e-mailed the office this afternoon reporting that as of 4:00 pm today the water running in the brook was “100% dirty brown”. He provided the Board with some pictures of the water. Anne forwarded his inquiry to Ryan Haley, Wind Farm manager but hadn't heard back from him at the start of the meeting. The Conservation Commission will be notified also.
3. Baker River Appreciation Day- David Saad provided the Board with a summary of the very successful day and acknowledged the cooperation of the Paly family, Baker River Campground and Riverbrook RV Park for providing drop off spots for the volunteers.

Ed mentioned the Jim Darling area; the mowing needs to extend out further so that the paths are wide enough to accommodate the visitors using the area. A note will be sent to the person doing the mowing. Ed also mentioned there are a number of trees that have fallen into the river along the beach. These trees are creating a dangerous situation in some places for people kayaking and canoeing down the river. Ed suggested calling DES to see if the Town could pull the trees out for safety reasons without having to file for a permit. Anne will look into it.

4. Transfer Station – Quotes for used waste oil containment. Two bids were received: Persons from Campton for \$322.50 and one from Carroll Concrete for \$362.50. The Board voted to go with the quote from Persons. Any monies spend on this project will be reimbursed by the State through a used waste oil grant.

Signed: Checks; 2012 Audit Representation letter; 2014 PA-28 Form; DRA Application for Reimbursement for Forest Land; Intent to Cut – A. Rawson; 2013 Warrant for Unlicensed Dogs; Junkyard Renewals – Pat Coursey and William Short; Revised Septic Approval – Beach 13-03-32.

Ed Haskell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m., seconded by Cheryl Lewis and so voted.

Upcoming: 07/30 Planning Board
08/05 Selectmen's Meeting; Residents' Forum
08/10 Old Home Day
08/12 Public Hearing – Cemetery Rules & Regulations 7:00 at the Town Office

Respectfully submitted,

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