

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
08/05/13

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

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

### **Appointments**

**Fire Commissioners Dave Coursey, Terry French and Jim McCart along with Fire Chief Ken Ward** met with the Board to discuss a personnel issue. At 6:37 p.m. a motion to enter Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) was made by Ed Haskell, seconded by Cheryl Lewis and voted affirmatively 3-0. The Board came out of Nonpublic Session at 7:35 p.m. with a motion from Cheryl Lewis, seconded by Dan Kimble and voted in the affirmative 3-0. Selectmen Lewis made a motion to seal the minutes for 30 days, seconded by Ed Haskell and voted in the affirmative 3-0.

**Residents' Forum** – no one in attendance

**Ken Knowlton** met with the Board to discuss a Junkyard case. At 7:45 a motion to enter Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) was made by Ed Haskell, seconded by Dan Kimble and voted affirmatively 3-0. The Board came out of Nonpublic Session at 8:05 p.m. with a motion from Dan Kimble, seconded by Cheryl Lewis and voted in the affirmative 3-0.

**Doug Nadeau** and Tonia Harris met with the Board and Ken Knowlton to discuss their ongoing junkyard case. Chairman Haskell stated that the court order has to be upheld. The Town will allow him to keep 10 snowmobiles and 5 antique vehicles. Of those 5 antique vehicles, the Town will allow 3 of them to be race cars if he gets all the other vehicles, tires, etc. cleaned up by August 31, 2013. After further discussion with Mr. Nadeau, it was agreed that the Town will allow 12 snowmobiles, 3 antique race cars, 2 antique non-race cars and any other vehicle outside of the enclosed area must be inspected and registered or removed from the property. Mr. Nadeau stated that this was a fair request and assured the Town that he would comply. Ken Knowlton will inspect the property on September 3, 2013 and have a report to the Selectmen by September 9, 2013. If the property is not in compliance at that time, the Town will pursue further enforcement action. Anne will follow this up with a letter outlining the discussion and the decisions reached.

**Richard and Mary Barnes** met with the Board to discuss the Discretionary Preservation Easement the Board granted last week on three of the barns on their property. Mr. Barnes asked the Board if they would reconsider the point value they assigned to each of the barns. Mr. Barnes felt that they did not put as much emphasis on the scenic part of the qualifications. The Board explained that they took forms and criteria from several towns that already have a Discretionary Preservation Easement process in place and came up with a form and criteria that they intend to use on any future applications. The Board said their decision will stand. The Barnes will have a 25% reduction in the taxes on these three structures. Both the Barnes and the Board signed the deed for the easement. Anne will send it to the Registry for recording and send a copy of the recorded easement to the Barnes when it is returned.

**Privilege of the Floor - None**

### Selectmen's Issues

1. **Blasting** –
  - a. Per request of the Planning Board the Board sent a letter to Precision Blasting insisting that mats be used on the upcoming scheduled blast at Central NH Aggregates.  
As of today the Board has not received an official response from Precision Blasting or CNHA.
2. **Highway Garage**
  - a. Received one contractor's bid for the work on the doors; the Board will wait until they have at least one more before making a decision; same for electrician's bids
3. **Minutes 07-29-13** – minutes were accepted as corrected.

### Administrative

1. **Groton Hollow Road** - The final inspection of the road is scheduled for tomorrow, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Follow-up on Complaint on Clark Brook** – The Board received a response from Groton Wind stating that they had not done any work that would warrant such muddy water running in the brook; the Conservation Commission also took a look at the brook the next day but did not see anything that warranted further investigation. Selectmen reviewed the e-mails received from Groton Wind and the Conservation Commission on the matter. Conservation Commission Chair Janice Mulherin asked that they be included on any initial e-mails when there appears to be a problem with the brook, etc. so that they can act more efficiently.
3. **PD Cruiser Maintenance** – Chief Main notified the Board that there may be some possible cruiser maintenance needed.
4. **Emergency Operations Plan Testing** – The Board received correspondence from Jane Hubbard offering services to test the Town's Emergency Operations Plan. The Board tabled the request at this time and may revisit it at a later date.
5. **State of NH/Safety – Criminal History Record Checks for Hawkers and Peddlers** – A letter was received from the State of NH-Department of Safety regarding criminal history checks for hawkers and peddlers. Since the Town does not issue such permits the information does not pertain to Rumney.
6. **Locks on Tax Deeded Property** – The locks have been changed on the two properties the town acquired through tax deeds this year. At this time, the Board has not made any decisions on the future of these properties.
7. **2012 Audit** – Copies of the audit were received.

**Signed:** Checks; Discretionary Preservation Easement Deed, PA-36A Application

**Upcoming:** 08/10 Old Home Day

08/12 No Selectmen's Meeting – Public Hearing on Cemetery Rules & Regulations 7 p.m.

08/19 Selectmen's Meeting

08/26 No Selectmen's Meeting

08/27 Planning Board Meeting

09/02 Labor Day – No Selectmen's Meeting

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow  
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