

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
09/09/13

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

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

Minutes – The minutes of 08-19-13 were accepted as corrected. The Board did not meet August 26th or September 2nd.

Appointments

Bill Taffe, EMS Director met with the Board at their request to discuss the current status of the EMS squad.

1. Currently have 6 licensed responders
2. 5 work during the day – no actual day coverage
3. Night calls have minimal coverage at best
4. Difficult to recruit new members
 - a. An individual has just completed the EMS course; no license for a few months
 - b. State and National exams are needed
 - c. Must be nationally certified to be eligible for NH license
5. Chairman Haskell asked Bill what direction did he see the department going in?
 - a. Bill said eventually there will have to be paid positions if it is going to continue
 - b. A regional squad might be a possibility
6. Bill said lack of recruits and being able to maintain consistent coverage for EMS squads is a widespread problem, not unique to Rumney
7. Board thanked Bill for coming in

Residents Forum – In attendance - Jerry Thibodeau, Carl Spring, Diana Kindell, Tom Wallace, Sonny Ouellette; another person (not known to the AA).

Sonny Ouellette - Groton Request to work with Rumney with electronics/Transfer Station

1. Sonny is opposed to a joint effort with the electronics for many reasons
 - a. Storage
 - b. One more category to keep finances separate
 - c. Time factor for Sonny and attendants
2. Sonny is willing to work with Groton's Supervisor to show him at our facility the process Rumney uses
3. After some further discussion the Board was in agreement with Sonny.
4. Anne will draft a letter to Groton's Selectboard notifying them of their decision

Blasting Regulations – Diana Kindell

1. Diana reported that she feels the Town's requests have been met with the previous blasts
2. Dan Kimble said a simple notification process in place would address the town needs.
3. Diana agreed that it is important that the Town Office and the Police and Fire Chiefs be notified in advance of any blasting
4. Enforcement of the detailed regulations included in the draft regulations will be difficult to enforce at the town level.
5. Currently operations/businesses that blast have to follow State and National regulations

6. Carl Spring recommended the Town pass the draft regulations as written and work with them to protect the taxpayers and Latulippe
7. Cheryl Lewis agreed with Carl; the Town needs more than just a notification process
8. Jerry Thibodeau recommended that mats be used consistently; they were used on Latulippe's latest blast because the Town insisted on their use.
9. Carl said it is the Town's responsibility to protect the Town's people, along with their private wells and the public water aquifers.
10. He would like to see the results from the 12,000 lbs blasts that were used for the last blast; there must be some run-off into the muck piles as a result of the blasts.
11. Cheryl suggested forming a committee to review the regulations; Diana said it would have to be from a cross section of town, not just those affected by the blasting, no decisions were made.
12. The Board agreed to review the draft regulations over the week and meet next week for a "work session" to discuss them in depth.
13. Any regulations that are agreed upon will have to be voted on by the public at the town meeting in March.

Tom Wallace met with the Board to go over several items:

1. At their annual meeting the Historical Society voted to spend up to \$1,000 to replace as many basement windows as they could for that price.
 - a. Quote for 2 windows & 3 windows installed; vinyl windows; replace blocking with pressure treated or equivalent material
 - b. Bids Received – 1) Pemi Glass \$650/\$975 2) Red Mountain Builders \$861/\$991
 - c. Input from Carl Spring and Jerry Thibodeau – price is too high; shop around, they know he can get a better price; suggested trying some local contractors (Red Mountain Builders is one); try for a standard sized basement window instead of a custom size.
 - d. Tom will get some more quotes using their suggestions
2. Library Accessibility Update
 - a. Received 7 "Qualifications for Pricing"
 - b. Library Trustees will be meeting on Wednesday to review qualifications and narrow the field down to three, hoping to hold interviews with the three the last week in September; he will keep the Board informed and invited the board members to sit in on the interviews
 - c. They are continuing to look into elevator options to get the cost down
 - d. Should have a specific design and price for Town Meeting – estimate \$300,000
3. Boundary Line Adjustment with Rumney Baptist Church
 - a. Waiting to hear back from the Church after reviewing the draft deed
4. Buffalo Road Bridge/Mitigation Project
 - a. Waiting to hear back from Chris Fournier from HEB Engineers – HEB has recommended to go with the interpretive sign, the Historical Society would like to discuss the oral history option too; Anne has asked Chris to set up a meeting with Tom, Susan and others to discuss the options.
 - b. Two walking tour "trial runs" will be held on September 19 at 6:00 and 7:00 respectfully
5. The Board thanked Tom for coming in and for all the work he does with these various projects.

Selectmen's Issues

1. Highway building update
 - a. bulk of the electrical work has been completed
 - b. doors have been framed in – expect door delivery within the next week

2. Backhoe Repairs – machine is still down at CAT – the Highway crew did a fair amount of work on the machine before it went down
3. Joyce Inquiry – grading (near school) Frank looked at the road; he will set up a time with the Joyce's to discuss their concerns with the recent grading that has been done
4. Non-public – Dan Kimble made a motion to enter non-public session at 8:30 p.m. under RSA 91-A:3 II (a), seconded by Ed Haskell; Board voted 3-0 to enter non-public session. A motion was made by Cheryl Lewis, seconded by Dan Kimble to leave non-public session at 8:40 p.m., Board voted 3-0 to leave the non-public session; no decisions were made.
5. **Fire Commissioners Dave Coursey, Jim McCart and Terry French and Fire Chief Ken Ward** met with the Board to discuss a matter. At 8:42 Cheryl Lewis made a motion to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a), seconded by Dan Kimble, the Board voted 3-0 to enter the non-public session. At 9:10 Ed Haskell made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Cheryl Lewis, Board voted 3-0 to leave the non-public session. The Selectmen will write a letter regarding town-issued equipment.
6. Non-public – At 9:12 p.m. Dan Kimble made a motion to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a), seconded by Cheryl Lewis, Board voted 3-0 to go into non-public session. At 9:25 p.m. Ed Haskell made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Dan Kimble, the Board voted 3-0 to leave non-public session. The Board will meet with Chief Main to discuss an issue within the next two weeks.
7. It was brought to a Board member's attention that a department head was wearing a jacket with the Groton Wind logo on it, and it made some people uncomfortable. The Board thought it best if it wasn't worn while working for the Town. Anne will pass this on to the department head.
8. The Board received an e-mail from a resident bringing to their attention the constant vehicular traffic on his road associated with a nearby logging operation. The DRA has been notified and is looking into the matter.

Administrative

1. Perambulation – Anne checked with Janice Mulherin on the Wentworth town line. She said she and Francis Muzzey located the four corners but due to the weather did not walk the lines. Anne will check into what is legally needed to satisfy the statutes governing perambulation.
2. Budget Items
 - a. Letters will be going out to department heads and advisory committee members next week
 - i. Mike Lonigro has resigned his "lake" position as advisory committee member
 - ii. The Board will look into a replacement for his position
 - b. All non-profit organizations (new and previously funded ones) will be requested to complete an application demonstrating a financial need and explaining what services they provide to Rumney residents; the Board will make a determination from the information they provide
 - c. Emergency Contracts – as discussed last year during the budget period, they will honor the 2013 contract rates through the first quarter of 2014 in order to establish contract dates that will run April 1 through March 30 each year. Anne will notify Dorchester, Ellsworth and Groton this week for their budget purposes.
3. Dorchester
 - a. Bruce Pratt, Jr serves on the Dorchester Cultural Arts Advisory Committee and has contacted the Board to discuss the possibility of working together to promote each others town events. The objective is to increase participation, attendance and awareness of cultural arts that are offered nearby. At this time, the Rumney doesn't have a Cultural Arts committee nor a contact person for those events. Until they do, Anne will notify Mr. Pratt that he can contact the office with any information, and she will contact him with any Rumney events coming up. If anyone is interested in being the contact person for this, please call the office.
 - b. Mr. Pratt also notified the Board that Dorchester will be holding a town wide talent show on October 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Dorchester Town Hall. Watch for the flyer. Rumney residents are invited to attend and participate.

4. Cemeteries
 - a. a mowing/employee issue was discussed
 - b. Washout in Highland South – Ed has looked at the site and reported that it is going to be a big project to stabilize the eroding banking. He is going to look into getting some “ballpark” figures to at least begin some discussions about it. Ed suggested that the other board members take a look at the site also.
5. Junkyards – The Board reviewed Ken Knowlton’s reports following his inspections on September 4th.
 - a. Nadeau – in compliance
 - b. Poitras – in compliance
 - c. Daigle – although still a bit cluttered, it does not constitute a violation of RSA 236:111-129 at this time. Mr. Daigle’s son assured Ken that any junk vehicle he has will stay on the truck for no more than 3 days until removed.
 - d. Barlow – Although he did not inspect this property, the Board will notify Mr. Barlow that they need to conduct an inspection in the near future to determine whether or not he is in violation.
6. Senate Bill 36 relative to property tax exemption for totally and permanently disabled from service connected injuries – Senator Forrester has asked for input on this bill. At this time, Board is not in favor of it because of the increased impact it could have on taxes.
7. Grafton County Economic Development Council will be holding its annual meeting in Plymouth on September 19th; no board members are available to attend.
8. The Board received a response from Tara Bamford of North Country Council to their August 20th letter addressing North Country housing needs.
9. The Board is invited to the Bridge House’s annual meeting on September 18th from 5:00 to 6:30 pm; they will be honoring retiring members of the Board and welcoming new members.
10. Groton Wind – new key system in place; Ryan brought the new keys over last week along with information on the new system. Anne notified him that Chief Ward picked up his key on Friday, September 6th.
11. The Selectmen, Planning Board and School Board received an invitation from Rodney Ekstrom, Rumney resident, about an upcoming opportunity to participate in a continuing education program “Building Resilient Communities through Ecological Design: A Permaculture Workshop for Planners”. It is being offered by two Pemi-Baker valley certified planners, Steve Whitman, AICP and Stacey Doll, AICP. The event is scheduled for November 1, 2013 at the Nashua Regional Planning Commission in Merrimack, NH. At this time, no board members are available to attend.
12. The Board received a letter from the Department of Transportation encouraging their participation in the transportation projects that are planned between 2015 and 2024. A listing of dates, times and locations of the area meetings was included.
13. The Town received the 2010 Contribution Holiday check from LGC in the amount of \$9,541.68. Employees who contributed to the health insurance plans during 2010 and 2011 will be getting a refund check for their share of the insurance they contributed during those years.
14. The Board received the latest results from the Baker River water testing from the Baker River Watershed. Several samples tested exceeded the usual 406 E. coli per 100 ml but it is being attributed to the very rainy weather preceding the testing.
15. The Rumney School Board will be holding an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 25 at 6:00 to examine alternative building renovations that comply with State and Federal regulations for Public Schools. A team of professionals will be presenting architectural drawings and mechanical engineering plans.

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Upcoming: 09/16 – Selectmen Work Session – Blasting Regulations
09/18 - Rumney School Board meeting 5:30 p.m.
09/19 – Walking Tour – Trial Run 6:00; 7:00
09/23 – Selectmen's Meeting 7:00 p.m. – to be determined
09/24 – Planning Board
09/25 – Informational Meeting – Russell School 6:00 p.m.
09/30 – Selectmen's Meeting – to be determined
10/07 – Selectmen's Meeting - Residents' Forum

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
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