

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
10-07-13

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

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

### **Residents' Forum**

**Jerry Thibodeau** raised the topic of the health and welfare agencies the Town votes on at the annual town meeting. He suggested including a notation of the various agencies on the town tax bills. He explained the purpose of doing that would be to give the taxpayers who wanted to contribute to the agencies a chance to do so via their tax bills and those who did not want to simply would not. Tax Collector Linda Whitcomb explained that the tax bills cannot be altered in such a way nor can anything be mailed with the bills.

Anne explained that this year the agencies have been sent a questionnaire requesting some additional financial information about their agency and how it directly affects the residents of Rumney. The information must be submitted with their annual request for the Board's review and consideration of being placed on the final warrant.

### **Appointments**

**Library Trustees Tom Wallace and Leina Smoker** met with the Board to let them know the construction company they recommend for the proposed library addition. The trustees and Selectmen representative Dan Kimble met and interviewed three of the seven firms who submitted applications. The trustees nominated CCI, Conneston Construction, Inc. for the construction manager. Selectman Kimble was in agreement also. The Selectmen voted 3-0 to also accept CCI as the construction manager for the project. Tom hopes to have the agreement ready for their signatures at the next Selectmen's meeting, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Marc Decoteau, Pastor Dan Bowers and members Robert Decking and Leina Smoker were present for the **Rumney Baptist Church**. They met at the Board's request to finalize the specifics for the boundary line adjustment that was voted in at Town Meeting. Mr. Decoteau stated that following town meeting, the church members met with the Selectmen and brought up the large gravel parking area behind the library and had hoped to include a written statement on the deed for the Boundary Line Adjustment stating that the Church can continue to park and use that area until such time as the Town needs it for other purposes. Because it was not included on the original warrant article the Town voted on in March, it will be handled through a separate document. After some discussion, all parties agreed to have Anne draft a Memorandum of Understanding outlining the parking arrangement and forward it to all parties for their review. All those present were in agreement to go forward with the BLA as voted in March and resolve the parking issue through this separate document at a later date.

### **Selectmen's Issues**

1. The Board reviewed the minutes of 09-23-13 and voted 3-0 to accept the minutes as written.

2. Blasting Regulations – The Board reviewed Attorney Waugh's latest response to them regarding their request to include some of the regulations with the excavation regulations rather than adopt a separate set of rules. He suggested that they meet in person to discuss this issue further. Anne will set up a time that is convenient for the majority of the members of both the Select Board and Planning Board and Attorney Waugh.
3. SEC Hearing Follow-up – (Cheryl Lewis recused herself) - Ed Haskell attended the meeting last week and has reviewed the copy of the Health and Safety Plan that was discussed as part of the meeting. Ed said the plan did not reflect any of the points discussed at the two meetings with the local emergency responders last spring. He asked Anne to draft a letter to the SEC stating that the plan needs to be reviewed and revised to include information on the plowing of the roads in the winter, access to the buildings and roads, etc. Anne will try to have the letter done in the next day or so for the Board's review.
4. The Board reviewed and signed a septic plan for an updated system for R. Coffin on East Rumney Road.
5. At 8:45 p.m. Ed Haskell made a motion to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c), seconded by Dan Kimble. Board voted 3-0 on the motion to enter into non-public session. A motion was made by Dan Kimble at 9:10 p.m. to leave non-public session and to seal the minutes of this session because the content could "Affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board", Cheryl Lewis seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the motions.

#### **Administrative**

1. Sonny Ouellette, Transfer Station Superintendent, received a request for someone who was interested in doing some volunteer work at the Transfer Station. After some discussion, the Board agreed that due to liability with volunteers in general they would not agree to the arrangement.
2. Comstar Write-off – The Board voted to write-off another incident that occurred in August of 2012.
3. Perambulation – The Town of Groton has contacted the Board to request their consideration of having the Groton/Rumney town line perambulated in 2014. Anne will get some further information from the Groton Selectmen's Office before the Board makes any decision. The Board will need to follow-up on the Wentworth – Rumney line also.
4. BTLA – The Board has received notice that one 2012 abatement has been appealed to the BTLA. Anne will notify CNP of the case.
5. Tax Deeded Properties – Ed will check the two residences to see what needs to be done to winterize them.
6. Cemetery Trustees would like permission for their employees to be able to work through October 21<sup>st</sup>, instead of October 15<sup>th</sup>, so they can get as many leaves as possible before the end of the year. The Board agreed to the October 21 extension.
7. Trick or Treat hours will be from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.
8. Anne will schedule a Road Committee meeting sometime in the next week or two.

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**Signed** – Checks; Septic Approval – R. Coffin; Comstar Write-off agreement; Primex Cap Agreement (3-years)

**Upcoming** 10/08 Planning Board Work Session  
10/09 Conservation Commission meeting 7 pm  
10/14 Office Closed – No meeting  
10/21 Selectmen's Meeting  
10/28 No Selectmen's Meeting  
10/29 Planning Board Meeting

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow  
Administrative Assistant