

TOWN OF RUMNEY
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Minutes
October 21, 2013

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

Chairman Ed Haskell opening the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 7, 2013 meeting were approved with changes.

Intent to Cut: William Savoie, Birchview Lane, Tax Map #16-6-35 (Cheryl Lewis recused herself) had completed an intent to cut and came before the Board to explain he was only cutting 13 trees that were surrounding his home and starting to die. The Board signed his intent.

Groton Wind Safety Plan: (Cheryl Lewis remains recused) Following the October 7th meeting a letter to the SEC was drafted by Chairman Haskell pointing out that the safety plan did not address several key safety issues. The concerns over the plowing and maintenance of the access roads, access to the facility building, etc. and overall emergency responding procedures were discussed at the two meetings held in the Spring with the emergency personnel from Rumney and Groton, Fish and Game and Groton Wind. Chairman Haskell did not feel they were sufficiently addressed in the safety plan. However, before the letter was sent, Groton Wind submitted a copy of the safety plan that had been signed off by the Rumney emergency departments and Roger Thompson, Groton Fire Chief. Ed Haskell will meet with Fire Chief Dave Coursey to see if the plan satisfies their concerns or are there are any other issues to address. (Cheryl rejoined the Board at this time.)

Rumney Conservation Committee: Janice Mulherin came before the Board to update them on a recent trip the committee made to review the road system and drainage within the Groton Wind Farm complex. They found the road to be in very good shape, well maintained and drainage system working well.

She further stated the mowing from Creamery Brook to Sand Hill Road had been recently completed (Jim Darling Conservation Area). She also brought up the matter of the person who has been staying there for the last several weeks. She reminded the Board there are no toilet facilities there and the "rules" of the area state use will be from "dawn to dusk. The Police Department has been in contact with the individual. The Board will discuss the matter further with Chief Main.

Cheryl asked if the CC would present any seminars, the Board was told there will be seminars in the spring dealing with conservation easements, legacy planning and current use.

Tax Deeded Properties: Ed Haskell has inspected the W. Rumney property and found it has no water and needs no winterization. A property on Fox Run Lane will be checked this week.

Road Committee: The road committee will be meeting Tuesday night to review the condition of Buffalo Road at the westerly end and further discuss repairs and maintenance needed on town roads. The Road Agent, Frank Simpson will join them.

Department up dates: Fire Dept. – the pipe for the dry hydrant is at the Conference Grounds. The Conference Grounds will be digging the trench at no cost to the town. A connector elbow will have to be purchased to connect plastic pipe to metal at a cost of approximately \$50.00.

The Conference Grounds is installing a sprinkler system in the main building as required for fire safety. The pool is also being repaired.

Dave Coursey, as the new Fire Chief, has stepped down from the Fire Commission. It is necessary to appoint someone to take his place until the March elections. A notice will be placed in the Record Enterprise for a person interested in the position.

Highway Department: - The doors and openers have been installed in the new town shed and an existing door is being repaired. They have moved their equipment over from the old town shed. Chief Main has asked to store the cruisers in the old shed for the winter. The Board agreed if it is agreeable with Frank. This requires the area be kept plowed when it storms for cruiser access.

At 8:30 pm Ed Haskell made a motion to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3 a. The motion was seconded by Dan Kimble. At 8:40 pm Dan K. made a motion to come out of non-public session, seconded by Cheryl Lewis. No decision was made.

The Board agreed to meeting the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Budget meetings with department heads can be scheduled when and if necessary.

Perambulation: The towns of Groton and Wentworth are both looking to complete the perambulation of the town lines during 2014. Groton has received bids for this project. Annie will also get bids from other sources. Once completed, the lines can be maintained using GPS coordinates. A warrant article for this will be placed on the 2014 warrant.

Junkyards: Brendan Barlow will meet with Ed Haskell on his property – date to be set – to view his progress and present condition of the site.

Historical Society: The roof on the Historical Society building is in need of repairs. Anne has contacted the contractor responsible.

There is some question of liability regarding the parking lot behind the building if it is leased to the Baptist Church. The town does not maintain this lot. The lease can include a non-liability clause. There has never been a problem in the parking area and has been used for many years.

Blasting: The Board was asked what they wanted to prepare for the joint PB meeting with Atty. Waugh. Ed did state he had confirmed there had been no blasting in the CNHA pit prior to Mr. Latullipe's blasting.

Budgets: Budgets were given to the Board for review. Dan Kimble did state he has inquiry e-mails out to gain information on computer replacements.

Signed: Timber Tax Warrant 2013-2014 IV; Intent to Cut Patterson; Lavoie; Agreement between Byron G. Merrill Library, Town of Rumney and Conneston Construction Inc.; checks

Upcoming: 10/31 Halloween – Trick or Treat 5:00 – 8:00 pm

11/04 Selectmen's Meeting – Resident forum

11/05 Joint Meeting w/Bernie Waugh 6:30 pm PB/Selectmen

11/11 Office Closed – no Selectmen's meeting

11/18 Selectmen's meeting

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell

Clerk