

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 14, 2013

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

Chairman Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

**Selectmen's issues:**

**Groton Wind Farm:** (Cheryl Lewis recused) A letter to NH SEC was reviewed and signed detailing issues the Selectmen and Fire Chief have with the Environmental, Health and Safety Plan of Groton Wind Farm. Several issues discussed in February have not been addressed, such as; providing maps and directions to the sites, winter access, training, gate access, and meetings either quarterly or biannually. The document was signed in October however, the signers were led to believe they were signing in for attendance at a meeting – not signing the plan. (Cheryl rejoined the meeting)

**Budgets:** The chairman stated a couple of department heads would like to be excused from budget meetings with the Board. The Board and the Advisory Committee should review the budgets and then determine if the department heads are needed to clarify expenditures. At the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting the following departments will be reviewed by the Board: Transfer Station, Police, Highway and Fire Department.

**RFP's:** Requests for proposals have been prepared and are being sent to Warren/Wentworth Ambulance Service and Plymouth Ambulance Service.

**Non-Public Session** -At 6:55 pm Ed Haskell made a motion to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c), seconded by Cheryl Lewis and voted 3-0 in favor. At 8:10 pm Ed Haskell made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Dan Kimble with a 3-0 favorable vote. Ed Haskell made a motion to seal the minutes indefinitely, seconded by Cheryl and voted 3-0 in favor.

At 8:15 pm Cheryl L. made a motion to enter non-public session, seconded by Ed H. with a 3-0 vote in favor per RSA 91-A-3 II(c). Dan K. made a motion to leave non-public session at 8:32 pm, seconded by Ed H. and a 3-0 vote in favor. No decisions were made.

**Administrative:**

**Highway:** Frank Simpson showed Dan the issues facing the department, including the Highland South cemetery, E. Rumney Road bridge and School St. bridge. A brook is causing erosion at the east end of the cemetery and will require rip rap to stop it. It needs to be determined what DES will allow for repairs. Anne will inquire of Kathy Sobetzer if the cemetery committee has inquired about this yet. On E. Rumney Road the Caldron Brook is washing out on the down side of the bridge and School St. bridge is washing under the culvert in place there.

FEMA required a letter of concurrence from the town and the Historical Society regarding the plans for a historical sign serving as remediation for the removal of a historical structure – the

bridge. This must be received prior to funds being released for replacement of the bridge. A letter was signed from the town.

**DRA:** An equalization study has been completed by Anne and Phil Bodwell, assessor and will be submitted to DRA so they can calculate the town's equalization ratio. The ratio is used to calculate the total equalized valuation for the town. This study is based on home sales within the town during the past year. The town is on line to receive the 2013 tax rate within the next two weeks.

**Work Force Housing Survey:** Ed Haskell reviewed the survey and recommended it be signed. This survey is supporting repeal of the work force housing legislation. All three board members signed.

**DES:** Following a town inquiry information was received from DES relating to pumping of water from a brook, the usage and melt down in the spring. Reporting is not necessary unless the pumping exceeds 20,000 gals per day averaged over a seven day period. Spring runoff is not an issue even if it does contain gas and oil products.

**Other:** The Board recognized the recent passing of Ray Burton, Executive Council representative to the North Country. A card will be sent. There will be a memorial service at PSU on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Signed:** Letters – SEC/Emergency Plan; FEMA letter of Concurrence-Buffalo Road bridge; LRMA-new Fire Chief, Dave Coursey; DRA Equalization Certificate

**Upcoming:** 11/18 Selectmen's meeting  
11/26 Planning Board meeting  
11/28 Thanksgiving  
12/01 Christmas Tree Lighting – Common 5 pm  
12/02 Selectmen's meeting – Resident's forum

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell  
Clerk