

TOWN OF RUMNEY
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2014

Selectmen: Cheryl Lewis, Ed Haskell, Dan Kimble
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow
Clerk: Diana Kindell
Public: David Saad, Kenneth Weinig, David Converse, Bob Berti, Doug Willette

Chairman Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 7:05.

Resident's forum: David Saad requested the agenda be posted on the web site possibly on Friday. Anne Dow stated there is not always someone available to post this on Friday and it does change often right up to the time of the meeting. David suggested easier technology may provide access to anyone wanting to post and not having to wait for a capable person. Dan K. stated he has looked into this and a different host provider is necessary to achieve this. The present provider has been paid for the year 2014. Cheryl L. stated the Board does want public input and would like the information out there for the public to view prior to a meeting.

Minutes: Minutes for the public hearing on the Pole and Conduit Licenses were approved as written. Minutes for the February 17, 2014 meeting were approved as written. Minutes for the public hearing on the Library Renovations (February 10, 2014) were amended as requested by Tom Wallace, Library Trustee, and approved as amended.

Brian Paquette Liquor license: Brian requested a letter of support from the Selectmen for his application for a beer, wine and liquor license. He intends to start with wine and beer and eventually add the liquor to his menu. Asked about the hours he would be open – Brian stated on Thursday thru Sunday he would be open until 9:00 pm and Monday thru Wednesday he would close at 7:00 pm. He keeps improving the corner of Main and Quincy and has completed full sit-down dining in the upstairs area of the Café. He is licensed for (46) forty-six sit-down meals, but plans to stay at (30-35) thirty to thirty-five. Bob Berti spoke in support of this saying Brian employs four (4) local people and uses local goods when available. David Converse spoke of Brian being honorable, compassionate and helpful – mentioned how good he was to him during his hospitalization at DHMC. Doug Willette thanked the Board and Annie for their dedication and hours in working for the town and backed all the prior statements made on Brian's behalf. David Saad also echoed the comments previously made in support of this license. The Board made a motion to send a letter to the Liquor Commission in support of the license and the new hours.

Bradley Shanks met with the Board to discuss a tax matter. At 7:30 pm Ed Haskell made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II(c), seconded by Dan Kimble and agreed to by all. At 8:15 pm Ed H. made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Cheryl L. and voted 3-0 in the affirmative. It was agreed that Mr. Shanks will meet with the Board again on Monday March 17th.

Blasting Regulations: A suggested change for the waiver section of the regulations has been sent to Atty. Waugh for review and still waiting for his response.

Planning Board: Dan K. reported the Board continues to review and revise the subdivision regulations.

Abatements: The deadline for filing a 2013 abatement was March 1st. Sixteen abatements were filed. Assessor Phil Bodwell has completed four of them. The Board reviewed four abatements and Phil's comments and suggestions. The Board agreed to grant the following four abatements on Phil's recommendations: M. Reed, E. Lawson, Fatherland Trust and C. Morgan.

Overnight Parking Ordinance: There is still no ordinance in place.

Intent to Cut: David Hall attended the Selectmen's meeting on February 17th with an Intent to Cut he needed signed. Because he will be crossing some wetlands in parts of the operation, he is required to file a permit with the DES. The Board said as soon as he receives the permit they would sign the intent. Mr. Hall and Anne followed up with Jessie Bushaw, Timber Auditor for the Department of Revenue. Mr. Bushaw said Mr. Hall met all the criteria needed by the Town and the intent could be signed. Such a DES permit, if needed, is between the owner/logger and DES, not the Town. The Board signed the intent on February 19th so Mr. Hall could get his operation underway before mud season.

Higginbotham: Mr. Higginbotham had notified the town his mailbox had been hit by the town plow. Does the town do anything? The town is not liable for damage within its right-of-way and has never paid for any plowing damage in the past. The Board will stay with this practice and offer no recourse. Anne will send a letter to Mr. Higginbotham.

Road Posting: Anne mentioned the order for road posting is a directive from the Selectmen. The Board will leave the date for posting up to the Road Agent, Frank Simpson as he is most aware of the road conditions.

NPR Radio: Sam Evans-Brown wants to make contact with Ed Haskell regarding interviews he did last month. Ed will contact him.

Nelson Scholarship Fund: Last June, per request of the Trustees, the Selectmen voted to close the fund due to the lack of additional contributions over recent years. (Because the fund was created by the Town it can be closed by a vote of the Selectmen without going to Probate Court.) The Trustees then distributed the remaining balance to the next scholarship recipient. Since then, Mr. Nelson has come forward with more funding and the Trustees have asked the Board to reestablish the fund. Cheryl L. made a motion to reinstate this fund, seconded by Ed Haskell and agreed to by all. Anne will notify the Trustees of the Board's vote.

Buffalo Road Bridge: Notices have been sent out for engineer's resumes for this project. The Executive Council will not act on the FEMA funds until possibly June.

Junkyards: Brendon Barlow does not want Ken Knowlton on his property to inspect. Ed H. has talked to Brendon and stated that Ken can stand on the four corners of the lot and see what is there for vehicles. Ed made a motion to close the Barlow case, seconded by Cheryl L. and voted 3-0 in the affirmative. Anne will send a letter to Mr. Barlow.

Church/Library Boundary line adjustment: Tom Wallace is still waiting to get a signature from the church on the deed.

Correspondence: New Hampshire the Beautiful has awarded a grant to the Town of Rumney, Milton Ouellette, Jr. in the amount of \$5000 toward the purchase of a new Bobcat Skid-steer loader.

Town of Wentworth sent a "Notice of discontinuance of old Class VI road" which starts at the Rumney line near Buffalo Road and crosses several properties within Wentworth to Gove's Lane.

Groton Wind submitted their annual report as well as fire suppressant information and MSDS sheets for hazardous materials located at the site.

NCC – North Country Council provided information for a Road Surface Management System they are starting which will list road surfaces and culverts in order to prioritize road projects within their region. There is a cost involved with this program if you enroll.

Letters were sent to: Ellsworth regarding EMS service and contract for this year. Brendon Barlow – in need of a final inspection..

Town Report: The 2013 town reports are out and can be picked up at the Town Office, Library and Post Office. It is also available on the Town website www.rumneynh.org.

Signed: Veteran's Credit – J. Jackson; Abatements – Reed, Lawson, Fatherland Trust, Morgan; Intent to Cut D. Hall.

Upcoming: 3/11 Voting Russell School 8 am – 7 pm
3/12 Conservation Commission meeting
3/13 Town Meeting Russell School 7:00 pm
3/17 Selectmen's Meeting
3/24 No Selectmen's meeting
3/25 Planning Board Meeting
3/31 No Selectmen's meeting
3/31 – 4/02 Annual Audit – Plodzik & Sanderson
4/07 Selectmen's Meeting – Resident's forum

Ongoing: Blasting Regulations
Personnel Policies
Disaster Recovery Plan
Technology Plan

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell
Clerk