

TOWN OF RUMNEY
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 5, 2014

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

Public: Tom Wallace, Charlie Hall, Jim and Susan Turbyne, Roger Daniels

Chairman Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Library Trustees: Trustees Tom Wallace and Roger Daniels, and Librarian Susan Turbyne met with the Board to discuss moving forward with the library renovation and having the support of the Selectmen which they did not have this past March. Tom Wallace stated he has contacted LCHIP and explained the article had failed at town meeting. They have \$28,000 remaining from the \$40,000 grant they had received. This was to be used to complete the design drawings. They have not yet proceeded with the drawings. LCHIP has extended the grant period through next March. There is also another \$25,000 they can apply for through this grant and use for construction. There have been no other requests received from within the Town of Rumney, but the three (3) year time frame for this town's use of the Groton Wind monies expires in December 2014. LCHIP would like to see this money stay in Rumney. The Trustees have \$50,000+ available for use this year and they stand the chance of losing that.

Tom further questioned if it was just the cost and timing of the project that prevented Selectmen support at town meeting. The Board said it was that plus the unknown with the Russell school project and the Pemi-Baker school project. Ed has strong concerns for the town's people meeting their tax obligations with all these projects affecting the tax rate. Cheryl suggested fund raising and donations offsetting some of the expense. Susan said several people offered, but to date, no one has come forward to act on it.

Tom reminded them the ADA has been in effect for 20 years and the library has been talking upgrading to handicap accessible for 15 years. Roger D. said "one phone call to Concord and our doors will be locked". The school can have a plan to advance with and stay open for a number of years. Costs will only increase – inflation this year alone will cause a 4 – 5% increase.

Susan questioned how they could present their needs differently than they had in the past. She is aware of several people who can no longer access the building – that needs to be stressed more – have numbers directly related to Rumney residents to emphasize the need, numbers which were not available this year. She further stated a lot of people are not aware of the extent of the activity at the library and how much it is used. It serves as a community center within the village and the town. They would like to have the Board's support to move forward with this and will continue to meet with them and maintain open lines of communication.

Mowing Bids: Several bids were received for mowing of town properties. Bids were opened, reviewed and awarded as follows:

Cemeteries: Bid #1 Green Preferred
Bid #2 Oikle and Sons

Municipal: Bid #1 JDT Property Maint.
Bid #2 Oikle and Sons
Bid #3 Oikle and Sons
Bid #4 Green Preferred

Administrative:

1. A Discretionary Easement application has been received for a barn on Trought property on Quincy Road, Tax Map #13-04-04. Phil Bodwell, assessor will review the criteria before proceeding.
2. Request to waive penalties on a late inventory filing citing medical issues was reviewed. The person has never been late filing and was hospitalized at the time. Ed made a motion to waive the penalty, seconded by Dan and agreed to by all.
3. Hearing on the Blasting Regulations will be May 19th at Russell School at 7:00 pm. The Selectmen will meet at 6:30 at the school to sign checks, etc. and the business meeting will follow the hearing.
4. Blasting scheduled for this week at CNHA has been put on hold due to equipment failure of the drilling rig. A new date has not been established at this time.
5. The auditors will be meeting with Anne on Wednesday, May 7th to follow-up on the audit.
6. The new Server for the town office will be installed on Thursday, May 8th.
7. USDA Grant to purchase the highway truck will not be applied for as the town is ineligible.
8. The Board will be scheduling department heads to meet with them individually at their meetings to help increase communication between them and the departments. Chief Main will meet on May 19th.
9. Ken Knowlton, Junkyard Inspector from MRI reviewed possible junkyard sites on School Street and discussed another questionable site on Water Street. At this time, none of the inspected sites are in violation.
10. Abatements were signed for French and Volpe.
11. A cemetery deed was signed for Reed.
12. Septic plans for Winsor, Stinson Lake Rd, Tax Map #12-02-01-01 were received, reviewed and approved by the Board. It was noted that the tax map number on the plan, 8-12-02-01-01 was incorrect; it should be 12-02-01-01. Anne will notify the designer.
13. An Intent To Cut for New England Fellowship was signed.
14. A Contract for use of Facility was signed – Russell School for Blasting Regulation Hearing.
15. An appointment for Dwight Lyon as Cemetery Trustee was signed.
16. Notification was received from National Grid that they plan to start herbicide spraying around June 16th to treat the areas surrounding their power lines.
17. A survey to be completed by Board members was received from NCC and is up to the individuals to complete.
18. Cheryl mentioned she is on the Scholarship Committee this year and they will be meeting this week to finalize who will be receiving the available scholarships.

Selectmen:

Minutes of the April 21, 2014 meeting were approved as amended.
Minutes of the April 21, 2014 hearing were approved as written.
Minutes of the April 23, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

Groton Wind update: Atty. Waugh has contacted Atty. Susan Geiger and handling the matter. (Cheryl I. recused from this issue).

EMS update: The Selectmen can transfer funds from one department to another per DRA. Ed mentioned he had met with Bill Taffe and Mark Andrew this week to discuss several EMS issues.

Cheryl had been asked why there was no memorial on the town Common for any of the Middle East conflicts. Anne will look into this to see what is involved with proposing such a memorial, etc.

Cheryl and others have been questioned about the letters sent from the assessor's office to businesses inquiring as to income and expenses for assessing purposes. The assessor has clarified with the office that answering these letters is not mandatory. In future years, this needs to be explained in the letter from the assessing company.

Dan attended the last meeting held regarding the Russell School expansion proposal. He has a copy of the plans. The committee is holding back to apply to the State of NH for funding which cannot be applied for prior to July 1, 2015. They hope to receive 45% of the cost through state aid. The plans will not go back before the voters until March 2016.

Signed: Checks; Abatements – T. Volpe, L. French; Cemetery Deed – Reed; Septic Plan – Winsor; Intent to Cut – New England Fellowship; Contract for Use of Russell School; Cemetery Trustee Appointment – Dwight Lyon.

Upcoming: 5/12 No meeting
5/19 Meeting and Public Hearing – Blasting Regulations @ Russell School
5/26 Memorial Day – Office Closed – No Meeting
5/27 Planning Board meeting
6/02 Selectmen's meeting – Residents' Forum

Ongoing: Blasting Regulations
Personnel Policies
Disaster Recovery Plan
Technology Plan

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell
Clerk

