

TOWN OF RUMNEY
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
06/18/07

Selectmen Present: Mark Andrew, Janice Mulherin, John Fucci
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow
Secretary: Janet Sherburne

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES: The minutes of 6-4-07 and 6-11-07 were approved.

SELECTMEN'S ISSUES:

SEPTIC APPROVALS: Keyes (7-2-15) The board reviewed the plans. They have a question on the distance to the Baker River and would like to see the application to make sure there is compliance with the Shoreland Protection Act if it applies. The application was not submitted with the plans. A subdivision plan has not been submitted to the Planning Board at this point. These items will be checked before the board approves the plan.

Stinson Forest Products (8-6-4-2 Lot 2) – The board reviewed and approved the plans.

Stinson Forest Products (8-6-4-5 Lot 5) – The board reviewed the plans but did not have enough information. They need to see the application and need to check on compliance with the Shoreland Protection Act.

Greg Hood (11-2-8) These plans are being re-submitted with changes. The original plans were submitted in 2005. The board reviewed and approved the plans.

Taramino (5-1-6) The board reviewed and approved the plans.

Sonny Ouellette, Transfer Station Supervisor – Sonny met with the board to discuss the upcoming Amnesty Day. He has been asked by a resident about the disposal of commercial tires during Amnesty Day. The board discussed this and agreed that commercial tires **would not** be accepted. John Fucci is working on making flyers and signs and knows someone who is willing to donate \$200.00 towards a mailing. Sonny explained to the board that he will need volunteer help on July 28th from 10-2 and perhaps members of the board and/or office staff would be available. There also may be a need for police coverage for traffic.

Sonny asked the board about his incentive program and explained that he felt the Amnesty Day could affect the amount of recyclables brought in. His concern was that if this was an annual event, residents would save the recyclables until the Amnesty Day. The board suggested that he look at how much is brought in on the 28th and also compare figures for last year. The board explained that it was not their intent to have his incentive suffer. They will discuss this with Sonny after the Amnesty Day.

Mike Lonigro met with the board to discuss the abatement process and to provide information to the board which he feels will help them complete the process fairly. Sixteen residents at Stinson Lake have had a full appraisal done by Armstrong Appraisal. Mr. Lonigro explained that the pattern on these 16 appraisals is that they are coming in 15-30% less than the town's assessment. Mr. Lonigro asked that if the appraisals are submitted by the property owners, would the board review them. The board agreed that if the appraisals are submitted they will review them and the assessor would also be consulted to make sure that equal comparisons were made.

Mr. Lonigro explained that the residents of Stinson Lake do not feel that the abatements have been handled equally and that the process was not fair & equitable. He also noted that it is the opinion of Armstrong Appraisal that “spot assessing” was used on the Primeau lot which was used in determining the market value. Mr. Lonigro asked if once an abatement check was cashed, do the property owners give up the right for any further abatement. Anne will check on this.

Richard Bromund was also present during this discussion. He also had an appraisal done and will turn in a copy on Tuesday. The board responded to an e-mail received from Mr. Bromund last week regarding concerns he had about the assessor and how his meeting with the assessor went.

NE Salem – A draft PILOT proposal was reviewed concerning the abatement request asking for tax exempt status. The board would like Mr. Bean of NE Salem to come in and discuss this issue. The board would like to have YTD calls to Salem from the Police Dept., Fast Squad and Fire Dept. for this meeting and also find out from Frank Simpson is there is any impact on the Highway Dept.

Ambulance Contract – The revised ambulance contract was reviewed and the changes the board had requested were made. The board signed the contract.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Highway Position – The Highway position has been filled and the successful applicant will start work in a couple of weeks. The board would like to meet with him at some point.

Junkyards – Information on junkyards was received from Bernie Waugh. The board needs to review the information and will discuss at a later date.

NEF Travel Trailer Assessments – June Beal (13-08-TT) has asked the town why there is a building multiplier used on travel trailers in figuring the assessment. Anne will check with CNP and see how they handle travel trailers.

CDBG – This matter is ongoing and more information has been requested. The information requested requires some research and Anne will work on this.

Carl Spring – Mr. Spring informed the board that he had met with Frosty Sobetzer and Brad Eaton at the Quincy Ballfield and they are working on laying out an area for the rink and working on a budget. They hope that a small rink will be put up this year to see how much participation there is. There will be an information table set up at Old Home Day.

Abatements – The board reviewed 21 abatements.

Signed: Checks; Intent to Cut – C. Sheehan; 2007 Plymouth Ambulance Contract; Conservation Restriction Application – Alger (14-03-04); 22 Refunds

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Sherburne

