MINUTES

ROWE PLANNING BOARD

DECEMBER 7,2006

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Board Members: David Roberson, Rebecca Bradley, Jody Brown, Ann Foshay, Mitch Soviecke Citizens: Myra Carlow, Sue Wood, Mary Page, Earl Carlow

ACTION 1: The Planning Board and Select Board members discussed language contained in the "Community Development Strategy" draft dated 10/20/06. David stated that it was a planning document which should be controlled by the Planning Board. Myra disagreed stating that it was a document containing ongoing plans within the town but was not technically a planning document. David reported that he had contacted town attorney Janet Pumphrey for an opinion concerning this matter, but that she had refused to be involved stating that she worked directly for the Selectmen and could not be used by the Planning Board to settle this dispute between town boards.

Changes to some of the language in the "Community Development Strategy" was discussed. Both boards agreed that these changes would clear up this matter and allow the CDBG grant process to go forward.

David stated that although he agreed in principal to the changes, the "Community Development Strategy" should not be considered to be a planning document and that the Planning Board did not endorse the state's "Sustainable Development Principals" contained in it.

Myra agreed to email copies of the revised "Community Development Strategy" to the Planning Board members before it was submitted.

Becky made a motion to accept the document with the agreed upon changes. David seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

ACTION 2: David made a motion to approve the minutes of October 12, 2006 and November 6, 2006, with the agreed upon changes. Ann seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

ACTION 3: Mitch reviewed procedures recommended by Ellen Babcock for contracting, the typing and printing of the new Zoning Bylaws.

ACTION 4: Jody reported that she had spoken to Margaret Woodside concerning a Goal Post mailing.

ACTION 5: David said that he had rescheduled building inspector Bill Foster to meet with the Planning Board in January.

ACTION 6: The board agreed to schedule the hearing for Chris Swenson/Jim Williams special permit on January 4, 2007. Becky agreed to act as clerk during this process, while Mitch agreed to continue on as secretary.

ACTION 7: The board discussed the Budget Hearing to be held on Monday, December 11, 2006. Ann agreed to attend the meeting and submit the boards' budget request. The board decided to ask for an additional $2,000 for legal work.

ACTION 8: Mitch asked if the board members had reviewed the subdivision regulations received from the Town of Heath. It was agreed that board members would carefully read over the proposed bylaws and the subdivision rules for a review meeting on January 18th. Mitch to have Ellen post the meeting.

ACTION 9: David made a motion that the board adopt a resolution stating that the Rowe Planning Board does not recognize the Community Development Strategy as a planning document, and does not consider itself to be bound by it. Furthermore, the Board has not adopted or endorsed the Massachusetts Office for Commonwealth Developments Sustainable Development Principals. Ann seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Mitchell Sovicke
Joann M. Brown
Angela Fraley Foshay
Jim Robson
Rebecca P. Bradley