MINUTES
ROWE PLANNING BOARD
MAY 3, 2007

ATTENDANCE: Board Members: David Roberson, Ann Foshay, Jody Brown, Becky Bradley and Mitch Soviecke

CALLED TO ORDER; 7:08 with Becky joining at 7:20

David made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2007, March 8, 2007 and April 26, 2007. Ann seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Ann reported that she had phoned Bill Labich from FRCOG. Mr. Labich told her that there was still funding to help Rowe complete its Open Space and Recreation Plan. It was decided to invite him to a future meeting to explain the details. Dave is to contact him to set up the meeting.

Ann reported that she had spoken to Jack Williams concerning the history of Yankee Atomic and Bear Swamp both being outside Rowe's industrial zone. Mr. Williams related that he remembered special permits were given to both businesses.

The board further discussed the industrial zone and why Yankee and Bear Swamp were just outside the zone. There was discussion about eliminating the industrial zone. Rick Williams was called to clarify the tax situation and he reported that there was no tax difference between industrial zone property and businesses operating outside the industrial zone.

David reviewed a letter to be sent in response to the Pioneer Valley Clean Energy Plan correspondence reviewed at the April 26, 2007 meeting. Mitch commented that although he agreed in principle that the planning board not endorse this type of material due to its vague nature and possible future consequences, that the planning boards response should include statements reflecting its understanding of the need to address issues concerning energy conservation and renewable energy production. David agreed to make these changes and send the letter to all agencies involved and to the Rowe selectmen.

David made a motion that he would edit this letter and that it would be signed by all planning board members. Becky seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Becky made a motion that the planning board eliminate the industrial zone. Ann seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The next meeting was scheduled for June 7, 2007. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

MINUTES ACCEPTED BY THE PLANNING BOARD ON 7/19/2007

David H. Roberson, chairman
Joann M. Brown
Angela Foley Foshay