Minutes
Planning Board, Town of Rowe
July 19, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, David Roberson at 10:00 a.m. Members present: David Roberson, JoAnne Brown, and Angela Fraley Foshay. Audience: Robert Silva, Andrew Hufnagel representing Verizon, Margaret Woodside

Robert Silva presented his plan to divide a 4-acre building lot parcel from his 130 acres. His bank was requiring clearance from the Planning Board affirming that it did not violate any local regulations before granting a loan for him to build. The property is part of a forestry preserve on Davis Mine Road. The Board determined that Mr. Silva did not need any special permit from us to do this, so we signed the copies of the plan that he submitted.

Verizon tree cutting. Andrew Hufnagel under contract from Veriaon brought a detailed plan for running a fiberoptic cable from Charlemont through Rowe to Monroe Bridge in order to serve that area from Massachusetts instead of from Vermont. The plan detailed trees to be pruned, trees to be cut, and projected locations of poles to be installed. This plan had been done in collaboration with Jim Taylor, our highway superintendent, to determine the least tree cutting necessary. After detailed discussion, it was voteded that a public hearing would be held on August 9, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. A notice to that effect will be put in the West County News.

New Goal Post editor and a person to format the By-Laws document for circulation and initial review. Ann will write ads, clear them with David and Jody and arrange for the ads to run in the West County News for the week of August 2 and August 9, 2007 issues.

Open places on the Board. Ann will phone Tom Chiofalo and Gerrit White to ask if they will be willing to serve.

Goal Post. Margaret Woodside reported that the September issue will be her last and that she hopes a new person will be available to take over in early September for the October issue.

The minutes of the June 13 meeting will be retyped with corrections.

The next meeting will be August 2, 2007
The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Fraley Foshay

Approved: David Roberson chairman
Angela Fraley Foshay
JoAnn M. Brown