Minutes, Public Hearing
Planning Board, Town of Rowe
August 9, 2007

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman David Roberson at 10:00 a.m. Present: David Roberson, JoAnne Brown, and Angela Fraley Foshay. Audience: James Taylor, Russell Jolly, Ellynn Packard, Loretta Dionne, and Andrew Hufnagel.

The purpose of this hearing was to let citizens know what the plans were for trimming and cutting trees on Monroe Hill Road in order to accommodate some 30 telephone poles that Verizon wants to place to run fiberoptic cable from Charlemont through Rowe to Monroe Bridge. Mr. Hufnagel representing Verizon explained that Verizon was previously serving Monroe Bridge from Vermont, but they ~~have sold~~ are in the process of selling the Vermont service area, and Monroe Bridge must now be served from their facilities in Massachusetts. DR

Although the cable will run through Rowe, Verizon has no plans to use it to do the much needed upgrades of the Rowe telephone service equipment that is now failing Rowe residents almost continuously.
Although Jim Taylor worked with Mr. Hufnagel to arrange for the least impact possible on the natural beauty of Monroe Hill Road, it will require wires crossing over the road and back again in many places.

~~The Planning Board has jurisdiction only over the tree cutting and not over the placement of the poles.~~ After much discussion, the Board voted to approve the plan for pruning and cutting trees contingent on approval by the Select Board for the installation of the poles. DR

Employment issue. Owing to the fact that the ad in the West County News brought no applidants for the job of Goal Post editor and By-Laws formatting, it was decided to run the ads for a week in the Greenfield Recorder. We approved for payment the bill for $23 and $26 from TURLEY PUBLICATIONS Publilcations for the two week ads in the West County News.
Mail: We received a notice from the Town of Whitingham of a hearing on September 5 at 7:00 p.m. to present their new by-laws. A Copy of the new by-laws was included.

Our next meeting will be September 6, 2007 at 10:a.m.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Fraley Foshay

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