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Rowe Planning Board Minutes
April 3, 2008
Present: Joann Brown, Ellynn Packard, Angela Foshay, David Roberson
Audience: Maryanne Dykeman DZ

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. The minutes of January 3, February 8, and March 6 were read, approved and signed.

Ms. Brown informed the board that Shirley Veber requests payment of $25 a month for her work in assembling and mailing the "Goal Post". The board voted on a motion to approve the payment and the motion was passed.

Mr. Roberson noted that Ellen Babcock has presented information to him on the new copier that will be purchased for the town hall, and the possibility of using it for in-house printing of the "Goal Post." Ms. Packard mentioned that there are serious disadvantages to in-house printing, including the lack of a back-up printer in case of equipment failure and the necessity of having a person supervising the printer who is thoroughly familiar with the working of the copier and can be relied upon to be present.

The question of a notice to the non-resident taxpayers who receive the "Goal Post" regarding payment of subscriptions or cancellation was discussed and the matter tabled.

Under new business, Mr. Roberson said he needs supplies and will go through Ellen Babcock.

The Board received correspondence from Charlemont regarding an April 15 hearing on their proposed zoning by-laws changes. No one from the Rowe Planning Board plans to attend.

Mr. Roberson noted that the new poles being installed in various places in town by the telephone company are considerably larger than the old poles and represent a possible degradation of the scenic roadways.

Mr. Roberson gave Ms. Packard citations in the Massachusetts General Laws, and other materials explaining the functions of the Planning Board to be read.

Mr. Roberson mentioned the necessity of coordinating with the Bylaw Review Committee, and the possibility of completing the work on the by-laws in time for a September Special Town Meeting. Following a brief discussion of possible new members for the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on May 8, at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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David Roberson, Chair