Rowe Planning Board

March 18, 2009

Present: Dykeman, Foshay, Packard, Roberson

Absent: J. Brown

The minutes of September 4, 2008, were tabled. The tape from those two meetings will be reviewed. The minutes of October 2, 2008, and January 8, 2009, and February 4, 2009 were reviewed and approved.

Correspondence was received regarding a cell tower to be located in Charlemont on Burrington Road near the Charlemont Academy. Since this tower will not in any way infringe on legal Rowe interests, no action was taken and the letter was filed.

An invoice from February 5 for the composing of the February "Goal Post" was received. A concern was expressed that no duplicate payments be made. Ms. Packard will check with Ellen Babcock.

An invoice was received from Christine Tower for assistance with the "Goal Post". It was tabled until details can be ascertained.

Ms. Packard went to the Selectboard meeting on the budget and noted that the meeting went well but that she would prefer not to be the representative to the Selectboard budget meetings in the future.

Mr. Roberson mentioned that the Yankee land disposition committee has not met since January 16th. He reported that the selectboard met on Feb. 6 with Yankee representatives and their broker who has been hired to handle the sale. The broker is Vita Nuova which specializes in environmentally complex sales. Vita Nuova claims to have investigated environmental issues and potential uses including wind power, sport, timber harvesting, conservation and recreation and second homes. The state wants to buy the land for development of wind power, Mr. Roberson reported. Mr. Roberson proposed that he write a memorandum to Vita Nuovo and Yankee Atomic stating that our by-laws prohibit use of land for wind power. The memorandum will be reviewed by the full board before it is sent.

The procedure to have members of the Planning Board observe the process of printing the "Goal Post" was reviewed at length. Ellen Babcock will be asked to notify board members as early as possible before the printing. Ms. Foshay and Mr. Dykeman will observe.

A further discussion ensued regarding the recent request that a submitted photo be placed on the cover of the "Goal Post". It was the consensus of the Board that the placement of photos is at the discretion of the editor. Ms. Packard will notify Ms. Rudie of the policy.

The question has arisen as to whether or not advertisements for businesses outside of Rowe will be accepted for publication. Mr. Roberson recused himself from a vote on the question on the grounds that he is the owner of a business in Shelburne Falls. The motion that no advertising from outside Rowe be accepted was carried by a vote of Foshay, Packard and Dykeman. Ms. Packard will notify Ms. Rudie, and also inform her that we wish to continue in-house printing.

A discussion followed on whether or not inserts from the Board of Health, or any inserts, such as the one regarding regulations for outside wood furnaces, be approved in advance by the Planning Board. Mr. Roberson will inform Ellen Babcock that it is the intention of the Planning Board that such inserts be reviewed in advance.

Mr. Roberson has talked with our attorney and will continue to talk with her about the multiple revisions to be made to the by-laws.

The Board will discuss subdivision regulations at another meeting.

The next meeting will on April 9 at 1 p.m. We adjourned at approximately noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellynn Packard, Secretary Ellynn Packard

David Roberson_____ Angela Foshay_____

Robert Dykeman Robert L Dykeman