Rowe Planning Board
Minutes
May 14, 2009

Present: David Roberson, Angela Foshay, Ellynn Packard
Absent: Jo-ann Brown, Robert Dykeman

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm. The minutes from the Tree Hearing in September, and the meeting of April 9 were continued.

In correspondence, a letter from Heath was received regarding changes in their by-laws, to the effect that after the sale of land, the land ownership could not be sold again for one year.

A letter was received from the Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs at the state, from Ian Bowles.

Hearing notices were received from the Charlemont Planning Board regarding communications facilities. The consensus was that the proposals would not affect Rowe, as no boundaries of Rowe would be affected.

From the National Audubon Society, Mr. Roberson received a communication indicating their concern about pending state legislation regarding expediting the approval of proposals for wind power. This would have the effect of reducing local control, members of the Planning Board suggested. It was moved and voted that a letter to the Hon. Michael Morrissey and the Hon. Barry Feingold be sent expressing the concerns of the Planning Board, the letter to be sent by David Roberson, copies to be sent to other towns.

A lengthy discussion followed about the cost of the "Goal Post" to residents and the appropriate charges for subscriptions. Most of the discussion proved to be based on a faulty estimate of the cost of each issue. The subject will have to be revisited with accurate costs for mailings. Ellen Babcock will be asked to provide copies of the charges from the post office for "Goal Post" bulk mailings.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for May 28th at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellynn Packard, Secretary
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David Roberson, Chair

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