Rowe Planning Board
June 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 1:17 am. Present were David Roberson, Angela Foshay, Ellynn Packard and Robert Dykeman. Paul McLatchy III attended.

The minutes of April 9, April 23 and May 28 were approved and the minutes of May 14 were continued until revision.

There was no correspondence. The invoices from Lynne Rudie and Shirley Veber were approved. A receipt from Amazon.com for file cases for David Roberson was also approved for reimbursement from Planning Board funds.

Proposed state legislation regarding the procedures for approving siting of wind power was discussed. Heath and Hawley have sent memos to the state similar to the memo sent by the Rowe Planning Board objecting to the diminishment of local control, as proposed by the state.

Ellen Babcock has sent a memo of some length regarding errors she believes she has found in the by-laws due to a failure to incorporate changes made in the past regarding the extension of the industrial zone on the northwest side of Rowe. These errors were not corrected in the 1992 printed version of our by-laws, Article V, as contained in the red book which is presently the official version. The map showing the zoning areas also did not include a northwest industrial area, nor did the map in the version previous to 1992. In order to verify these alleged errors, the same review made by Ms. Babcock would have to be repeated, Ms. Packard pointed out. Mr. Roberson will consult our attorney.

With regard to a land grant program from the state, we are not eligible for funds because we do not have an open space and recreation plan.

Discussion of the "Goal Post" will be continued to the next meeting.

The zoning by-laws revision copy currently referenced by the Planning Board is as of May 28, 2009.

No action was taken after a discussion of a scenic vista protection by-law restricting hilltop construction being considered by Wendell. Mr. Dykeman said he could not support such a by-law in Rowe.

A Heath by-law requiring one-year ownership of land before subdivision and sale was discussed. No action was taken.

The process of moving forward the passing of all the by-laws of Rowe as newly revised was discussed. No one has a current copy of the procedure as required by the state. Ms. Packard will research.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 18 at 1:15 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellynn Packard, Secretary
Ellynn Packard

David Roberson, Chair

Angela Foshay
Angela F. Foshay

Robert Dykeman