 Minutes Rowe Planning Board Dec 2, 2009

The meeting of Rowe Planning Board convened at 10:04 AM.

Present: David Roberson (chair), Robert Dykeman Angela Foshay, Danette Reynolds-Gallagher, and Jo-ann (Jodi) Brown. Audience: Jim Taylor (tree warden) and Paul McClatchy (selectman) & Kris Swenson. Jim Taylor spoke regarding a pine first discussed at tree hearing (Davenport & Davis Mine Rd.). It appears National Grid cannot work around a large pine there, the land owner has given an O.K. to remove it, and due to a split leader (although Jim tried to save tree); permission is needed to remove entire tree. After ensuing discussion, motion made and oral vote of 4 to one passed with David abstaining.

Bill Foster, building inspector, arrived at 10:15 am, and discussion ensued regarding (led by David): ① hard-ship to builders should tree hearing be negative ② would acquiring power first be easier way to proceed

Danette suggested as builders first need a proven site for septic, could a proven site for power be necessary with possibility of a change in the building applications.

Discussed was the fact power company now reluctant to use easements (this recently resulted in 29 poles on Davis Mine, mostly paid by

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family wishing to build). Therefore could present building form be altered, saving Bill time and putting tree hearing first. Also utility approval first. Bob expressed concern if owner wishes to keep tree would power co. remove anyway.. David will insert power/tel/electric on form; and remove water/sewage. Mr. Foster was in agreement with this and the new form will state tel. and electrical service available for site. Administrator Ellen Miller has form, and form could be attached to building permit. Danette will show select-board and assessors form. There was an unanimous oral vote for submitting the new form. Also Mr McClatchy agreed to watch for it to come before his board.

Quick question from Kris Swenson: Easement 5 feet from edge of road. Not allowed to cut without hearing. A second unanimous oral vote changed second motion to have form attached to every building application.

The November 6 meeting minutes were read and approved as read.

Under correspondence $500.00 to Lynne Rudie approved & signed.

An up-date birthday list asked for due to deaths, and moving out of town.

Charlemont has notice decision of approval wind

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turbine for Berkshire East. Monroe Bridge is to have meeting re wind turbines.

Under NEW BUSINESS: Dave passed to members minutes of select-board meetings, Concerned they received conflicting report that our board had voted against attending one of their meetings. After perusal by the board, Danette recommended adding these select-board minutes as adendum to ours. Also Dave will write a memo to select-board correcting the fact that Planning Board did NOT vote to NOT attend select Board meeting with a request this be included as an item in their minutes.

Mr McClatchey reassured board he would help attend to this.

Dave has talked with Senator Downing regarding energy bill, and he reassured them + maintains it will perserve home rule. Dave feels bill will not move ahead this session. Tomorrow evening, FRPB will meet about this act, and Dave will attend at 7pm at Hampton INN.

Regarding P. Board's access to Network computer/printer, Danette talked with Ellen Miller who stated back-up is Sandy Davian.

Jodi brought citizen's concerns regarding events Not being listed on G.P.'s calendar. It was suggested events be listed on back of

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the calendar. A Notation will be sent to Lynne.

Discussion ensued between Kris & Danette. Kris states some writings to the Post require word changes, and Danette feels person submitting article should be made aware if any changes are to be made. Kris stated she never changes content. If anything questionable in future, she will bring original before board.

It was suggested the board meeting might better serve getting material right for the Goal Post if held mid-month.

Next meeting Jan. 13th. at 10 am.

Danette would like to investigate other towns' planning boards in regard to fees and regs. regarding towers. She may check FRCOG directory and ask for Chairman (communities of our size). Dave suggested check with Ellen Miller and motioned if way to identify these towns, he will mail memos. This resulted in an unanimous oral vote. Town stationary will be asked for.

Anne still questions if computer in meeting room can be used. Answer is yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 am.

Joann (Jodi) Brown, Sec.