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The meeting of Rowe Planning Board convened at 10:08 am. Present: David Roberson (chair) Jo-ann (Jodi) Brown, Robert Dykeman, Angela Foshay and Danette Reynolds-Gallagher. Audience consisted of William Loomis, Paul McClatchy, Jack Packard, Russ Jolly, and Kris Swenson with David Wayne appearing shortly after. Videotape will be done by P. McClatchy. The minutes of April 15, 2010 were perused and accepted.

Chr. Roberson addressed audience concerns natt - Russ Jolly was present to follow through with the procedure leading to his special permit request regarding a small gravel pit on his property. Requirements for this include filling out permit, give a copy to P. Board, & town Clerk and a public hearing within 65 days plus notification to all property owners. Danette perused town by-laws to ascertain. Dave set 21st. May (Fri) 10 am as public hearing date. Russ O.K.'d this. Dave will write up Publice Notice for hearing, Danette check with town clerk, Carrie Silva, about mailings to Heath and Whitingham.

Russ has sent letters to all his neighboring abutters. He presented their consentual postcards to the board. He has also spoken to the Conservation Committee (comission), filed an application, and this committee will view the site. Kris was reassured newspaper notice to be done also.

At 10:33 AM Jack Packard convened the Rowe Energy Committee. Their quorum was Jack Packard,

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Paul McClatchy III, and William Loomis:
Chr. Packard passed out their agenda to all present.

He stated their plan an opportunity for the community - DOR - major funding availability. Chr. Packard figures the committee of five people are unable to determine by selves a plan of this importance, therefore the Green Committee desires option to present data to town residents to see what they want will be issued.

The Planning Board has one copy of an Energy Plan. Chr. Roberson interjected that each member should have a copy.

Five citeria are needed to become a Green Community eligible for grant of ~~$148,000.~~. The Energy Committee has already started on some: for example: town vechicles to be replaced with energy ones, street lights to follow. ~~The~~ Solar project at the schools.

Danette had several queries: Is it Dollars and cents versus Kilowatts.²

MR. Loomis stated: Need to set up a separate zone to renew energy source; least polltive being small wind or solar. Acres required needs to be five acres. One area should not impact our By-laws

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Danette questioned could designate area ONLY for facility? Questioned if owner of area, i.e. Bear Swamp. (closeness to transmission lines) ergo could Swamps say NO. Danette feels special permit important, and sought reassurance regarding hearings and input by town residents. Example: look at what Russ Jolly had to attend to prior to receiving small gravel permit.

Mr. Loomis had felt special permit not required for plan of big field (5 acres). He also stated specifications and criteria were gone through when by-law accepted by town meeting.

Chr. Roberson stated the Planning Board deals with special permits.

Further discussion regarding how town feels, energy committee wishing to start paperwork, seek help from planning board, let townfolk know to fix up homes. Paul McClatchey III, selectboard & a member Energy committee stated survey will go out to town in month or two, draft done).

The tech. assistant (for ~~$4,000~~ $4,000) is expert in solar, and will give 38 hrs. of time for $4,000 Selectman chr. and Energy Committee member, Mr. Loomis, felt that a grant of $148,000 well worth $4,000 expenditure. Packard stated pay-back will be 40 years. (will provide 20,000 Kilo school uses 104,000).

Further discussion about Planning Board's role will be needed.

The Energy Committee adj. at 11:05 AM, P.B. Chr. ~~P.B.~~ Roberson then discussed with Committee members his research regarding town Counsel, J. Pumphrey's memo. He passed out his results to all members.

He received three letters from D.O.R. with nothing remotely denying independent counsel. He talked to P.B. atty. Donna McNichol, whose opinion was as follows re right to independent counsel:

① If legal counsel, board may do so. (school committee may)

② If conflict, town meeting may approve.

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Rowe's by-laws state this also.
May have separate. needs legal authority
of town meeting appropriation meets this
criteria. She advised interpretation of
meeting votes hinges on discussion around
them., amend article to say P.B. legal
independent counsel - pass by D.o.R. for their
opinion. Need our article considered first,
and Dave will talk to Bob Clancy prior to
art 3 introduced. If 4 comes up, ask to
move art. 5. to read with original petition
language. If moderator says no, move to
amend.

Regarding Goal Post issues: DOR has
no problem with small ads. It questions
Box Top ad & relay for life.. Board will get
more specific language in writing. Dave to acquire.
David Wayne, citizen, wishes goal Post to
include schedule of Mohawk Trail Concerts.
This was agreed on by all (unanimous oral vote.)
Several omissions were noted from Goal Post.
Discussion ensued, and ~~unanimous~~ oral vote
passed to extend editions to 20 pages or
less. Count was 4 ayes - one abstainence.
[illegible] asked for authorization to

track births, deaths. An unanimous oral vote was passed with provision Kris talk with families involved before submitting.

Next meeting: a Public Hearing May the 21st. with regular meeting ½ hr. later. G. Ainsworth is surveying Hazelton Rd. lot in regard to R. Loomis dividing this property.

Public hearing for 21st: 10am.

Reg meeting: 10:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 12:14 pm.

Joann M. (Jodi) Brown, Sec.