Planning Board Minutes

September 9, 2010

The Rowe Planning Board convened at 11:04 AM.

Present: Jo-Ann (Jodi) Brown, Danette Reynolds-Gallagher and David Roberson.

Absent: Robert Dykeman and John (Jack) Williams.

Audience: Paul Mc Lachy III (video taping), Betty Lenth, Kris Swenson and Jack Packard. (note: Paul and Jack are members of the Energy Committee.)

Minutes of August 11th were perused. Addition to minutes of: Jack stated he will approach finance committee about a paid secretary. The minutes were then accepted by unanimous oral vote. Copy supplied to assist town clerk, Sandy Daviau.

The meeting resumed with Jack Packard, Energy Chair, speaking:

In regard to working with the Planning Board, he feels one or two members might get together occasionally from each board. His Board will meet this evening. Their goal has a deadline of one year and they need to move ahead themselves with by-laws and make regulations. It will be necessary for Planning Board to set up public hearings, best option to use FRCOG, other resources, go to other towns, Jim Barry and OAR stretch code. Want regs. in hand in short time. (drafts). Assumption is best plan for committee to copy what Becket did Dept of E. D.- sample as of right zoning by-law has good by-line with good explanations. Copies passed out. Jack Packard feels to do good complete (job?) sample by-laws/ wants to proceed. (by?) Keeping in touch with Planning Board interacting as Planning Board wishes.

Model permit: booklet streamlining permits- also, Appendix A step by step Chapter 43D for adoption permits from Mass regulatory office.

Danette inquired if people fully understood Green Energy. Jack feels the town is unprepared to this time to vote, and that more informational meetings are needed. Wishes to inform <u>all</u> voters. David, P. B. Chair, has survey comments which were sent to him. Survey's use = pure raw actual data where people stand. (big middle ground noted). Greenfield went about as king for energy coordination NOT renewable energy: ergo only got 1/10th monies. Jack also questions government changes (policy) if new folks elected.

Dave stated areas feel committee have more explicit guide lines qualifying wind resources with material spectrum broader; question what will get if wind resource not used. Only Energy Committee out of 17 regions to do survey. Felt number of no's against wind in survey showed little wind interest.

Paul McLatchy interjected that the vote was split on wind. Jack Packard stated, Green Community needs reason <u>NOT</u> to use wind. Dave Roberson asked if Jack Packard could communicate this to people. Planning Board members need copies of Green Community. Betty Lenth: results of survey and committee <u>will</u> come out.

Danette gave a statement that for the Goal Post to include inserts of ALL comments (opinions) is against our Goal Post policy. Notice could have been allowed with data in Goal Post listing full survey results available at other sites. (Town Hall, Library, Refuse Garden, etc.) Jack P. replied that B.J. Roche has drafted a letter asking for rationale regarding editorial policy; possibly adjusting it.

Danette said, "Allegation from last meeting that Walt Quist, Chair, Yankee Land Com., was told not to come to meeting, not true, according to recent conversation with Walt himself."
Also at the last meeting: After Jack Williams leveled accusation to Dave Roberson regarding "Anti-wind", and Dave replied Jack Pro-wind for 8 years. The audience gasped. Dave now presented news paper clipping from 8 years ago to validate his comment, (Wind Farm mentioned in above clipping).

The invoice to pay editor, Lynne Rudie' four hundred seventy five dollars was unanimously voted for and signed.

Discussion then ensued regarding a memo sent from Select Board to the Planning Board members. Chair of Planning Board, Dave Roberson did not receive a memo via mail as other members did. However, it (memo) was found in Planning Board mail slot (end room) Town Hall by Dave later. Dave corrected August 12th date stated on memo to Wednesday August 11th. Stated he has been clear that his request for public records was as a Chair of Planning Board (aside District Attorney).
Danette and Jodi feel Attorney General approach appropriate due to memo content, and no memo mailed to Dave. (?) Would appreciate select-board signatures also.
Paul McLatchy, (also Select Board member) stated two members of board, he and Jen Wood voted to send this memo; Bill Loomis not at the meeting but approved letter at a later date. Dave stated he has always been provided with records asked for in past, and now feels his efforts are stymied.

Paul McLatchy presented the Board with a letter from Commonwealth of Mass. Public Records Division. He (Paul) stated at this time that David had accused superior of records of "lying". After defensive statements from Planning Board Chair, David Roberson, (statements that accusation was inflammatory and defaming to his character via political means) Mr. McLatchy changed his charge to "...implied supervisor was lying." Danette moved to have David's statement attached to minutes, and it was an unanimous oral vote. Also,a unanimous vote to include above comments in minutes.

Another discussion ensued regarding fact that Ellen Miller, town administrator sent suggestion to Lynne Rudie', Goal Post Editor, to charge for ads in Goal Post. Fees beneficial to Town. Betty Lenth interjected one should not down-grade other committees. Ads and fees tabled.
Regarding Ellen's suggestion, Chair of Select Board, McLatchy stated: Just a recommendation from their Board (Select), and they have no authority to make a decision.
After discussion a policy was made about inserts:
1. All inserts to be submitted to Goal Post Editor by the stated deal line time, unless prior arrangements have been made.
2. Routine inserts of events of the Council of Aging are exempt from above policy.
A vote was taken, 3 votes, 3 members Policy passed unanimously.

Jodi remembered side-by side (different years) policies in Goal Post and Betty Lenth confirmed this.
Last meeting there was a question regarding residence:
Residence=Dwelling=Building or Portion for one or more families. Anne Foshay of Board of Health has expressed concerns. A Mr. La Valley approached FRCOG recently regarding a shed. The By-Laws regarding A and B Lots (were) gone over once again.
Querier: How long can people camp?
How can we regulate how long people can camp? Paul went with Board of Health and found 2 rooms-1 big one upstairs. These questions were tabled 'til a full Board of five was present plus a legal opinion (regarding family definition) will be sought from Donna Mc Nichol, Attorney.

Suggestions:
1. Building inspector is the enforcer of the By-Laws (Zoning section).
2. Go to Lisa Burke, health agent after asking Board of Health
3. Then approach Donna Mc Nichol. (Topic was) Tabled for now.

Closing Statements:
Need to write up process to go through to vote the By Laws.
Yankee Land Committee Chair, Walt Quist to appear 1st on next agenda.

Next meeting, September 29th at 5 PM
Meeting adjourned at 12:04 PM

Post Meeting: Betty Lenth has issues with "Junk IN Yards" Refer to Page 11 Section 3 (red book) by D. Roberson, Chair

Respectfully Submitted by
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Typed by Dorothy Page