Planning Board Minutes for the Meeting of 12 September 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by chairman David Roberson in the Town Hall in Hearing Room #1. Dan Burke, David Roberson, Doug Wilson, Robin Reed, and Jodi Brown were in attendance, as was Jenn Morse, the chair of the Board of Selectmen.

Minutes from the meetings of 24 January 2018, 30 May 2018, and 8 August 2018 were passed out, as was the agenda for the meeting. The 24 January minutes had already been read and signed, so the 30 May 2018 minutes were read and approved unanimously as written. The minutes of 8 August were approved after adding the name of Jim Davidson to the attendees. David moved that the minutes be approved and they were, unanimously.

Dave asked Donna MacNicol, the Planning Board attorney, whether sugar houses have to be approved. David had been contacted by someone who wanted to build a sugar house on Cyrus Stage Road and David wanted to know whether this was a "by right" use or subject to the Special Permit process. If they are seen either as an agricultural use or as home use ot they may be exempted from the need for approval. Donna told David that it might be allowed by right, but she did not state definitively that they were. She advised David to invite the resident to the meeting so that we could get an idea what they were proposing and make a determination. However, David never heard back from him.

Jenn wants to be able to approve the the Selectmen's submissions to the Goal Post before they are printed. Doug agreed to do this.

Dan Burke's suggestion that the Goal Post was taking too much of the Planning Board's time and energy the idea that the Selectmen might take over production of the newsletter. No vote was taken, but Jenn said that she would relay the suggestion to the Selectmen and get back to us if that was something they were interested in pursuing.

There was a letter from the principal of the Rowe Elementary School about the editing of the Goal Post and a copy will be filed with the Town Clerk, along with the minutes of this meeting after they are approved.

The next meeting will be on 17 October 2018 at 6:00 pm..

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Attachments: Principal's letter to the Planning Board

Approved 5 December 2018

Jenn Morse

Douglas Wilson

Joann M. Brown

Ray W. Reed

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August 8, 2018

To the Rowe Planning Board and Rowe Select Board:

I am writing this in support of Doug Wilson, and the job he is doing with the Goal Post.

As someone with over twenty years experience in the newspaper industry, I understand the challenges that Doug faces each month. I find that he faces those challenges with flexibility, understanding, and determination to produce a publication that includes necessary information, pertinent pictures, as well as a sense of place, and does so with a light touch.

It seems like Doug succeeds in showcasing the voices of those who write for the Goal Post without interjecting his own, not always an easy task for an editor. Doug also does this in a timely manner, despite having to wrangle information from a disparate group of contributors.

I would be happy to elaborate on any of these points if that is desired. Thank you for considering my input.

Bill

Bill Knittle
Principal