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Planning Board Minutes for 5 December 2018

All members were present: David Roberson, chairman, Dan Burke, Robin Reed, Jodi Brown, & Doug Wilson, scribe

The meeting was called to order at 6:28 and members read the minutes for 12 September, 2018 and 24 October, 2018. Both were approved unanimously.

David passed out copies of emails concerning broadband towers proposed to be in the town of Rowe and in Charlemont on Legate Hill Road. The supposed towers are wireless communications facilities and the Planning Board has not received anything from either Charlemont or Monroe (the latter town is supposedly pursuing a wireless installation in Rowe). Joe Coppola is the author of two of the emails and David responded to the first one.

David handed out copies of a December 2nd email from Jenn Morse, Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen (BoS). (See attachment) She is going to recommend that departments that are supervised by the BoS not submit reports to the Goal Post (GP), since sometimes they are not reproduced accurately.

David expressed his opinion that news from boards and committees are the most important part of the GP. David has been getting complaints about the GP from time to time and he said that when we had a professional editor there were not big issues, as there are now.

Dan expressed his opinion that the Planning Board (PB) needs to stop being responsible for the GP and he made a motion that the PB stop publishing the GP as of July 1, 2019. This was seconded and passed by a vote of 4 - 0. Doug has a financial interest in publishing the Goal Post and was therefore ineligible to vote on the motion.

The PB budget for the 2018/2019 fiscal year then discussed. Since the PB will not have the GP in the next budget, the new budget can remove $12,000. Paying members of the PB a stipend for the work they are doing was discussed. After some discussion, the idea that $5000 was added to the new budget, so there will be $1000 per member. This was moved and seconded and passed with a 4-1 vote.

$10,000 was put in the budget for legal and consulting expenses and $2000 for operations budget. In addition to legal advice and consulting, non-legal experts may also included engineers, wildlife biologists, etc.).

David moved that the PB submit a budget with Operations at 2,000. Consulting and legal expense of $10,000 and stipends of $1000 ~~each~~ 5000. This was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

No other business was brought forward.

The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday the 23rd of January, 2019.

There was a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously and we adjourned at 8:20.

Subject: Re: Fwd: Fire News
From: Jennifer Morse <selectboard@rowe-ma.gov>
Date: 12/2/2018, 2:51 PM
To: David Roberson <davidroberson@kolabnow.com>, therowegoalpost@gmail.com, danjburke66@gmail.com, "admin rowe-ma.gov" <admin@rowe-ma.gov>, adminasst <adminasst@rowe-ma.gov>

The news from December 2018 was combined with news from December 2016. All of page 6 was not submitted, two years ago the First Responders completed that course. On page 5 he took the call information for November and mingled it with the call from November 2016 and he added events that happened two years ago.

If you look at the news that was submitted by the Chief this December you will was submitted.

> On November 30, 2018 at 8:07 PM David Roberson <davidroberson@kolabnow.com> wrote:
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> I have just gotten home and opened the Goal Post. Can someone describe for me exactly where these glaring errors are as they relate to the submission please? -David
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> On 11/30/2018 7:14 PM, Jennifer Morse wrote:
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> > Good Evening,
> >
> > Below you will see the news submitted by Fire Chief Sprague for December 2018. Pages 5 and 6 of the Goal Post have this submission but it looks as if Doug combined it with news submitted in December 2016. There is so much incorrect information that the residents may not notice but will be glaring to the Fire FIghters and First Responders.
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> > I am asking Janice to please add Goal Post to the agenda for the next Board of Selectmen meeting for December 12th. I don't feel as if any of the Department Heads that fall under the direction of the Board of Selectmen should be submitting information to the Goal Post at this time. I am going to recommend that the Board of Selectmen begin publishing information for departments in the form of a monthly newsletter that will be distributed to our residents.
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> > I find this to be completely unacceptable and am greatly disappointed.
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> > As always please feel free to reach out to me with any comments and or questions.
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> > Jenn Morse
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> > > ---------- Original Message ----------
> > > From: "firechief rowe-ma.gov" <firechief@rowe-ma.gov>
> > > To: Jennifer Morse <selectboard@rowe-ma.gov>, Dennis May <dmay11@verizon.net>, chucksokol@chucksokol.com
> > > Date: November 30, 2018 at 6:58 PM
> > > Subject: Fwd: Fire News
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> > > Jenn asked me to forward this to everyone. The Goal Post is inaccurate.
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> > > Brandon
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> > > > ---------- Original Message ----------
> > > > From: "firechief rowe-ma.gov" <firechief@rowe-ma.gov>
> > > > To: therowegoalpost@gmail.com
> > > > Date: November 19, 2018 at 10:24 AM
> > > > Subject: Fire News

October 2	Equipment/Training
October 2	Sales Inspection - Pine Hill Drive
October 6	Medical Call - Zoar Road
October 7	Medical Call - Charlemont Mutual Aid
October 9	SCBA Training
October 9	Sales Inspection - Hazelton Road
October 11	Sales Inspection - Hazelton Road
October 13	Carbon Monoxide- Senior Assist
October 13	Smoke Detector - Senior Assist
October 15	Medical Call - Cross Road
October 19	Hazardous Waste Pick up at Station (Expired Foam)
October 23	Pump & Drive Training
October 26	Medical Call - Zoar Road
October 26	Tail Gate Trick or Treat - Rowe School

Protect your home and family with carbon monoxide alarms

- The law requires carbon monoxide alarms to be installed on every level of your home, including habitable portions of basements and attics, in most residences.
- On levels with sleeping areas, carbon monoxide alarms should be installed within 10 feet of bedroom doors.
- When purchasing a carbon monoxide alarm, be sure to look for the approval label of an independent testing company, such as Underwriter's Laboratory (UL), International Approval Service (IAS), or Canadian Standards Association (CSA). Most carbon monoxide alarms.that are sold in the Commonwealth meet these standards, but it's a good idea to check before buying.
- Carbon monoxide alarms may be
    - Battery operated with battery monitoring
    - Plug-ins with battery back-up
    - Low voltage systems
    - Wireless
    - Qualified combination
- Replace carbon monoxide alarms every 5 to 7 years, depending on the make and model.
- Newer CO alarms have a 10-year sealed battery that does not need changing. At 10 years, the entire device is replaced.
- If you have a plug-in model, be aware that the battery will run down during an extended power outage and may need to be replaced.

If you carbon monoxide detector or smoke alarm is sounding get out of the home and call **911**.