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The Rowe Planning Board Meeting Minutes for 20 March 2019

The meeting was called to order in the town hall at 6:15 in Hearing Room 2 by David Roberson, chairman. Also present were members Jodi Brown, Dan Burke, Robin Reed, and Doug Wilson, scribe. Paul McLatchy III was also in attendance.

We started with the third item on the agenda, which concerned a discussion with Paul McLatchy III, who is on the the Bylaw Review Committee. In addition to questions about who the Zoning Enforcement Officer would be, he also talked about possibly having an alternate Planning Board member. And he talked about splitting the zoning bylaws off into a separate document from the general bylaws.

There were four affirmative votes to accept the minutes, but Jody couldn't vote to approve those minutes because she was not present at the February 6th meeting.

The Rowe Town Annual Report will be submitted in a few weeks and David read the report he had written, which the Board accepted with a few minor changes.

A special meeting of the town will be held on April 15th at 6:30 and at 6:00 there will be a shorter meeting.

Doug went over to participate in the meeting of the selectmen and returned in about ten minutes.

David asked about the emails that we had discussed at some length at the February 6th meeting, as they weren't in the minutes. Doug explained that no votes were taken during the discussion. David said he can live with the minutes as they were written. A vote to accept the minutes was passed with four affirmative votes. Jodi was not present on February 6th, so she didn't vote to approve those minutes.

David passed out the report he wants to submit to the Annual Town Report and it was approved, with minor revisions

Maggie Rice reported that the Board of Health got a complaint about Dohn Sherman's property. Robin Reed said junk to one person is farm equipment to another. The Planning Board might consider an amendment to the by-law, already in place, allows only two vehicles on each piece of property. Motor vehicles includes anything that is motorized, including snowmobiles and tractors The PB doesn't need to do anything about this at this time, as it is mostly a problem of the Board of Health, the Conservation Commission, and the Board of Selectmen.

Board of Health has issued a cease and desist order for a house by the lake owned by Tara Mason and Edward Whitaker. That is renting out as a B&B space without having a permit to do so. This needs to involve the Planning Board. The owners of the house need to stop renting it and come to the PB for a permit. David is open to advice on this issue. One of the goals is that everyone should be treated equally. It was moved that David talk to Donna, our attorney, about the potential bylaw changes noted by Paul McLatchy and then write a letter to the owners. This motion was passed unanimously.

David passed out a summary of the responses the Select Board got from townspeople about the Goal Post and after we decided to have the next meeting May 1st at 6 PM, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34.