

RUMNEY PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
September 25, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by John Bagley, Acting Chairman.

Present were Kathy Wallace, Dave Coursey, Mark Andrew, John Bagley and alternate Jerry Thibodeau, sitting in for Brian Flynn.

Public in attendance was Doug Sanborn, Atty. Omer Ahern and David Saad.

1. An e-mail was received from Tom Grabiek resigning from the Board. Chairman Bagley questioned if an e-mail was acceptable and Mark A. responded that e-mail is acceptable correspondence. Jerry T. made a motion to accept his resignation and K. Wallace seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Mark A. stated he was sorry Tom could not carry on. He has put a lot of time and work into the Board as Chairman and requested a letter of thanks be sent to him.

Per RSA673:12 the Board can vote on a new chair. Dave C. nominated John B., Mark A. seconded and a unanimous vote was taken for John Bagley to be the Chairman the remainder of the year. A vacancy can be filled either from sitting alternates or from outside of the Board. Mark A. moved we delay filling the vacancy until the next business meeting. Jerry T. seconded this with a unanimous vote taken on this.

2. August 28, 2012 minutes – also referencing a letter sent to the Board of Selectmen by T. Grabiek – Mark stated the Selectmen’s letter to the State Liquor Commission on behalf of the Common Café, was only the beginning of the process of applying for a liquor license. The State will contact the various Boards in town, including the Fire Department and the Police Department. There are two different licenses available – one for beer and wine and one for liquor and wine. The liquor and wine does require dinners be served. John B. stated the process started in 2009 and the Planning Board opposed it. Mark stated they were never advised of what decision was made by the state at that time. A letter of objection can be sent by the Planning Board going forward.

John Bagley requested a change in “handicap access” for the Bolle’s waiver asking it be expanded to state “handicap access for school buses or other handicap transportation”. Dave C. requested a removal of “distance from a fire station” for the Bolle’s property. Jerry T. made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Mark A. seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

September 17, 2012 minutes – Kathy W. made a motion to accept the minutes and Dave C. seconded the motion after one minor change was made. A unanimous vote followed.

3. The Clerk brought the budget to the Board’s attention with the process starting October 1, 2012 at the Selectmen’s meeting. Last year’s budget was reviewed with questions regarding attorney’s fees and the cost of MRI’s work this year on one case. Last year there was a line item warrant article providing the Board with legal monies. It was suggested we check with the Town Administrator for totals spent this year and then decide if we need additional monies for next year. The computer in use by the Board was discussed and questioned if there was back up being done thru the network on that unit. The Clerk does not feel this unit needs replacing at this time. Mark further questioned the lap top which had been given to the town. The Clerk explained it would need upgrading for it to be used. Either the Chair or the Clerk should be present at the October 1 meeting to be updated on procedures in place this year.

4. Draft letters to J. Fucci and S. Seabrook were reviewed. After a few minor changes, they will be signed and mailed.

5. Driveways – Rumney Ecological on E. Rumney Road – Frank S. has signed the final on this driveway feeling this may be the best we can get and it will see minimal usage. Mark A. and John B. feel it is not up to the Board's driveway standards – it is not crowned, the water bars would prevent a small car from accessing the parking area and it does need to be lowered at the entrance prior to the incline. John B. will walk the property with Betty Jo Taffe and invite her to the next meeting.

6. North Country Council – information has been received regarding regional planning meetings, requesting input from local residents. The local meeting will be at the Plymouth Town Hall on October 16, 2012 and this information will be posted around town.

7. Mark A. mentioned some of the comments heard at the polls regarding the wind mills – some called them majestic and others felt they looked like angels watching over the valley.

Mark also brought up another driveway situation – McCart on Old Route 25 – A concrete pad has been poured for a garage and entrance. It is within 3' of the pavement and higher than the road level. The garage will be back on the pad with a 4' apron. The road agent is concerned with drainage and snow removal issues. As no driveway permit was needed for an existing driveway, the Board felt any letter regarding these issues should come from the Selectmen's office.

8. John B. asked Atty. Ahern if they had concerns and he stated he they wanted to be present if blasting was discussed. He is going to limit his requests of the Board, but has not submitted them. Mark A. asked if we had discussed having MRI's input on this.

9. David Saad had a statement to read to the Board regarding the non-public session held and questioned the reasons under RSA91:A3 2e for sealing the minutes. He wants that reversed as the school district has filed a suit against him, not him filing suit against a "public body". Chairman Bagley stated the letter would be reviewed and answered by a letter.

10. MRI – Eric Racine – An inspection report received from Ken Knowlton, MRI, was reviewed by the Board. Mark A. requested we take no action until after another inspection. Kathy W. noted that Ken was requesting information on the direction we chose to go in. David C. stated Eric had spoken with him and plans to live up to the list as presented to him by Ken K. Getting the second trailer removed in the two year time frame may be a problem. As another inspection was due at the end of September, this issue was tabled for next month.

11. A letter sent to the Board from the Selectmen regarding 2 Quincy Road (John B. recused himself and turned the meeting over to Kathy Wallace) was read by Kathy Wallace. She further stated that with Tom Grabiek's resignation, this issue was resolved. The letter T. Grabiek had sent to the Selectmen did not represent the Board. A letter of apology for inappropriate actions must be sent to the Selectmen. Mark A. stated he had received the resignation letter as ex-officio to the Planning Board, but the rest of the Board had not received this. A copy should be included with our letter to the Board. John Bagley, speaking as public, said he and Dave C. had spoken with Brian following the Selectmen's meeting. He recommended Diana and Dave C. meet with him and he would accompany us. The tenants are now gone, however, the state still classifies the building as an apartment building as each unit has a kitchen. An assembly permit has been issued with restrictions that must be met within 30 days. Mark stated he felt the town had made some progress getting Brian to communicate with them. Kathy W. apologized to Mark for being targeted by Tom's words. She further questioned the feedback Brian had received from his neighbors and the need to verify Brian's comments. Mark stated the distance from a church for serving alcoholic beverages has been discontinued from the state requirements for a liquor license..

12. Selectmen's issues – Ed Bergeron, engineer, is going forward with replacement of the Buffalo Road bridge with state and FEMA funding available. There has been a purchase and sales agreement signed for the town to purchase the Heal property on Old No. Groton Road. This would replace the present town shed and will go before the voters at town meeting.

Mark further questioned if the Planning Board had looked at the Capital Improvement Plan. They have not.

13. Kenneson pit – the Clerk questioned the Board if they would officially close it as it has not been operational since 2005. Mark suggested we give them another chance to reopen it.

14. John B. stated he would like to get back to updating the subdivision regulations. He is not sure what authority this Board has to regulate blasting. Doug S. stated both the state and federal investigators told them “it is up to the town”. John will further investigate the regulations as he is not fully informed. Atty. Ahern will get a letter off to the Board. Mark A. requested we check with area communities to see what they have in place for blasting regulations.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Respectfully submitted

Diana Kindell  
Clerk