

Town of Rumney  
Planning Board Meeting  
Minutes  
November 25, 2014

Present: Cheryl Lewis, David Coursey, Jerry Thibodeau, Brian Flynn, David Saad as alternate sitting for Carl Spring.

Absent: Carl Spring, Rob Arey, Steve Weber

Chairman Jerry Thibodeau opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of October 28, 2014 were approved as written.

**Wetlands permit:** The approved wetlands permit for the Town of Rumney to install a dry hydrant at Stinson Lake was reviewed. There are presently no hydrants at the lake and this will provide year round access to water.

**Racine:** Eric Racine, accompanied by his son and daughter-in-law met with the Board to update them on the status of his two dwelling units on Wheeler Lane. Eric has moved and only one family is residing there at this time. The water has been cut from the second unit, electric will be off on Thursday, septic will be cut and the unit will be used for storage at this time. The Board thanked Eric for working with them to solve this long standing violation. Eric's son, Harry, stated he had moved into his father's mobile home.

**Fatherland Trust-Tax Map #2-3-9-1:** Mr. Joseph Carter, Trustee of Fatherland Trust, met to discuss his property on Camp Lane. He proposed granting the town a large portion of this parcel with 200' of water frontage for a four-season recreation area. This met with many questions including the legality of this proposal and the subdividing of a restricted subdivision. As the covenants as well as the plat state no further subdivision, it would take a revision of the covenants to allow this. That would require all parties involved in the subdivision to agree to this change.

Jerry asked Mr. Carter what he wanted and Mr. Carter said he would like to allow his brother to build on the upper section of his lot. He would like to create a "family compound". He does own other properties in the area.

This proposal will be put before the Selectmen for review and discussed further.

**Sobetzner/Youngman-Tax Map #12-12-10:** Kevin French, surveyor, represented the property owners for a minor subdivision creating one 2 ½ acre lot from a 75+/- parcel. This allows the owners to sell a house presently existing on the property. The plat was reviewed with everything in order. Brian made a motion to accept the application, seconded by Dave C. and agreed to unanimously. As there was no further discussion, Brian made a motion to approve the application, seconded by David C. and unanimously agreed.

Kevin did explain the small area between that parcel and Route 25, which is the old route prior to 1965, is owned by the town. The area is used by the snowmobile club but is still classified as town owned Class V road. This will be further reviewed and corrected, at which time the property will revert to the abutting property owners.

**Lord-Tax Map #16-5-4:** Lisa Lord spoke with the Board regarding a new home being put on the property. Information was provided to her regarding inspection needs for a house being delivered in two sections, abutter's right-of-way and septic needs. The existing house which was damaged by fire recently will be used for farm supply storage and a store.

**NCC:** Jerry spoke against the requested \$1700 fee for 2015 for the town to belong to North Country Council. He felt this was for a 21 town venture into coordinated transportation and the towns would be required to further fund buses and drivers.

Brian stated he did not feel negative towards NCC. They have been helpful to us and is in favor of joining. Why not work together? We cannot always accomplish projects without outside help.

Discussion continued on the transportation issue, the fee amount and just how much the town has used NCC – saving money using their services. David S. suggested the issues be separated – the meetings on transportation and the dues that provide other services. Dave C. questioned if the town will derive \$1700 worth of service from this organization.

Cheryl stated she is opposed to the direction most of their funding is derived from – being the Federal government through grants. That usually has an end result that cost the towns money after they have completed a project. She further stated the Select Board as a whole is against this.

The Clerk mentioned that a vote or decision on this would not eliminate the funding only suggest to the budget process we were or were not in favor. It is a line item going before the voters. Brian said "let the people vote".

David S. questions the quantity of service provided for \$1700 and the quality of service being provided. The prior use and expected use will be reviewed by the Clerk for the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell  
Clerk

