

Town of Rumney
Planning Board Meeting
Minutes
December 30, 2014

Present: Jerry Thibodeau, Steve Weber, Carl Spring, Cheryl Lewis, Brian Flynn and David Saad, alternate sitting for Rob Arey.

Absent: Rob Arey, David Coursey

Chairman Jerry Thibodeau opened the meeting at 7:04 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of November 25, 2014 were approved with changes.

Fatherland Trust: A letter from DES to Fatherland Trust was reviewed noting violations of the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act on his property at Stinson Lake. A DES representative had viewed the property on October 27 and the letter did request a plan from him to correct these problems.

NCC: The Chairman revisited the town paying dues to North Country Council and the services they provide. Carl S. noted most of their monies are derived from Federal Grants and their wishes overrule what the town may want – special reference to HUD demanding towns to build special housing units. Cheryl mentioned concerns over Granite State Futures (nine state councils working with Federal funding). Jerry mentioned NCC has serviced the town, they are done and we do not need them.

Brian, in defense of NCC, had researched their purpose and structure and presented it to the members. He felt their work was not being properly represented. They are advisory only and he did speak with Tara Bamford to verify the information he had presented. Their operating funds do come from Federal and/or State grants as well as from the dues paid by the towns within their district. He felt the members needed to look at the truth and work with facts. Tara offered to attend a meeting to further discuss and explain their purpose. This was rejected.

David S. mentioned that regional planning councils jump on the band wagon for federal monies. He had no negative comments, but was concerned with Granite State Futures. The dues paid by the local towns are less monies than received from Federal Grants. Who is their master? They will lean toward serving the needs of the federal funds before serving the locals.

Steve questioned what benefits we would be missing by not joining? He further stated that lack of support from the local towns forces them to seek grants.

Jerry stated that state agencies need to grow and create jobs. They get money from the public, start programs, then back away and leave the funding to the towns.

Carl made a motion to no longer pay dues to the NCC for 2015, seconded by David S. Voting in the affirmative were Cheryl, Carl and David. Brian voted in the negative and Steve abstained. The town can access their services for a charge if needed. This can also be brought up at town meeting and further discussed.

Tax Map #11-4-1-1: The Clerk mentioned an email inquiry as to any information needed to build on an existing property that presently has a mobile home on it. Information was forwarded to the party. Carl questioned the number of bedrooms in the home as compared to the mobile home – septic usage. This will be looked in to. He further questioned the time frame of building. It will be a slow build, but the clerk did not expect problems – the owner is aware the mobile home must be removed.

Atty. Waughs law updates for 2014 have been received. It was suggested we invite him for his annual visit on January 27th – the date of the next meeting.

Steve requested a clean copy of the subdivision regulations be provided prior to the Board revisiting the updates. David S. will provide those at the next meeting. Do we need to look at a work session?

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell
Clerk