

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
PLANNING BOARD  
MINUTES  
APRIL 29, 2014

Present: Jerry Thibodeau, Dave Coursey, Steve Weber, Carl Spring, Brian Flynn and Cheryl Lewis, Selectmen's liaison.

Absent: Rob Arey, Alternates David Saad and David Landseadel

Chairman Jerry Thibodeau called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

The minutes of March 25, 2014 were approved with corrections.

Jerry questioned the status of the Board's alternates. David Landseadel has not attended a meeting for a while, but his appointment is for three (3) years. Carl will speak with him and inquire about his intentions. A third alternate is needed and the members were asked to bring suggestions to the next meeting.

**Racine:** The Clerk will be joining Ken Knowlton on Wednesday to view the embankment behind the property and see if it was properly burned.

**Carl's questions on prior problems:**

1. Common Café – Quincy Rd - questioned the renters/septic/parking problems. The Café is not presently ready to open with their upgraded dining. Protecting the gas tank is another issue at that location.
2. Francis – Main Street – presently no activity at that location.
3. Batchelder – Risley Road – not aware of any changes there. It should be looked at.
4. CNHA – prior violations still not addressed. Most important is maintaining a fence on top of the ledge to prevent anyone falling onto the rocks. There is still material on Sanborn's property that needs to be removed. The 50' non-approving abutter's setback is not free of material or has the retention pond been changed. Jerry suggested having MRI approach him to correct one violation at a time and Carl strongly disagreed. Brian and Steve both echoed the same response. These are safety issues and blasting will be taking place there on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May. Dave Coursey and Ken Knowlton (MRI) will both be present on that date. Dave will speak with the owner of the pit prior to that date regarding safety. The boundary line between CNHA and the Sanborn pit has never been addressed.
5. Backwoods Petting Farm – Route 25 - Questions remain about the campers being used as permanent residences and if they are tied in to septic. It was mentioned there are tent sites in use and portta potties in place on the lower level of land where the mudding events take place.

**Blasting Regulations:** The regulations have the ok of the Board and a hearing will be held on May 19, 2014 at the Russell School. Steve W. did question the duplication of blasting times, but this will be addressed at a later time. Suggestions will be made at the hearing as well for consideration.

**Excavation Regulations:** It was questioned if "warm seeding" should be added to the Reclamation portion of the regulations. Some of the grasses used for warm seeding include the following: switch grass, Indian grass, Big Blue grass, Panic grass – it was noted some of these are included in the "conservation mix" available locally. Steve questioned if we should include this – if they strip the loam to excavate, they should retain enough for reclamation. If the site is originally sand and not topsoil, it could be considered. It would be at the discretion of the Board.

**Lightfoot letter:** The latest letter from Mrs. Lightfoot was discussed. As it never mentions the original issue, the Board decided to file it with no further correspondence. Should they file an intent to cut this year, a Driveway Permit application will be presented to them with the intent paperwork.

**Subdivision Regulations:** The Clerk requested the Board review the sections not previously done and come to the next meeting with their suggestions.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell  
Clerk