

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
MAY 30, 2017

Present: Jerry Thibodeau, George Bonfiglio, David Coursey, Steve Weber, David Saad, Brian Flynn and alternate Cheryl Lewis sitting as Ken Weinig.

Clerk: Diana Kindell

Chairman Steve Weber opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

David S. made a motion to suspend the meeting seconded by David C. with a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

At 7:01 pm Chairman Steve Weber opened a Public Hearing per RSA 231:158 to discuss cutting trees on East Rumney Road, a designated "Scenic Road" in Rumney. Present for the hearing were Scott Knapp, representative of New Hampshire Electric Coop and Kathy Sobetzer, resident of East Rumney Road. NHEC has hired a tree removal firm to cut trees designated to be a hazard to the power lines on that road. Kathy questioned if additional trees, other than the ones marked by a ribbon, would be cut. Scott stated he would not cut any other living trees than the marked trees on the list provided. Dead trees deemed as hazardous are not marked but will be removed. The wood from the trees belongs to the property owner on whose land they were removed. When asked about how often the tree removal was done, Scott stated 3-phase power is cut on a 5-year cycle and single phase on a 7-year cycle.

The hearing closed at 7:14 pm.

Brian made a motion to return to the meeting, seconded by David S. and unanimously approved.

Jerry made a motion to approve the cutting as presented. David C. seconded and unanimously approved. Scott was given a copy of letter stating Board approval, at which time he and Kathy left the meeting.

**Minutes:** The minutes of April 25, 2017 were approved with one correction.

**Budget:** There was no change in the budget.

**Selectmen's report:** There was nothing new to report.

**Harassment training:** The new date for the mandatory harassment training is June 12<sup>th</sup> with a 3:00 pm session at the library and 6:00 pm session at the fire station.

**Fees:** Abutter notice fees was discussed as the cost of certified mail is currently \$6.49 per letter. After discussion Jerry made a motion to increase the fee to \$10.00 from the present \$7.50. David C. seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. This will be effective June 1, 2017.

**Floodplain update:** Information received from the Town's Attorney was reviewed regarding building and/or subdividing in a known floodplain. Our updated regulations are not in conflict with her suggestions and she did provide good guidance when dealing with this situation.

It was again suggested a building packet providing information to the public be prepared. We need to start educating people as to what can be and cannot be done in a town without zoning. The present notice we have will be updated and put online for greater access to the information.

**Subdivision Regulations:** Considerable information was received from the Town Attorney in review of the updated regulations. It was suggested that everyone review this carefully and be prepared at the next meeting to review and make any necessary changes.

As a note – Steve told the Board that Diana has been wanting to step down as Clerk. He stated that he, Jerry, and Diana had met with Judi Hall to discuss her taking over as Clerk. Judi does travel some for prolonged time frames. If the Board would accept Judi as Clerk and Diana as alternate, and capable of stepping in as Clerk when needed, this may work. Judi will be out of town until July. This will be further discussed at that time.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell  
Clerk