

TOWN OF RUMNEY
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
September 29, 2020

The September 29 Planning Board meeting was a Zoom meeting hosted by Tara Bamford.

Present: Brad Eaton, Brian Flynn, Armand Girouard, Don Winsor, Isaac DeWever, and Judi Hall

Absent: David Cook and Sarah Rubury

Also Present: Tara Bamford, Laurie Penza, Julie Morrell, Louis Packard and Barbara Rawlsky-Willett

Brad Eaton, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02

The minutes of September 25, 2020 were approved as written. Armand Girouard made the motion to accept the minutes as written and Don Winsor seconded the motion.

Armand Girouard – aye

Don Winsor – aye

Isaac DeWever – aye

Brad Eaton – aye

Brian Flynn – aye

Judi Hall – aye

Selectmen's Report

Discussion about how the town deals with Junkyards. Town goes by state regulations but is handled by the town. Daigles have been given several deadlines which they have not met. It is a slow process.

Rest Area – The town has passed on the Rest Area. Has been re-offered to other state agencies. Right now the price is too high for the town to consider. Budget shortfall is not as great as expected this year but will probably be greater next year.

Public Hearing for Central New Hampshire Aggregates – Mike Latullipe and Ken Brown CNHA has requested a continuation. One of the engineers is not able to attend the meeting.

Brian Flynn made a motion that we continue the meeting till October 27, 2020 at the request of CNHA. Armand seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Armand Girouard – aye

Brian Flynn – aye

Brad Eaton – aye

Isaac DeWever – aye

Judi Hall – aye

Postcard and Survey

The questionnaire is now live on Survey Monkey. Several members have taken the survey and no issues have come up.

The postcards have not been sent yet. There is too much mail flooding mailboxes prior to the election on November 3. Waiting until the week after the election might give it better exposure.

If we start telling people to be looking for it now we might get a better response once the postcards come out. The Survey Monkey link can be posted on the PB page along with a note saying that a postcard will be sent in mid-November. Maybe add it to the calendar. The Board agreed this is a good timeline to follow.

Brad Eaton – How do the mechanics of Zoning work? What is the PB role?

Tara Bamford – the Selectmen take over and put together the ZBA. The Select board manages the Zoning Ordinance. ZBA is an appeals board.

BE – What do the Selectmen have to do to be ready for zoning?

Isaac DeWever – The Selectmen recognize the need for Zoning and is in general in favor of it.

TB – The Selectmen can appoint a staff person who is paid through application fees to issue permits. The Selectmen typically have to do with enforcement.

Armand Girouard – In Plymouth the Selectmen spent considerable time on Zoning Issues.

Judi Hall – That has a lot to do with Plymouth being a larger municipality with large business and the college. Many issues we will not see in Rumney, at least in the foreseeable future.

BE – But we are introducing a whole new package of regulations that need to be enforce. How are we going to do that?

ID – This is an issue small towns face. How towns afford this and get with the times. Enforcement may require hiring someone and many towns can't afford another salary on top of everything else.

JH– There are subcontractors that can handle some of this. And a fee schedule can be developed that covers these expenses.

TB – Has Rumney voted to accept the Building Code? This is where the big expense comes in because you need someone with real expertise.

AG – Are the Selectmen interested in of going ahead with this?

ID – Yes and the idea is to give us some leverage when we do need to enforce regulations

Brian Flynn – Most of the zoning ordinances will come into play when someone wants to subdivide. This will help us to deal with things easier and quicker rather than the long drawn out process we have now.

Don Winsor – Rumney is growing. Land prices are up and development is coming.

BE – Towns are seeing development due to COVID.

TB- During subdivision we can deny due to noncompliance. PB subdivides, Selectmen deal with what happens on the lot.

CIP

The CIP has been delayed due to everything else going on in town right now. We are just going to do a simple survey of what departments are planning on in the future. Amounts to the capital funds are pretty well set. Judi will try to get these out in the next week.

Other Business

On going issues with neighbors on Old North Groton Road. Back and forth with accusations about who said or is responsible for what. One party has come to a Selectmen's meeting to clarify their position. Things have settled down now.

Dean Kennison has been excavating a "knob" on his property for the driveway for his daughter's home. There have been complaints about the amount of material the CNHA has been hauling away and that Kennison should have to file an excavation permit. Joe Chivell got in touch with CNHA and they shut down while they had their lawyers look at our regulations. It appears that Kennison does not need a permit but CNHA is keeping a record of how much material they remove and will report it to the town. The excavation does not affect the existing driveway. This will be a shared driveway with Kennison's house so no permit is required. If any damage is done to the town road or there is excessive runoff the town will bill. Kennison can remove up to 1000 cubic yards related to construction. This is a state regulation adopted by the town.

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Greg Patten will be the new Police Chief. He is currently Officer in Charge and will be official in about another month. The Selectmen can then start looking for additional officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30. Isaac DeWever made the motion to adjourn and Armand Girouard seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Judi Hall