

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
April 27, 2021

The April 2021 Planning Board meeting was a Zoom meeting hosted by Tara Bamford.

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by chairman Armand Girouard.

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

Absent: David Cook

Also Present: Tara Bamford, Ed and Jan O'Brien, Karen Beaton and Bill and Nonnie Hall

1. The meeting started with a Public Hearing to amend the Subdivision Regulations. The Amendment would add the following to Section 8: General Provisions:

**8.08 Condominium Conversion of ADUs Subsequent condominium conversion and/condominium conveyance of any accessory dwelling unit separate from the principal dwelling unit is prohibited pursuant to RSA 674:72, I.**

The Chairman asked for any discussion the amendment.

Brad Eaton asked if this has been tested in court. Tara Bamford replied that the wording is directly from the Statutes and is what was recommended to us by Town Council. Sarah Rubury pointed out that the Statute mentions zoning which we do not have in Rumney. It was noted that other aspects of the Statute do apply despite not having zoning. There was no further discussion.

Don Winsor made a motion to accepted the amendment as presented. Brad Eaton seconded the motion.

Brian Flynn – aye

Don Winsor – aye

Judi Hall – aye

Armand Girouard – aye

Brad Eaton – aye

Isaac DeWever – aye

Sarah Rubury – aye

The motion passed. Tara will get the signature page to Judi Hall by the end of the week to be signed by the Board and Town Clerk.

2. David Cook – Armand Girouard read the letter addressed to the Board by David Cook (see attached). Girouard asked for discussion of Cook's requests. Don Winsor felt that all correspondence with Cook should be by certified mail.

Hall sent Cook a letter last week in response inviting him to come to the town hall for the April meeting so that we could discuss his requests with him. She included the article on Being a Good Planning Board member that Girouard had asked us all to read for tonight's meeting.

Eaton asked whether Cook was fulfilling his duty to the town as he has only attended 5 of the 18 meetings held since he was elected. Is this fair to the Town of Rumney? Brad read from RSA 673:13 that outlines under what circumstances a member of a Land Use Board can be removed. Several members didn't feel this was the route to go at this point. Eaton agreed but said it was good to know what the law required.

Sarah Rubury said that we need to consider whether Cook's requests or demands were reasonable. Sending him information by mail maybe is. Meeting from 12 to 2pm is not reasonable for the rest of the Board or for applicants or their agents. Meeting in person will happen eventually but at this point we are still operating under the Governor's Emergency order that allows Boards to hold meetings virtually. The majority of the Board feels this is still the best way to conduct meetings at this time.

Brian Flynn said we should remind Cook that he needs to do his part to stay in touch with the Board. He should be aware that Hall has office hours on Mondays, meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month and Hall and DeWever meet at the Town Hall because of poor internet reception at their houses. Certainly, Cook could have called the Town Office to ask about meeting times and Zoom links.

Girouard said that Cook was voted in by people in the Town and therefore we should not remove him from the Board at this time.

It was agreed that we would send David Cook a certified letter letting him know that we had received and discussed his requests. Our letter would remind him of his responsibility to the Board and to the Town. We felt that sending a certified letter for each meeting was not necessary. Cook stated he can use technology from 12:00 to 2:00 pm daily and therefore could get our normal correspondence by email. Girouard and Hall will work on a letter to be sent to Cook later in the week. It will be sent by certified mail.

3. The Board went over the article Girouard asked us to read on Being a Good Planning Board member and Riggins Rules. Respect, attendance and staying informed. Hall said that we need to update our bylaws which are required by law – ours are from the 90s. This is a good article to draw on as we work on those.

4. Tara Bamford asked us to move our review of the Driveway Regulations to the June meeting. She has not gotten Road Agent Nick Coursey's comments on changes he would like to see to the regulations. Meanwhile members should familiarize themselves with the regulations for that discussion in June.
5. We need Alternates! Try to think of people we might ask to join the board.
6. Selectmen DeWever gave a brief report. No movement yet on the Rest Area purchase. The addition to the Town Hall will be going out to bid soon.
7. No updates on Fatherland at this time.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40

DEAR PLANNING BOARD,

I, DAVID COOK, MEMBER OF RUMNEY PLANNING BOARD, HAVE CHANGED MY FAITH, AND WILL NOT BE UTILIZING ANY SORT OF TECHNOLOGY TO RESPECT MY FAITH. I REALIZE THIS IS AN INCONVENIENCE TO THE BOARD AND ITS MONTHLY MEETINGS. UNFORTUNATELY MY FAITH FORBIDS INTERNET OR PHONE USAGE AFTER 2PM (SPECIFICALLY I CAN USE TECHNOLOGY FROM NOON UNTIL 2PM) IF I AM TO CONTINUE AS AN ELECTED OFFICER, ONE OF (CRAW) THE FOLLOWING MUST TAKE PLACE, AS FOLLOWS:

- ALL COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE VIA MAIL (NOT PHONE/EMAIL)
- MEETINGS SHOULD HAPPEN BETWEEN THESE HOURS (NOON-2PM)
- MEETINGS MAY BE HELD IN PERSON, (I CAN ATTEND THOSE VIA FOOT/BICYCLE IF HELD IN TOWN) w/ OBVIOUS STATE MANDATES IN PLACE

IF THESE ABOVE STIPULATIONS I'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO CONTINUE MY ROLE AS AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THIS TOWN BOARD.

I TRULY WISH TO CONTINUE ON THIS BOARD AND DO NOT

GOOSE TO WITHDRAW MY SPACE ON THE BOARD.

I CAN BE REACHED BY MAIL AT PO BOX 304 RUMNEY  
NH 03264

SINCERELY,

DAVID COOK