

TOWN OF RUMNEY  
PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
May 25, 2021

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm by chairman Armand Girouard.

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

Absent: David Cook

Also Present: Tara Bamford, Mike Latuillipe, Kent Brown, Ed O'Brien

1. CNHA – TM# 12-11-19-Excavation Permit – Kent Brown reported that NH Fish and Game have finally issued their report. He stated that this is a new rule. This and COVID have caused a backlog at Fish and Game.

Girouard asked for a recap of the application thus far. Hall reminded the Board that this lot is next to the lot line adjustment we did at our last meeting. The Board is currently just waiting for the Alteration of Terrain Permit which required the F&G report.

Girouard ask if the Board had any questions. There were no questions. Brian Flynn made a motion to approve the application and Brad Eaton seconded the motion.

Armand Girouard - Aye  
Brian Flynn – aye  
Don Winsor – aye  
Sarah Rubury – aye

Isaac DeWever – Aye  
Judi Hall – aye  
Brad Eaton – aye

2. The minutes of April 27 and March 29 were approved with minor changes. Don Winsor made a motion to accept the minutes and Brian Flynn seconded it.

Armand Girouard – Aye  
Brian Flynn – aye  
Don Winsor – aye  
Sarah Rubury – abstaining

Isaac DeWever – Aye  
Judi Hall – aye  
Brad Eaton – aye

3. Judi spoke about the OSI conference that took place online on April 15. This was a free conference and is available online. She encouraged all members of the board to watch the conference and to educate themselves about the roles and duties of the Planning Board. She said in the past members of the Board were responsible for Driveway Permits, Excavation Permits, CIP, etc. It is time for the Board to resume these duties. It is too big a job to be done by the clerk alone.

Eaton said he had gone back and looked at the first section and there is a lot of information there. Watching it in small pieces makes it easier to digest the information presented.

Hall also mentioned that there will be an up coming vote on whether boards can continue to meet on Zoom. Once we go back to in-person meetings there must be a quorum of members at the meeting. If a member is unable to attend due to travel or other situations they can attend virtually. There is no rule prohibiting the public from attending virtually.

4. TM #13-02-38 - Monty Alger Excavation Permit – Information only. Monty is building an addition to his home which required a driveway permit and excavation of a small hill behind his house. He would like to extend that excavation to create a hill with a shallower slope. This would mean the removal of about 2500 cubic yards of material. It does not seem that a state permit is necessary here. We will formally consider this at our next meeting. The Board has all received the paper work that Alger has supplied.
5. Selectmen's report: Website will go live on June 3. There will be Old Home Day this year. Fireworks will be in the village due to construction at the school. Material forbidding on the Town Hall addition is being prepared and should be put together for the next Selectmen's meeting. Requests for bids should go out soon after that. No official word on the Rest Area yet. DOT has responded and it has passed through one of three boards. It is moving ahead.
6. No new information on Fatherland Trust. We know that DES is taking a long time to respond. The Obriens were asked if they had noticed any changes. It was noted that the propane tanks have been moved and the electric meters have been worked on.
7. David Cook – David responded to the letter Armand wrote. In his letter David states "I am rescinding my position on the Planning Board." This letter was sent to all members of the Board earlier and was not read aloud. Don Winsor made a motion to accept David's resignation and it was seconded by Brian Flynn. Girouard asked if there was any discussion. It was noted that there were several things in the letter that were unfortunate and not accurate. It was agreed that we should not address these. Girouard pointed out that we have tried various

ways to reach out to Cook by emails to his various addresses, letters both regular mail and certified mail and a visit by two members to his business to try to get him to be more involved with the Planning Board. Cook was also aware that the PB office hours are posted and he could have reached out to us there or through our email or phone number. It was felt that at this point we need to accept his resignation and thank him for his service. Some members weren't sure if we could or should take this step. Girouard said he had researched this and felt that we had the authority to accept Cook's resignation but that we did need a vote. Having a motion on the floor the vote was taken and passed.

Armand Girouard – aye  
Brian Flynn – aye  
Don Winsor – aye  
Sarah Rubury – aye

Isaac DeWever – aye  
Judi Hall – aye  
Brad Eaton – aye

Girouard and Hall will write the letter and get it off to Cook in the next week.

Girouard said we needed to inform the selectmen about this – how we got to this point. It was suggested that copies of letters both from Cook and responses by the Board be presented. Isaac said he had copies if the other selectmen wanted to see them. Hall is going to the Selectmen's meeting about Driveway regulations so she can represent the Board along with DeWever. Girouard will also attend that meeting

8. The PB talked about what we do now about the vacancy on the Board. We can appoint someone to be a member until the next election. Our current alternate does not want to take a regular position at this point. However she does attend most meetings and can step in when required.

Hall said we can start advertising for members on the website. Eaton noted that one of the points made during the OSI conference stated that Board members should not be posting opinions on Social Media. Winsor said he would like to see more representation from other parts of town. West Rumney was mentioned. It would be good to get the viewpoints of people from other parts of town.

9. Girouard said there are somethings to work on for the next meeting:
  - a. Taking on various jobs so that Judi isn't so overwhelmed
  - b. Watch the OSI conference so that we can talk about it
  - c. Try to think about who we might talk to about joining the board
  - d. Should we start meeting in person?
10. Brad asked about signs at the Diner on Rt 25. He remembered that there was an agreement with the Town to have entrance and exit signs. Should this be enforced? Hall will do some research into this. Joe Chivell has recently learned

that covenant agreements cannot be enforced by the town. It is up to landowners.

11. Hall reminded members to look over the existing Driveway Regulations. We will be discussing these with Tara at our next meeting.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40