

TOWN OF RUMNEY
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 31, 2021

Present: Armand Girouard, Don Winsor, Isaac DeWever, Josh Keyes, Brian Flynn and Judi Hall

Absent: Sarah Rubury, Brad Eaton

Armand Girouard, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:01

1. The minutes of July 27, 2021 were approved with minor spelling changes. Isaac Dewever made the motion to accept the minutes as written and Armand Girouard seconded the motion. Brian Flynn abstained. The rest of the Board voted in favor of approving the minutes.
2. The Public Hearing on the Driveway Regulation Changes was postponed to the September 28, 2021 meeting at 7:30.
3. Chairman Girouard reported on the meeting he and Judi Hall had with the Selectmen on September 9, 2021 to explain David Cook's resignation. They also asked the Selectmen about whether there was continued support for the Planning Board to explore zoning. The Selectmen acknowledged that there are issues in town that could be addressed by ordinances and the Planning Board should continue with their work.
4. We still have two areas – Excavations and Blasting - that need a Board member to take on. Most of the members present have already taken on a job. Brad Eaton has not chosen an area to work on but it was agreed that it was unfair to assign this to him in his absence. It was noted that we don't have a lot of permits for either excavations or blasting. We should check with Chief Coursey to see if he is issuing blasting permits.
5. Alger Excavation – It was reported that there seems to have been much more than the 2500 yd³ Monty Alger estimated would be removed from his property. Judi will talk with Joe Chivell about what has been reported.
6. Alternates – None of the members present had any new names for possible alternates.
7. CIP update – Brian Flynn and Armand Girouard sent an email to Department Heads on August 4. They are 60% done with meetings and preparing a report for the Selectmen. They will be meeting with Stacey Winsor about the Library on Tuesday September 1, 2021 and with the Cemetery Trustees next week. The spreadsheet has been simplified and will provide factual information for the Selectmen to consider.

8. Sanborn Subdivision TM # 13-04-05 - This subdivision was delivered to the office this week. The Board took the opportunity to carefully go over the plan with the new subdivision regulations. The following items were noted that need to be addressed:

1. Add "332" to Quincy Road on the title block
2. Tax Map numbers should be on the subdivided lots
3. Perc test results need to be reported
4. Driveway agreement between lots
5. Front lot cannot have deeded access to the Baker River
6. Question about location of proposed septic area on back lot.

Judi will send an email to Surveyor Colin Brown with the required changes. The application also came without the required mailing labels and PDF. Notices cannot be sent out until we have those.

This was a good opportunity for the Board to carefully review an application and apply all regulation. It also pointed out that the subdivision checklist needs to be updated to reflect our new regulations.

9. Selectmen's report – Isaac DeWever reported that a new police officer has been hired. However, she still needs to attend the Police Academy for training which will begin in November. Chief Patten is working with her in the meantime. She will not be able to work on her own until training is completed.

Bids have gone out for the Town Hall addition. There will be a walkthrough of the building on the 20th.

Rest Area purchase is still in negotiations.

10. Zoning Discussion – Chairman Girouard asked the Board to think about how to go forward. Our original plan, prior to COVID restrictions, had been to hold informational meetings and use the webpage to explain how zoning would be a benefit to the Town. It was suggested that we work with the selectmen to identify the three to five main problems the Town faces and the types of ordinances that would address these issues.
11. NHMA Land Law Conference on Saturday September 18 from 9-4. Judi will be attending at the Town office if anyone cares to join.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00. Don Winsor made the motion to adjourn, Isaac DeWever seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Judi Hall