**PLANNING BOARD MINUTES**

**December 13, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Eric Sandberg, PB Chairman

PB members present: ES, Mike Ledoux, David Upton, David Bower and Dennis Dellagreca (Alternate)

November minutes were amended and approved

**New Business:** David Upton gave a summary of David Crane’s (a tree expert) presentation at the previous night’s Select Board meeting. A discussion followed about (1) the removal of hazardous trees in Nelson both on scenic and standard roads, (2) the process of notification of property owners and (3) the rights of the town and the utility companies. The Planning Board will only become involved if the town wants to widen a scenic road. ES is going to look further into the correct procedures of when and how the town gets involved in removing trees on scenic roads. DU read from a PB document dated 1-14-99, entitled “Guidelines for Road Maintenance of Nelson Scenic Roads. Discussion followed. It was decided that further research into the 1999 PB minutes should be done and that the scenic road regulations should be reviewed and updated.

**Old Business:**  Dennis Dellagreca is still researching the relevant RSAs in regards to a town road map. ES will see if there actually is an official town map.

It was again noted that we need an additional PB board member to be put on the ballot before Town Meeting.

ES began a page by page review of the PB Policy Book. It was decided that some time and effort should be put into making sense out of all the PB Forms and that we should have an instruction sheet for each form. The clerk is going to make sure that we have all the forms in our file cabinet and to bring copies of these forms to our next meeting. A good description of what a public hearing entails is needed. ML will look into this. February was set as a deadline to have completed the instructions and updated the PB forms.

A motion to adjourn was made by DU and seconded by ML.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Lennon

Planning Board Clerk

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