

Town of Rowe
Board of Selectmen – Minutes
Wednesday, November 2, 2016 – 3:00 pm
Rowe Town Hall

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson at 3:00pm.

Present: Chair Wilson, Vice-Chair Quist, Selectman Dennis May and Executive Secretary Janice Boudreau

Also Present: Janet Cowie, Ellen Miller, Mitch Soviecke, Ray Wilson, Susan Zavotka and Wayne Zavotka

OLD BUSINESS

1. 3:00pm Executive Session - #3:

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares;

Chair Wilson made a motion to go into Executive Session:

Chair Wilson: aye
Vice-Chair Quist: aye
Selectman May: aye

The meeting resumed in Open Session at 5:03pm with the School and Finance Committees.

2. Review Final Draft of Joe Markarian Financial Policies: Tabled until a later date

3. 4:00pm Meet with Finance Committee to Review School Committee Information Prior to the Special Town Meeting Vote: School Committee Chair Susan Zavotka said that there was information that was clear with regards to whether to join Mohawk Trail Regional School District (MTRSD):

- a. Having voting representation on MTRSD School Committee
- b. Being a more central part of the Community school district

Information that is not clear:

- a. Correct and legal calculation of Rowe's per student tuition
- b. Latest information for joining MTRSD has incorrect figures

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Special Town Meeting vote to join MTRSD be postponed until all of the questions about the tuition calculation are resolved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and sign STM Warrant: The Warrant for Special Town Meeting on November 16, 2016 was reviewed and discussed with the Finance Committee.

Motion to Sign Warrant: Chair Wilson made a motion to sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant for November 16, 2016. The motion, seconded by Selectman May, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

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2. Assessor's Overlay Surplus Account: Chair Wilson said that there was \$13,997.01 in the Assessor's Overlay Surplus Account that could be used to pay for a shortfall to fund the cost of the full measure and list for FY17. The \$5,000.00 shortfall is in the Assessor's Operation budget line item.

Motion to Recommend Overlay Surplus Account: Chair Wilson made a motion to recommend using \$5,000.00 from the Assessor's Overlay Surplus Account to pay for a shortfall to fund the cost of the full measure and list for FY17. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Quist, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

3. Cultural Council : Sign Contract: Select Board Members reviewed the Cultural Council Account for FY2017 with the State allocation of \$4,400.00.

Motion to Sign Cultural Council Contract: Chair Wilson made a motion to sign the FY17 Cultural Council Contract for FY17 for allocation of \$4,400.00. The motion, seconded by Selectman May, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

4. Request to appoint Daniel Burke as an Election Worker: Town Clerk requested appointing Daniel T. Burke as an Election Worker.

Motion to Appoint Election Worker: Upon a request from Town Clerk, Chair Wilson made a motion to appoint Daniel T. Burke as an Election Worker. The motion, seconded by Selectman May, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

5. MW to Update Regionalization of Emergency Services: Chair Wilson reported attending meetings with an Exploration Committee comprised of Select Board Members from Heath, Charlemont, Rowe and Hawley. There is a concern with ambulance services and interested in collaborating with Towns. Issues include shrinking volunteer base, increasing paperwork, training required, and costs of gear make it difficult for small towns to comply with State regulations. She said that meetings and further discussion with Towns will continue.
6. Discuss Grants: Information was handed out about possible grants to apply for. It was agreed to review and discuss further at a later date when time allowed.
7. 5:15pm Police Chief Shippee and Fire Chief Sprague to Discuss Fire Protocols: Tabled until a later date.
8. Fire Chief Request: Chair Wilson said that Fire Chief Sprague requested appointing Josh Little Deputy Chief, who is also working as EMT.

Motion to Appoint: Chair Wilson made a motion to appoint Josh Little to Deputy Chief of the Rowe Fire Department on a recommendation by the Fire Chief. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Quist,

was accepted contingent upon Mr. Little having met all the necessary training and had certificates on file.

9. DPW Hiring: There was discussion about hiring for the Highway Department. It was agreed that Superintendent should review applications, and bring recommendations to the Board for final approval.

Selectman May left the meeting at 6:47pm.

Motion to accept Minutes of October 5, 2016: Upon review, a motion was made by Chair Wilson to accept the Minutes of October 5, 2016 with corrections. The motion, seconded by Selectman Quist, was accepted. (2/1/0)

Motion to accept Minutes of October 19, 2016- HEARING: Upon review, a motion was made by Chair Wilson to accept the Minutes of October 19, 2016 with corrections. The motion, seconded by Selectman Quist, was unanimously accepted. (2/1/0)

Warrants: FY17 W10 and FY17 P010 were reviewed and signed.

Adjournment: Seeing no further business, Chair Wilson made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 6:57pm. The motion, seconded by Selectman May, unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

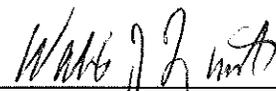
Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Boudreau
Executive Secretary

Approval Date: November 30, 2016

Approved:


Marilyn Wilson, Chair


Walter J. Quist, Vice-Chair


Dennis May, Selectman

ATTACHMENTS:

- Agenda 11-02-16
- Cultural Council FY17 Contract (4 pgs.)
- STM Warrant
- Assessors Certification of Overlay Surplus (3 pgs.)
- Projected Assessments if Rowe were a Member of MTRSD (8 pgs.)
- Summary of Issues Related to MTRSD – presented by Susan Zavotka