

**Town of Rowe**  
Board of Selectmen – Minutes  
Wednesday, November 16, 2016 – 3:00 pm  
Rowe Town Hall

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**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:** Elaine Boss, Alain Peteroy, Ramon Sanchez, Maeve Gallagher, Jay Williams, Jim Williams

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Identify Questions for Fire Chief and Police Chief for Regionalization: Chair Wilson explained that she continued to meet with area Select Board Members to continue the discussion about sharing essential services. Discussion centered on encouraging areas where resources could be shared between towns. Chair Wilson asked for input for the next meeting.
2. Tunnel Road Update: Chair Wilson said she met with Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) Executive Director Linda Dunlavy and reviewed documents relating to the original establishment of Tunnel Road. Following review of several documents, it was in Ms. Dunlavy opinion, that Tunnel Road is a Town Way and not a County Road.
3. Town Sign – Suggestion Alan Bjork: A citizen requested a better entering town sign. Vice-Chair Quist agreed to look into the options to consider for a Town sign.
4. Update on the Last Mile Meeting: A draft letter was presented by Chair Wilson to Mass Broadband Institute to Chairman Peter Larkin to encourage greater speed in getting high speed internet to western Massachusetts. Following making amendments, it was agreed to send the letter. Chair Wilson will prepare the final version for signing.
5. Review Final Draft of Joe Markarian Financial Policies: Following review of the final draft of Joe Markarian's Financial Policies it was agreed the final draft version Mr. Markarian presented was complete and ready to publish.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Franklin Land Trust Conservation Meeting: Select Board Members met with Franklin Land Trust (FLT) Emily Boss, Land Protection Specialist and Alain Peteroy, Director of Land Conservation to give an overview of the Williams family plan to put a portion of their land into Conservation Restriction. There is a landscape partnership grant potential for land owners having a minimum of 500 contiguous acres. If certain criteria are met, the family could

maintain ownership of the land and place conservation restrictions to the land in perpetuity. The Land Trust would hold the land restrictions with another public entity such as the Conservation Commission to jointly hold the restrictions and would need approval from the Select Board. It was recommended that the Conservation Commission would be the co-holders with the FLT as they are the most likely partners. They recommend landowners then apply to classify the land in Chapter 61 Forest Lands and Forest Products, 61a Agricultural and Horticultural Land or 61b Recreation Land. Conservation restriction land would need to be appraised and surveyed. Documents were reviewed depicting the proposed areas and the Conservation Restriction purposes and details.

2. Town Nurse Request: Town Nurse sent an email with concerns about having a generator for backup power for Town Hall. It was noted that Emergency Management Director had reported in the past about obtaining a generator through a grant. Chair Wilson said she would contact Powers Generators and have them come out and access Town Hall, Safety Complex and DPW to give costs for the backup power for each facility.
3. BOH Request: The Board of Health requested the Select Board review and sign a 'Statement of Work' to participate in a tick reporting program through a University of Massachusetts.

**Motion to Sign Statement of Work:** Following review, Chair Wilson made a motion to sign a 'Statement of Work' to participate in a tick reporting program through a University of Massachusetts. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Quist, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

4. DEP Request: Small Town Environmental Partnership: Select Board Members reviewed a request from Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) to participate in a voluntary program to review environmental compliance. Following review, it was agreed not to participate at this time.
5. Administrative Clerk Updates: Janice Boudreau said that there was one application for Seasonal fill-in driver and Lance indicated he was qualified for the position. It was agreed Selectman May would speak further with Highway Superintendent prior to hiring the applicant.

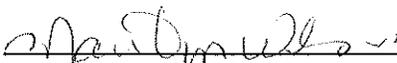
**Warrants:** FY17 W11 and FY17 P011 were reviewed and signed.

**Adjournment:** Seeing no further business, Chair Wilson made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 6:12 pm. 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 11-16-16
- Open Space Map – prepared by Franklin Land Trust
- Williams Rowe Land Trust Land – prepared by Franklin Land Trust
- Sample Memorandum of Understanding – Town of Rowe and Franklin Land Trust
- Conservation Restriction – Purposes