

Town of Rowe
Board of Selectmen – Minutes
Wednesday, November 30, 2016 – 3:00 pm
Rowe Town Hall

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson at 3:05pm.

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

Also Present: Paul Hurtig

OLD BUSINESS

1. Question About King's Highway Bridge: Resident Paul Hurtig addressed the Select Board with concerns over the condition of the King's Highway Bridge. Select Board Members reviewed the recent 'Structures Inspection Field Report' following inspection conducted by Mass Dept. of Transportation (MassDOT) with Mr. Hurtig. It was noted that there were several areas of concern with deficiencies noted that need to be addressed. It was agreed to proceed with an engineering plan and work on obtaining funding.

Mr. Hurtig left the meeting at 3:27pm

2. Formulate Plans for Bridges: It was agreed to speak with Highway Superintendent to ask he prepare a report of bridges and formulate long term plans.

MINUTES

Motion to accept Minutes of September 21, 2016: Upon review, a motion was made by Chair Wilson to accept the Minutes of September 21, 2016 with amendments. The motion, seconded by Selectman May, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

Motion to accept Minutes of September 22, 2016: Upon review, a motion was made by Chair Wilson to accept the Minutes of September 21, 2016 with an amendment. The motion, seconded by Selectman May, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

Motion to accept Minutes of October 19, 2016: Upon review, a motion was made by Chair Wilson to accept the Minutes of September 21, 2016 as written. The motion, seconded by Selectman May, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

Motion to accept Minutes of Executive Session November 2, 2016: Upon review, a motion was made by Chair Wilson to accept the Minutes of Executive Session November 2, 2016 with amendments. The motion, seconded by Selectman May, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

Motion to accept Minutes of Executive Session #2 November 2, 2016: Upon review, a motion was made by Chair Wilson to accept the Minutes of Executive Session #2 November 2, 2016 with amendments. The motion, seconded by Selectman May, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

Motion to accept Minutes of November 2, 2016: Upon review, a motion was made by Chair Wilson to accept the Minutes of November 2, 2016 as written. The motion, seconded by Selectman May, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

Motion to accept Minutes of November 16, 2016: Upon review, a motion was made by Chair Wilson to accept the Minutes of November 16, 2016 with an amendment. The motion, seconded by Selectman May, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

3. Discuss Land Conservation Issue: Chair Wilson said that one of the concerns she had with land put in conservation restrictions is that it would be in perpetuity. She asked that Members read an article published by the National Center for Public Policy Research in May 2008 entitled, "Conservation Easements: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" by Dana Joel Gattuso.
4. Chair Wilson to Update Hoosac Tunnel Bridge: Chair Wilson reported that she was meeting with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments Executive Committee to discuss Tunnel Road next week.
5. Sign letter to Peter Larkin of MBI: Following review, it was agreed to sign and send a letter that Chair Wilson prepared, to Peter Larkin, Director of Mass Broadband Institute, and send copies to David Dvore, MBI Municipal Liaison, Bill Ennen, Program Director, Regional Initiatives, MBI Carolyn Kirk, Deputy Secretary of the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development and Stephen Kulik, State Representative in General Court, 1st District.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Quarterly Meetings: Vice-Chair Quist requested that the Board meet with Department Heads on a more regular basis and have them report to Select Board with project and updates. Following discussion, it was agreed to do.
2. Tunnel Bridge Study Group: Vice-Chair Quist reported that a citizen requested that the Town form a committee to discuss solutions for the Tunnel Road issues. The citizen had said that in the past when there was a problem, Rowe would form committee to focus on an issue. Chair Wilson said she had made a request for a committee in the December issue of the Goal Post.
3. Appoint Finance Committee Member: Chair Wilson said the Finance Committee recommended Joanne Semanie be appointed to the Finance Committee.

Motion to Appoint Fin Com Member: Chair Wilson made a motion to appoint Joanne Semanie to the Finance Committee to serve the term of a resigned member until next election in May 2017. The motion, seconded by Selectman May, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

4. Ed May: to Discuss Town Hall Complex Generators: Chair Wilson said she did not hear back from Ed May about the progress with purchasing generators for Town buildings. Vice-Chair Quist agreed to call Powers Generators, who currently service the 2 Town owned generators, to schedule a visit to prepare an estimate cost for purchase and installation for Town Hall, Safety Complex and DPW Buildings.
5. Administrative Clerk Updates: Ms. Boudreau reported that she would be attending a meeting held by the Mass Office of the Inspector General and the Operational Services Division to learn procurement best practices on Friday, December 9, 2016 in Huntington, MA.

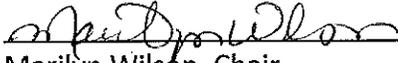
Warrants: FY17 W12 and FY17 P012 were reviewed and signed.

Adjournment: Seeing no further business, Chair Wilson made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 5:40 pm. The motion, seconded by Selectman May, unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

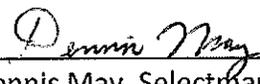
Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Boudreau
Executive Secretary

Approval Date: DECEMBER 14, 2016

Approved: 
Marilyn Wilson, Chair


Walter J. Quist, Vice-Chair


Dennis May, Selectman

ATTACHMENTS:

- Agenda 11-30-16
- Letter to Peter Larkin – Dir. Mass Broadband Institute