

**Town of Rowe**  
Board of Selectmen – Minutes  
Wednesday, August 11, 2016 – 4:00 pm  
Rowe Town Hall

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson at 4:02pm.

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

**Also Present:** Finance Committee and the School Committee Members: Janet Cowie, Loretta Dionne, Bill Knittle, Jon Lev, Ellen Miller, Ray Wilson, Susan Zavotka, Wayne Zavotka

**Audience:** Diane Broncaccio, Gail May

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion Concerning Rowe Re-joining Mohawk Trail Regional School District: School Committee Chair Susan Zavotka opened the meeting and presented considerations about whether to join Mohawk Trail Regional School District (MTRSD) for grades 7-12. All member towns voted at their annual town meetings to have Rowe re-join the district. Having 2 voting seats on the MTRSD School Committee gives Rowe a voice in decisions and was widely viewed as important. Following review of the projected financial impact on MTRSD and Rowe, there were some issues that were unclear: late bus transportation costs, charter school reimbursements and capital improvement projects. Concern was expressed about joining and not being able to leave MTRSD.

A subcommittee of Ray Wilson, Dennis May and Ellen Miller formed to clarify budget items with MTRSD.

2. Discuss Financing of the Last Mile: Chair Wilson explained to Finance Committee and School Committee the importance of having broadband for the school children and the costs associated with bringing it to Rowe. She explained that by using funds from Stabilization, Capital Stabilization and Free Cash, Rowe would not have to finance the broadband construction through borrowing; rather, by using Town funds. The savings by not issuing a bond could be as much as \$675,000.

Following the presentation both the Finance Committee and School Committee were in support of the 'self-financing' option.

**Adjournment:** Seeing no further business, Chair Wilson made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 5:29 pm. The motion, seconded by Selectman May, unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

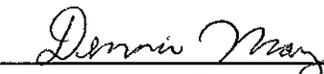
Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Boudreau

Approval Date: August 24, 2016

Approved:   
Marilyn Wilson, Chair

  
Walter J. Quist, Vice-Chair

  
Dennis May, Selectman

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Agenda 08-11-16
- Rejoining MTRSD 7-12 – (9 pgs.)
- Amended MTRSD Regional Agreement (9 pgs.)
- Warrant Article Draft