

Town of Rowe – FY2013  
Board of Selectmen – Minutes

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Joint Meeting with School Committee  
Wednesday, August 15, 2012 –6:04pm  
Rowe Town Hall

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**Executive Session Call to Order:** The Executive Session was called to order by Chairman Abbott at 6:04pm.

**Present:** Chairman Noel Abbott, Vice Chairman Paul McLatchy III, and Selectman Marilyn Wilson

**Also Present:** School Committee members: Chair Lisa Miller and Lisa Danek-Burke; Town Coordinator Ellen Miller

School Committee member Lisa Danek-Burke stated that the Executive Session was needed to discuss the status of Rowe's litigation against Mohawk and Hawlemont. She stated that she had never seen any court documents and would like to know the status. [The Hawlemont School Committee had met on August 14, 2012 to vote on allowing the Rowe School District to use a portion of their facility as a "school within a school," but did not actually take such vote for specific reasons—one being that Hawlemont School Committee Chair stated that Rowe has a pending "lawsuit" against Hawlemont.]

Select Board (BOS) Chairman Noel Abbott was surprised that this was an issue since the legal action taken—solely regarding a new *Three-District Cost Sharing Agreement* (3 RDA) between the Mohawk, Hawlemont and Rowe School Districts—was negated by the approval/signing of the 3RDA in June 2012 by the Rowe School Committee. It was agreed by all that the creation of a simple document stating that the issue is closed should be prepared.

Selectman Marilyn Wilson made a motion, which was seconded, that the Board of Selectmen write a letter to our Attorney Lenny Kesten informing him that the Rowe Board of Selectmen is dropping the litigation. Chairman Abbott amended the motion to include that Attorney Kesten be asked to take whatever steps are necessary to curtail/end the process. The amendment was seconded, and the vote was unanimous as follows: Noel Abbott – yes, Paul McLatchy – yes, and Marilyn Wilson – yes.

School Committee member Lisa Danek-Burke stated that the easiest way to handle the matter would be to vote in open session that Rowe is dropping Civil Action Number FRCV2012-067 against Hawlemont.

**Exit Executive Session:** At 6:30pm the Select Board voted unanimously as follows to exit the Executive Session: Noel Abbott – yes, Paul McLatchy – yes, and Marilyn Wilson – yes.

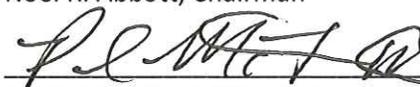
Respectfully submitted,

Ellen B. Miller  
Town Coordinator

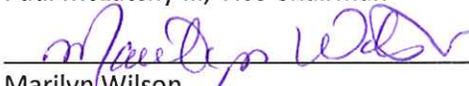
Approved:



Noel R. Abbott, Chairman



Paul McLatchy III, Vice Chairman



Marilyn Wilson

August 23, 2012

Date Approved

**Attachments:**

- None