

Rowe Finance Committee  
October 18, 2017  
6:30 P.M.  
Rowe Town Hall

**Finance Committee:** Chair Wayne Zavotka, Loretta Dionne, Paul McLatchy III  
**Board of Selectmen:** Chair Jennifer Morse, Dennis May, Chuck Sokol, Executive Secretary Janice Boudreau  
**Audience of Citizens:** Dan Poplawski, David Cousineau, Ramon Sanchez, Myra Carlow, Cathy Snyder, Molly Lane, Janet Cowie, Kathy Sprague, Julie Shippee, Joanne Semanie, Brandon Sprague, Ed May, Sean Loomis, Lance Larned, David Dvore, Ellen Miller

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Zavotka at 6:30 P.M., a quorum of the committee present.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this meeting was to watch a budget presentation and to have a dialogue with the various departments and committees represented.

**Welcome:** Chair Zavotka welcomed the group to the meeting. He then explained the schedule for the evening. He said that his hope is to get feedback from the participants of the budgeting process and to start a dialogue.

**Slideshow:** A slideshow (put together by Jenn Morse) was presented. In it, it explained that the budget process for this year is beginning earlier, and that committees are being asked to review their capital expenditures in order to update the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). At this point, we are well over our levy limit, by approximately \$175,000. Selectman Morse and Chair Zavotka explained some of the upcoming big projects in town, and then finished out with an explanation that in order to balance the budget, one of three things has to happen:

1. The town continues to utilize its free cash reserves and continues to budget the current way.
2. The town authorizes a general override to bring us up to a new levy limit in line with our spending patterns.
3. Cuts are made to bring us in line with the levy limit.

A brief question and answer period followed about the plans of the two budgeting committees. It was made clear that the budgets this year will need to be far more detailed, and are expected to be “built from the ground up”, rather than just focusing on a 2½% increase.

**Next Meeting:** No meeting was set at this time.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Mr. McLatchy and seconded by Chair Zavotka to adjourn. The vote was unanimous in favor, and the meeting was closed at 7:07 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul McLatchy III, Secretary

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Approved on: November 1, 2017

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*Loretta Dionne, Member*

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*Wayne Zavotka, Chairman*