

Rowe Bylaw Review Committee
February 19, 2019
6:30 P.M. at Rowe Town Hall – Meeting Room 1

Present: Chair Chuck Sokol, Secretary Paul McLatchy III, Christopher “Selmi” Hyytinen (arrived at 7:55), James Lively

Audience of Citizens: None

Call to Order: Due to traffic, a quorum was not reached until 7:14. Chair Sokol called the meeting to order at 7:14 P.M.

Minutes: The minutes of February 5th were presented. A motion was made by Chair Sokol and seconded by Mr. Lively to accept the minutes as presented. The vote was 3-0-0 in favor.

Authority: At the last meeting, members voted to adopt wording allowing various boards and committees the authority to establish rules, regulations, and policies over property and employees under their jurisdiction. Chair Sokol pointed out that there is no official list of who has control of what areas in town. This could lead to gray areas. A concern was also raised that there is no wording requiring all non-school employees to fall under the personnel policies set by the Board of Selectmen, and could result in a board or committee setting different policies.

Article I, Section 4: Chair Sokol reported that he may have found a Massachusetts General Law that limits fines to \$300 for infractions. However, it was unclear if it only applied to that section, or if it applied to all bylaw violations. Research will need to be done.

Article III: A motion was made by Chair Sokol and seconded by Mr. Hyytinen to organize all of the various boards and committees into similar sections within Article III, rather than have inconsistencies. The vote was 4-0-0 in favor. The article will be rewritten so that all sections under the Board of Selectmen are together in one section, all sections pertaining to the Board of Health are in one section, etc.

General: A motion was made by Mr. McLatchy to make all references to a board or committee be consistent throughout the bylaws (i.e. “Board of Selectmen”, not “selectboard”). The motion was seconded by Chair Sokol, and the vote was 4-0-0 in favor.

Article III, Section 6: The list of officers appointed by the Selectmen was reviewed. Mr. McLatchy will bring a clean copy back to the next meeting to review and adopt.

Next Meeting: The committee will meet Tuesday, February 26th at 6:30 P.M.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Mr. McLatchy and seconded by Chair Sokol to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 P.M. The vote was 4-0-0 in favor.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Paul McLatchy III, Secretary*

Approved: February 26, 2019

Chuck Sokol, Chairman

Paul McLatchy III, Secretary

Christopher "Selmi" Hyytinen, Member

James Lively, Member