

Rowe Board of Selectmen Meeting
May 20, 2019
6:30 P.M.
Rowe Town Hall – Selectmen’s Office

Board of Selectmen: Chair Jennifer Morse, Selectman Chuck Sokol
Administrative Assistant: Paul McLatchy III
Other Attendees: Selectman-elect Ed Silva (phone), DPW Superintendent Lance Larned (briefly)
Audience of Citizens: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Morse at 6:31 P.M., a quorum of the board present.

Call In: Ed Silva was called and asked to participate in the meeting. Ed was elected to the Board at the annual election last Saturday. He has not had a chance to be sworn in yet, so cannot vote. Therefore, there was no requirement to adhere to remote participation laws and processes.

Tax Collector: Now that the elected term of the Tax Collector has expired, it is now officially an appointed position. Incumbent Sandy Daviau is interested in staying on, at least until the end of the fiscal year. A motion was made by Selectman Sokol and seconded by Chair Morse to appoint Ms. Daviau until June 30th. The vote was 2-0-0 in favor.

Meeting Schedule: The Selectmen will meet on Friday, May 31st at 6:30 P.M. They will then meet on Wednesday, June 12th, and then starting June 27th they will meet every other Thursday. They will reorganize at their meeting on the 31st.

Department Heads: Mr. Silva asked about the DPW schedule and a few other questions. The other members felt it might be useful to have the various department heads under the Selectmen come to a meeting to explain their job duties and answer any questions Mr. Silva might have. The Board will start with DPW Superintendent Lance Larned at 6:45 on May 31st.

Police Radar: Mr. Silva asked about the \$2,500 that was appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting for a police radar array. He was interested to know how many tickets were issued on average in a year. Selectman Sokol explained that the array was a result of multiple citizen complaints about speeding, and that this could be a way for residents to help themselves voluntarily comply with the local speed limits. He did not think that the Police Department would be willing to disclose how many tickets they issue, but the Board could at least ask.

Mailbox Structure: Chair Morse informed Mr. Silva that the Board will be looking into building a structure over the outside mailboxes in the next few months. Mr. Silva has had experience with contractors, and so may be very helpful to the process.

Gracy House Committee: Three members have volunteered to be on the Gracy House Study Committee: Joanne Semanie, Herb Butzke, and Mary Paige. The Board decided to wait until their next regular meeting to formally appoint a committee.

End Call: The members thanked Mr. Silva for being a part of the meeting, and ended the phone call.

MLP Update/Police Detail: Chair Morse asked if there were any updates with the MLP. Apparently there have been some incidents with the police detail and MLP Manager David Dvore. They seem to have been sorted out. DPW Superintendent Lance Larned happened to be walking by and the Board stopped him to ask about the DPW's use of police detail. Mr. Larned said that the only time they use a detail is when they are doing work in a location where visibility is poor (i.e. Joe King Hill).

Apparently there have been some concerns by residents over the use of a detail while Sertex has been installing fiber. They have been used on very low-traffic roads, including a dead-end road that only has one landowner. Mr. Larned noted that when they were on his road, only two cars passed the entire time. He has spoken with other DPW heads in the area, and most of them use workers to help the flow of traffic, rather than a police detail.

SAMS.gov Letter: Mr. McLatchy requested that a letter be signed authorizing him to be the lead administrator with the town's Federal SAMS.gov account, which would allow the town to apply for and manage federal grants. Selectman Sokol signed the letter, and Chair Morse notarized it.

Next Meeting: The Board will meet on Friday, May 31st; Wednesday, June 12th; and Thursday, June 27th. They will then meet every other Thursday.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Chair Morse and seconded by Selectman Sokol to adjourn. The vote was 2-0-0 in favor, and the meeting was closed at 6:59 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul McLatchy III
Administrative Assistant

Approved on: 6-12-2019



Jennifer Morse, Chair



Chuck Sokol, Selectman

Documents:

1. Letter to SAMS.gov