



Town of Rowe
Board of Selectmen Minutes
Thursday May 7, 2020 –6:30 p.m.
VIA TELECONFERENCE

This meeting will be held via video conference, consistent with Gov. Baker's temporary modifications to Open Meeting Law.

REMOTE PARTICIPATION INFORMATION:

Video and/or audio

Meeting Host: zoom.us

Meeting ID: 288-065-7034

URL: <https://zoom.us/j/2880657034>

Telephone: 312-626-6799

Present: Chair Chuck Sokol, Vice-Chair Jennifer Morse and Executive Secretary Janice Boudreau

Absent: Ed Silva, Selectman

Audience: Joanne Semanie, Paul McLatchy III, Loretta Dionne, Rick Williams, Paul Hurtig, Rosie Gordon, Mark Duval, David Dvore, Joe Parda, Mike Tatron

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Sokol at 6:30 p.m. via remote participation.

MOTION: Roll call vote to call to order:

Chair Sokol: yes

Vice-Chair Morse: yes

Announcement of recording devices: two

1. Scheduled Presentations/Joint Meetings

- A. **Pole Hearing: King's Highway National Grid Pole Request:** Board Members reviewed the Pole and Wire Locations Petition Plan presented by National Grid for two temporary poles necessary for the installation of the temporary bridge for the King's Highway bridge construction project on King's Highway and Zoar Road. There was discussion with the Project Manager from Westfield Gas & Electric concerning broadband fiber cable and who would be absorbing the costs related to the change and needed to be looked into. Abutting property owner Paul Hurtig had questions concerning trees that may need removal. Mike Tatron from National Grid said he would look into the tree situation further and proceed with a tree hearing if necessary, going through the proper channels.

MOTION TO APPROVE PETITION: Chair Sokol made a motion to approve the Pole work as described in the Pole Petition. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Morse.

A roll call vote was taken:

Chair Sokol: yes

Vice-Chair Morse: yes

Noteworthy Announcements: None

Correspondence/Citizen Comments: None

Municipal Light Plant Broadband Project Updates and Discussion:

1. Fiber Hut Work: Tabled until Selectman Silva is present
2. David Dvore, Municipal Light Plant Manager said that the Board of Health accepted the plan for further broadband installations adhering to covid-19 restrictions.

Left the meeting: Mike Tatron, Joe Parda, Paul Hurtig and David Dvore left the meeting at 7:08p.m.

Citizen Comments: None

Board of Selectmen Business: Tabled until a later date

Vice-Chair Morse asked for a resumption of the bi-weekly schedule for Board meetings if time allowed.

Unforeseen Business: (within preceding 48 hours)

1. Reserve Officer – Tabled until a later date
2. Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness: Administrative Assistant asked for the Board’s signature to extend the grant contract due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

MOTION TO SIGN GRANT EXTENTION: Chair Sokol made a motion to sign the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Contract for a grant extension from 6-30-2020 to 6-30-2021 with the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

A roll call vote was taken:

Chair Sokol: yes

Vice-Chair Morse: yes

Adjournment:

MOTION: Chair Sokol made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17p.m. The motion was seconded by Chair Sokol.

A roll call vote was taken:

Chair Sokol: yes

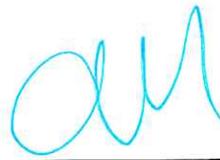
Vice-Chair Morse: yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Boudreau, Executive Secretary

Approval Date: June 1, 2020

Approved:



Chuck Sokol, Chair

Selectman Jennifer Morse, Vice-Chair

Selectman Ed Silva

Documents:

1. Agenda 05/07/20
2. Pole Hearing Petition and Wire Locations – National Grid
3. MVP – Contract Extension with EOEEA