



Town of Rowe  
**Board of Selectmen** Minutes  
Tuesday, June 8, 2021 –4:00 p.m.  
VIA TELECONFERENCE

*This meeting will be held via video conference, consistent with Gov. Baker's temporary modifications to Open Meeting Law due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

**Board of Selectmen:** Chair Charles Sokol, Selectman Joanne Semanie  
**Absent:** Selectman Ed Silva  
**Administrative Staff:** Janice Boudreau, Executive Secretary  
Paul McLatchy III, Administrative Assistant

**Audience:** Board of Health Chair Maggie Rice

**Call to Order:** Chair Sokol called the meeting to order at 4:02 P.M., a quorum of the board present via remote participation.

**MOTION: Roll call vote to call to order:**

**Chair Sokol:**                    **yes**

**Silva:**                                **absent**

**Vice-Chair Semanie:**        **yes**

**Background:** This group of individuals (self-titled "Covid Group") has been meeting weekly for the past few months to listen to the state Covid-19 briefings and discuss ongoing matters in town related to the pandemic. As Board of Health Clerk Joanne Semanie was elected last Saturday to the Board of Selectmen, there is now a quorum of the board present during these weekly meetings, and as such, must take place in open session.

**Covid Discussion:** The following points/topics were addressed during discussion:  
Maggie Rice, Board of Health Chair reported the following:

- Charlemont Fairgrounds drive thru on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 a.m. for the Johnson & Johnson Vaccine for a single dose
- Park is running the Park as usual with lifeguards and staff
- There was discussion about policy for Town Buildings and it was decided that vaccinated employees did not have to wear masks and unvaccinated employees for Covid-19 were encouraged to continue to wear masks and practice social distancing
- Members worked on a Vaccine Declaration Form for employees to sign and to place in their personnel file and would remain confidential and to protect the liability of the town

**MOTION TO APPROVE FORM: Chair Sokol made a motion to require each employee complete the "Covid-19 Vaccine Declaration Form" and return it to their Supervisor for inclusion in their personnel file at Rowe Town Hall**

**MOTION: Roll call vote to call to order:**

**Chair Sokol:                    yes**  
**Silva:                             absent**  
**Vice-Chair Semanie:    yes (Vote 2-0-0)**

- There was discussion about the rescinding of the State's State of Emergency Declaration as of June 15, 2021.

**MOTION TO RESCIND STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ROWE: Following discussion, Chair Sokol made a motion to rescind the State of Emergency Declaration for Rowe simultaneous with the expiration with the state-wide declaration on June 15, 2021.**

**MOTION: Roll call vote to call to order:**

**Chair Sokol:                    yes**  
**Silva:                             absent**  
**Vice-Chair Semanie:    yes (Vote 2-0-0)**

**The following message was prepared for the Public Notification System:**

"Good Evening Rowe Residents,

The following is the recurring message regarding the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. Future messages regarding the pandemic will now come on a monthly basis.

As of June 15th, the town hall will reopen for normal business such as in-person committee meetings. When visiting the town hall, please remember to follow CDC guidelines regarding mask usage: that is to say, those who have not yet been vaccinated should wear a mask to protect their own health and the health of anyone around them who has also not yet been vaccinated. Those who have been vaccinated are encouraged to wear a mask as they feel necessary for their own comfort and safety.

The fitness center remains closed as a COVID safety plan particular to the fitness center is still in the process of being formed and approved.

To access the town hall outside of a committee meeting, please reach out to the town hall staff to make an appointment.

On June 13th there will be a local drive-through COVID vaccination clinic at the Charlemont Fairgrounds at 10AM where the single-dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine will be provided.

The Rowe Coronavirus task force will continue to keep you updated on these and other coronavirus topics on an on-going basis.

Thank you, and stay healthy.

~Chuck Sokol

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION: Chair Sokol made a motion to adjourn the meeting 5:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie.**

MOTION: Roll call vote to call to order:  
Chair Sokol:                    yes  
Silva:                               absent  
Vice-Chair Semanie:   yes (Vote 2-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

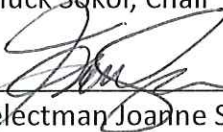
Janice Boudreau, Executive Secretary

Approval Date: *JULY 8, 2021*

Approved:



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Chuck Sokol, Chair



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Selectman Joanne Semanie

**Documents:**

- Agenda June 8, 2021
- Covid-19 Vaccine Declaration Form
- KP Law Update 06-07-21