



Town of Rowe  
**Board of Selectmen** Minutes  
Thursday, June 24, 2021–6:00 p.m.  
Rowe Town Hall – Hearing Room 1

**Board of Selectmen:** Vice-Chair Joanne Semanie, Selectman Ed Silva  
**Absent:** Chair Charles Sokol  
Executive Secretary Janice Boudreau, Paul McLatchy III, Administrative Asst.  
**Audience:** Finance Committee: Wayne Zavotka, Loretta Dionne, C. Selmi Hyytinen

**Call to Order:** Vice-Chair Semanie called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Noteworthy Announcements (as needed)- None

**Selectboard Business:**

**Minutes:** Tabled until next meeting

**JOINT MEETING:** 6:00 p.m. Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee:

To discuss Finance Committee failure to elect per MGL c41 §10:

Finance Committee Chair Wayne Zavotka discussed failure to elect per MGL c41 §10 and asked the Board of Selectmen to appoint Dan Pallotta to assume the position on the Finance Committee until the next election.

**MOTION TO APPOINT: Vice-Chair Semanie made a motion to appoint Dan Pallotta to serve on the Rowe Finance Committee to assume the position of member serving the expired term until the next election. The motion, seconded by Selectman Silva, was accepted. (vote: 2-0-0)**

Line Item Transfer Requests:

Selectmen presented the Line Items Transfers that were approved by the Board for the Finance Committee review:

1. An additional \$900.00 to cover Street Lighting as costs were above budgeted amount
2. An additional \$585.00 for an expense for generator repair over budgeted amount
3. An additional \$5,222.53 for the overtime worked by the Treasurer to resolve issues created by the former Treasurer
4. \$7,235.32 for a video conferencing system to continue using the Zoom platform enabling anyone to join the meeting remotely and provide open access to citizens.
5. An additional \$1129.85 to cover the Treasurer salary as Joanne Semanie covered duties of the Treasurer following the termination of the former Treasurer.

The Finance Committee voted unanimously to concur with the Line Item Transfers approved by the

Water Issue Project

Executive Secretary discussed the issue of a potential water leak in the water system line serving the 5 town buildings from the town hall well. She explained that there was a potential expense in the future and that it has

not been located with conventional methods. It was thought to be located somewhere between the Town Hall and either the Safety Complex or Highway Dept. and that the next step involved expense from digging. Selectmen Silva suggested the potential use of a camera and 2 companies were suggested for Executive Secretary to contact.

**New Business:**

FY22 Appointments:

**MOTION TO APPOINT: Following Discussion, Vice-Chair Semanie made a motion to appoint the following for a one-year term ending on June 30, 2022:**

Animal Control Officer	Ramon Sanchez
Animal Control Officer, Relief	Henry Dandeneau
Animal Inspector	Ramon Sanchez
Assistant Treasurer	Paul McLatchy III
Constable (Appointed)	Robert Beaumier
DPW Superintendent	Lance Larned
Election Clerk	Loretta Dionne
Election Clerk	Lauren Werner
Election Teller	Margaret Rice
Election Teller	Paul McLatchy Jr.
Election Teller	Colleen Avallone
Election Teller	Susan Tomlinson
Election Teller	Susan Williams
Election Warden	Loretta Dionne
Election Warden	Ramon Sanchez
FCCIP Representative	Janice Boudreau
Fence Viewer	Edward Silva
Fence Viewer	Charles Sokol
Field Driver	Edward Silva
Field Driver	Charles Sokol
Fire Chief	Dennis Annear
Forest Fire Warden	Brandon Sprague
Franklin Regional Planning Board Rep. (BOS)	Janice Boudreau
FRCOG Council	Janice Boudreau
FRCOG Council, Alternate Rep.	Paul McLatchy III
FRTA Representative	Paul McLatchy III
HCGIT Representative	Janice Boudreau
HCGIT Representative, Alternate	Paul McLatchy III
Keeper of the Dams	Henry Dandeneau
Keeper of the Dams, Alternate	Julie Shippee
Measurer of Wood, Bark, and Lumber	Robert Rice
Measurer of Wood, Bark, and Lumber	Thomas Danek
Police Officer - Auxiliary	Austin Willis

Police Officer - Auxiliary	Francis Noyes
Police Officer - Auxiliary	Jared Bellows
Police Officer - Auxiliary	Melinda Herzig
Police Officer - Part-time	Christopher Hyytinen
Police Officer - Part-time- Reserve	Kyle Sweeney
Superintendent of Pest/Elm Disease Control	Lance Larned
Tax Collector	Terry Green
Town Counsel	KP Law
Tree Warden	Lance Larned
Veterans Burial Agent	John Magnago
Beautification Committee (NSN)	Cindy Stetson
Council on Aging	Christine Tower
Council on Aging	Doris Fensky
Council on Aging	Joanne Brown
Council on Aging	Marilyn Belval
Council on Aging	Sandra Daviau
Council on Aging	Shirley Veber
Carl Nilman Scholarship Fund	Carol Lively
Mohawk Woodlands Partnership Rep.	Hannah Poplawski
Franklin Regional Planning Board Rep. (PB)	Paul McLatchy III
FCSWMD Representative	Dan Poplawski
Coop. Public Health Service Oversight Board	Margaret Rice
Pound Keeper	Joanne Semanie

**The motion, seconded by Selectman Silva, was accepted. (vote: 2-0-0)**

**MOTION TO DISSOLVE COMMITTEE: Vice-Chair Semanie made a motion to dissolve the Bylaw Review Committee. The motion, seconded by Selectman Silva was accepted. (vote: 2-0-0)**

**MOTION TO DISSOLVE COMMITTEE: Vice-Chair Semanie made a motion to dissolve the Gracy House Committee. The motion, seconded by Selectman Silva was accepted. (vote: 2-0-0)**

**J. Wood Letter**

Selectmen reviewed an email sent in by citizen Jennifer Wood who addressed the Police presence where the rafters and kayakers parked along the roadside near Monroe Bridge. Executive Secretary said there were issues that were long standing regarding where people parked and the Rowe police concerns were with allowing vehicles, emergency or otherwise, be able to safely pass through the area. There are now police patrols that are funded by Great River Hydro to address issues on their property as well as State Police who also patrol the area. Selectmen reviewed a draft response stating that the Rowe Police do not tow vehicles, that they will always first ask people to move their vehicles and may ticket the vehicle if no response is made. Selectmen approved the letter to be sent.

**Warrants/Contracts:**

**Review Warrants FY21W26 and FY21PW26:**

Vice-Chair Semanie has not reviewed them and will next week.

**Unforeseen Business (within preceding 48 hours)**

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: Vice-Chair Semanie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. The motion was seconded by Selectman Silva. (Vote: 2-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Boudreau, Executive Secretary

Approval Date: *JULY 22, 2021*

Approved:



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Chuck Sokol, Chair



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Ed Silva, Selectman



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Joanne Semanie, Vice-Chair

**Documents:**

1. Agenda June 24, 2021
2. Minutes of June 10, 2021
3. Minutes of June 8, 2021 – Covid-19 Group
4. FY22 Appointments
5. Rowe Proposed Substantive Bylaw Changes
6. Updating Job Descriptions with Wage Chart Column Assignments
7. Response to J. Wood

**Mail:**

1. Email to Selectmen from Jennifer Wood