



Town of Rowe
Board of Selectmen Minutes
Thursday, July 8, 2021–6:00 p.m.
Rowe Town Hall – Hearing Room 1

Board of Selectmen: Chair Charles Sokol, Vice-Chair Joanne Semanie
Absent: Selectman Ed Silva
Executive Secretary Janice Boudreau
Audience: Fire Chief Dennis Annear

Call to Order: Chair Sokol called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

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Call to Order: 6:00PM

Announcement of recording devices

Noteworthy Announcements (as needed)- None

APPOINTMENT:

6:00 p.m. Board of Selectmen meet with Fire Chief Annear:

Fire Chief Dennis Annear attended the meeting to discuss the following:

Burn House Contract and Plan:

Chief Annear said that due to DEP permit requirement for performing the training burn on the property on Middletown Hill Road, the permit was delayed due to dry conditions. He scheduled the training for Saturday, July 31st for the plan to knock down the horse barn section to the house in preparation. The concern is about the barn, which will be foamed by the Charlemont tanker. Highway DPW will help clean up. Chair Sokol will speak with owner to confirm the change of date to the original contract to the July 31st date.

Dams:

Chief Annear said that due to the impending storms he checked with Chief Shippee regarding the concerns with the dams. Chief responded that she and Henry Dandeneau would be monitoring the situation.

Trailer:

Selectmen asked about the hazardous waste trailer and Chief Annear said it was still being used by the Police Dept. for evidence storage.

Tunnel Road Issues:

Chief Annear spoke about the inability to provide adequate fire protection to lower Tunnel Road affecting 2 homes due to load limits on the access bridge.

EMD:

EMD Greg Poehlien completed training and he can start working on updating the Emergency Management Plan for Rowe. Chief Annear will assist him with permissions to sign on to Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and introduce him to the area representative to work further with him.

Bills:

Chief Annear reported trying to locate bills and finalize FY21. He required a Line Item Transfer since he overspent the dept. salary line. It was explained that that each line item voted on at town meeting and that since the overage occurs each year, he should consider budgeting more for the salary line.

Radios:

Chief Annear said the radios for the Fire Dept. were coming soon and that antennas will be added with dept. having their own station and antenna including Fire Dept., Police Dept. and at the school as a transition to the state's emergency communication system. Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) said a Grant will pay for some of the radio equipment or \$300.00 per mobile radio installation and that the costs that exceeded the amount were budgeted at a town meeting.

MOVE TO APPROVE: Chair Sokol made a motion to sign and approve the Memorandum of Agreement By and Between the Franklin Regional Council of Governments and the Town of Rowe effective from October 1,2020 through September 30, 2023. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie and accepted. (vote: 2-0-0)

Radios Advocacy:

Chief Annear said that the Boards may need to help to advocate Executive Office overseeing the Commonwealth communications systems to urge for greater expansion of coverage. The Rowe Police are currently trying all areas in town to find out where there is coverage and what are the dead zones.

New Truck:

Chief Annear hopes to be able to include a new extrication tool with the new truck and is concerned since some of the pieces of the truck are going up in cost. Chief Annear is working on selling the truck that is 18 years old to be gone this summer.

Rescue Training:

Ice rescue training will take place in November with the new equipment. He commended Chief Shippee and Officer Hyytinen for participating. Chief said he thinks the town is up to par with equipment.

AED:

Chief said the AEDs in town were not all working and purchased pads and batteries for the Park and Town Hall. There was discussion about having a CPR training in the future for town departments and personnel which included the AED training.

Water Safety Certification:

Chief Annear commended Police Officer Sweeney for taking the Water Safety Certification Course and is now certified.

Chief Annear left the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Selectmen Business to Follow:

Ongoing Projects: (tabled until a later date)

1. Policy Updates and Review
2. Updating Job Descriptions with Wage Chart Column Assignments
3. Bylaw Review

Selectboard Business:

Minutes:

1. Board of Selectmen Minutes of June 8, 2021- Covid-19 Group
2. Board of Selectmen Minutes of June 10, 2021
3. Board of Selectmen Minutes of June 17, 2021

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES: Chair Sokol made a motion to accept the Minutes of the Covid-19 Group meeting of June 8, June 10, 2021, as presented. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie, was accepted. (vote: 2-0-0)

New Business:

Town of Rowe Sunwave Power – Electricity Supply Decision:

The contract for electricity supply is about to elapse for electricity supply. Sunwave Power offers a lower rate group purchase for reduced electricity supply. Contracting through Sunwave was established following the dissolve of the Hampshire Power organization.

Motion to Sign Contract: Chair Sokol made a motion to accept a 24-month plan through Sunwave Gas and Power at 0.01080. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie was accepted. (vote: 2-0-0)

Town Nurse Resignation:

Vice-Chair Semanie who serves as Board of Health Clerk said that any questions or complaints about the lack of a Town Nurse due to the resignation of Chelsea Betsold be directed to them. The Board of Health is working on having a flu clinic and foot care clinic in the future.

Old Business:

Continue FY22 Appointments:

The Board continued to review Appointments for FY22:

MOTION TO APPOINT: Chair Sokol made a motion to appoint the following one-year appointments positions for the FY22 year ending June 30, 2022:

Emergency Management Director	Dennis Annear	6/30/2022
Emergency Management Director, Assistant	Greg Poehlein	6/30/2022
Council on Aging	Susan Tomlinson	6/30/2022

MOTION TO APPOINT: Chair Sokol made a motion to appoint the following three-year appointments for year ending 6/30/2024:

Conservation Commission (2)	Virginia Gabert	3 Years	6/30/2024
Conservation Commission (3)	Ramon Luis Sanchez	3 Years	6/30/2024

The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie, was accepted. (Vote: 2-0-0)

MOTION TO AMEND: Chair Sokol made a motion to amend the titles of the Police Appointments for compliance to read:

Reserve part time officer	Christopher Hyytinen	1 Year	6/30/2022
Reserve part time officer	Kyle Sweeney	1 Year	6/30/2022
Special officer	Austin Willis	1 Year	6/30/2022
Special officer	Francis Noyes	1 Year	6/30/2022
Special officer	Jarod Bellows	1 Year	6/30/2022
Special officer	Melinda Herzig	1 Year	6/30/2022

The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie, was accepted. (Vote: 2-0-0)

Warrants/Contracts:

1. Review Warrants FY21W27 and FY21PW27: Vice-Chair Semanie indicated she would review on Friday.
2. Contract with Long View Forest Management: A contract revision was reviewed and signed with the only change added to the prior contract is the completion date.

Executive Secretary/Administrative Assistant Updates:

1. Executive Secretary Updates: Selectmen reviewed the submitted updates.
2. Administrative Assistant Updates: Selectmen reviewed the submitted updates.

Warrants/Contracts:

Review Warrants FY21W27 and FY21PW27:

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

Unforeseen Business (within preceding 48 hours)

Adjournment:

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chair Sokol made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie. (Vote: 2-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Boudreau, Executive Secretary

Approval Date: *JULY 22, 2021*

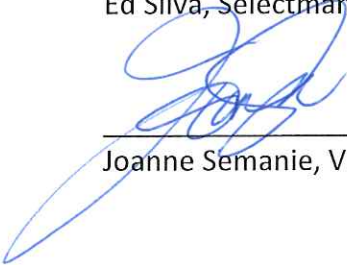
Approved:



Chuck Sokol, Chair



Ed Silva, Selectman



Joanne Semanie, Vice-Chair

Documents:

1. Agenda July 8, 2021
2. Minutes of June 10, 2021
3. Minutes of June 8, 2021 – Covid-19 Group
4. Board of Selectmen Minutes of June 17, 2021
5. Board of Selectmen Minutes of June 24, 2021
6. Sunwave Gas & Power Supply service
7. FY22 Appointments Updates
8. Long View Forest Management Contract
9. MOA with FRCOG/FCECS/CoMIRS and Town of Rowe
10. AATTB Updates
11. Executive Secretary Updates
12. Rowe Proposed Substantive Bylaw Changes
13. Updating Job Descriptions with Wage Chart Column Assignments

Mail:

1. Letter from KP Law re: Chuck Sokol
2. Letter from KP Law re: Appointment
3. Note from Town Clerk re: Appointment
4. Letter from S. Tomlinson
5. Resignation Letter S. Daviau