



Town of Rowe
Board of Selectmen Minutes
Tuesday, November 23, 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
Present: Executive Secretary Janice Boudreau
Audience: Via Remote Participation: Park Commissioner Laurie Pike
Brooke Warring,
In Person: Ken Fensky

Call to Order: Chair Sokol called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
Announcement of recording devices- One
Noteworthy Announcements- None

Appointment:

6:00 p.m. Laurie Pike re: Grant funded update to Forest Stewardship Plan
Josh Rapp, Conservation Scientist of Mass Audubon provides information
Park Commissioner Chair Laurie Pike spoke about the interest to upgrade the Forest Stewardship Plan as a Municipal Vulnerability Plan Grant as the state changed the template to more climate change information to be included. It will be a collaborative effort to add the climate change piece with the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

MOTION TO SUPPORT UPDATE: Chair Sokol made a motion to support a grant application for the Forest Climate Resilience Program to update the existing Forest Assessment Stewardship plan due to changes in MA state requirements including climate change components. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie was accepted. (vote: 2-0-0)

Laurie Pike and Brooke Warring left the meeting at 6:22 p.m.
Terry I Green joined the meeting via remote at 6:09 p.m.

Citizen Comments:

Ken Fensky asked about the right of way and whether property damaged by snowplows was the responsibility of the town since he installed a fence near the road. Chair Sokol said that the question was under review by town counsel and that a response would be made when Town Counsel responds.

Minutes:

Board of Selectmen Minutes of November 9, 2021:

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Chair Sokol made a motion to accept the Board of Selectmen Minutes for November 9, 2021 as written. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie, was accepted. (vote: 2-0-0)

1. Board of Selectmen Minutes of November 16, 2021: tabled until a later date

Ongoing Projects:

Policy Updates and Review: Police Policies Review Submissions:

The Board reviewed the 'Use of Force' Policy and discussed that it required additional work before adopting, as did the additional policies that were submitted.

MOTION TO DELAY ADOPTION: Chair Sokol made a motion to delay the adoption of the Police Policies until further review and editing is made. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie was accepted. (vote: 2-0-0)

Bylaw Review: Tabled until a later date

Selectboard Business:

Old Business:

Custodian Position:

Executive Secretary reviewed applicants for the position of Custodian and recommended Nicole Wrisley for the position as she had been a professional cleaner for over 20 years and her references were excellent.

MOTION TO APPOINT CUSTODIAN: Chair Sokol made a motion to appoint Nicole Wrisley as the Custodian starting at the Wage & Salary Grade D/Step 7 at \$17.00 per hour. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie was accepted. (vote: 2-0-0)

Warrants/Contracts:

Review Warrants FY22W11 and FY21PW121:

Vice-Chair Semanie would review when available.

Recycling Dividends Program Grant Contract Between MA DEP and Town of Rowe:

Vice-Chair Semanie explained that the grant was used at the Refuse Gardens each year for improvements.

MOTION TO SIGN: Chair Sokol made a motion to sign the Recycling Dividends Program Grant Contract Between MA Department of Environmental Protection and Town of Rowe for the amount of \$3150.00. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie was accepted. (vote: 2-0-0)

Executive Secretary/Administrative Assistant Updates:

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EMD:

Executive Secretary said that Greg Poehlein called to discuss the EMD position. He said that he went for a scheduled meeting and did not receive any prior notice of the meeting with the MEMA person had been scheduled and he did not receive any response or correspondence from Fire Chief and wondered whether to continue. Following discussion, it was agreed that Greg should be contacted and asked if he was willing to pursue without the assistance of the Fire Chief.

Wage & Salary Chart:

The Board of Selectmen discussed the Wage and Salary Chart and it was agreed that Vice-Chair Semanie and Executive Secretary would work on updating each position that the Board has oversight to assign a designation based on the Wage & Salary Chart for FY23 and notify employees each year under the purview of the Board.

Future Meetings

The next meeting would be December 9, 2021 and December 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment:

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chair Sokol made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. The motion seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie, was accepted. (Vote: 2-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Boudreau, Executive Secretary

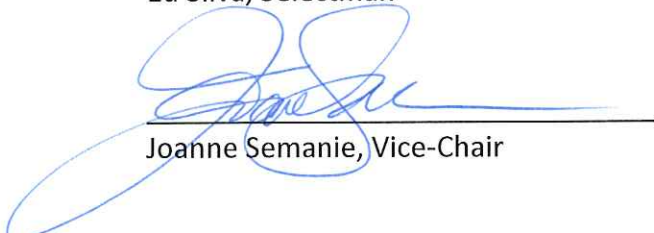
Approval Date: *DECEMBER 9, 2021*

Approved:



Chuck Sokol, Chair

Ed Silva, Selectman



Joanne Semanie, Vice-Chair

Documents:

1. Agenda November 23, 2021
2. BOS Minutes November 9, 2021
3. Laurie Pike email: re: Forest Assessment Stewardship Grant
4. Police Polices submitted
5. Recycling Dividends Program Grant Contract Between MA DEP and Town of Rowe