



Town of Rowe
Board of Selectmen Minutes
Thursday, March 17, 2022–6:00 p.m.
Rowe Town Hall – Hearing Room 1
and Via Remote Participation

Board of Selectmen: Chair Charles Sokol, Vice-Chair Joanne Semanie
Absent: Selectman Ed Silva
Present: Executive Secretary Janice Boudreau
Audience: None

Call to Order: Chair Sokol called the meeting to order at 6:17 P.M.

Roll Call vote: Chair Sokol: Yes Vice-Chair Semanie: Yes (Vote: 2/0/0)

Announcement of recording devices- One
Noteworthy Announcements- None

Minutes:

Board of Selectmen Minutes of February 3, 2022:

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Chair Sokol made a motion to accept the Board of Selectmen Minutes for February 3, 2022, as written. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie.

Roll Call vote: Chair Sokol: Yes Vice-Chair Semanie: Yes (Vote: 2/0/0)

Ongoing Projects:

Policy Updates and Review:

- Police Policies Review Submissions

MOTION TO DELAY: Chair Sokol made a motion to delay approving the police policies until further review and editing. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie.

Roll Call vote: Chair Sokol: Yes Vice-Chair Semanie: Yes (Vote: 2/0/0)

Bylaw Review: Chair Sokol reported that the Hearing notice for the recent Bylaw proposals had not been done correctly and that the proposed changes may have to be delayed.

Selectboard Business:

New Business:

Town Clerk Request for Appointment Board of Registrars:

Town Clerk requested Lisa Danek Burke be appointed as a Registrar of Voters for a 3-year term beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2025.

MOTION TO APPOINT: Chair Sokol made a motion to appoint Lisa Danek Burke as a Registrar of Voters for a three-year term beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2025. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie.

Roll Call vote: Chair Sokol: Yes Vice-Chair Semanie: Yes (Vote: 2/0/0)

Old Home Day 2022:

Selectmen discussed Old Home Day and the possibility of it occurring in 2022. Following discussion, it was decided that there really needs to be planning a year in advance for it to occur and that nothing had been planned. There was discussion about needing an Old Home Day Coordinator to work on forming a committee.

Warrants/Contracts:

Review Warrants FY22W19 and FY21PW19:

Vice-Chair Semanie reported reviewing the Warrants and had nothing to report.

Amendment to Agreement with FRCOG for Police Reform Earmark for Officers to Attend Bridge Academy Training:

Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) sent an Amendment to the Agreement with FRCOG for Police Reform Earmark for Officers to Attend Bridge Academy Training increasing the amount to be reimbursed to Rowe for FY 2022 from \$2113.00 to \$2,400.00.

MOTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT: Chair Sokol made a motion to approve and sign the Amendment to the Agreement with FRCOG for Police Reform Earmark for Officers to Attend Bridge Academy Training increasing the amount to be reimbursed to Rowe for FY 2022 from \$2113.00 to \$2,400.00. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie.

Roll Call vote: Chair Sokol: Yes Vice-Chair Semanie: Yes (Vote: 2/0/0)

Care Act Close Out:

Executive Secretary presented the Coronavirus Aid Close Out Certification for funds used between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021 for signing.

Executive Secretary/Administrative Assistant Updates:

Executive Secretary Updates:

ADMIN ASST:

Executive Secretary reported placing ads for the position.

FORD HILL PROJECT:

There is some ongoing work required with the Engineer for the project to keep the project moving along.

CYRUS STAGE ROAD BRIDGE:

Executive Secretary is work with Town Counsel to perform title work that needs to be in place for this project. It is early stages, but it needs to get done.

MVP GRANT PROJECT:

Laurie Pike and Executive Secretary had a 2nd meeting with Bob O'Connor of MA Dept of Conservation & Recreation, Joshua Rapp of MA Audubon, MVP Carrieanne Petrik, Peggy Sloan of FRCOG and Lisa Hayden of New England Forest to see if we wanted to be the lead community in this potential MVP Grant. We made it known that between Laurie's involvement with the MTWP grant and the Open Space Plan that now is getting some funding \$7,000 to forge ahead and my busy schedule right now there is not a lot we can do between now and March unless we get help with the application. We'll see what happens and what other towns might like to be involved.

BUDGET MEETINGS:

The Finance Committee met and plan to meet on Saturday, March 26th at 10:00 am to work on the budget. The school has promised a draft budget on March 21st.

Thursday, March 24, 4:00 pm: Rowe School Committee will meet to discuss the proposed budget and make changes as needed

Wednesday, April 6, 4:00 pm: Rowe School Committee will hold the required Public Hearing of the FY23 Budget followed by a regular School Committee meeting where the budget approval vote will occur.

Thursday, April 7: School Committee reported the approved budget will be sent to Rowe Town Hall.

Citizen Comments: None

Unforeseen Business (within preceding 48 hours): None

Future Meetings: Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 31st.

Adjournment:

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chair Sokol made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie.

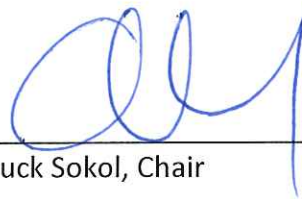
Roll Call vote: Chair Sokol: Yes Vice-Chair Semanie: Yes (Vote: 2/0/0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Boudreau, Executive Secretary

Approval Date:

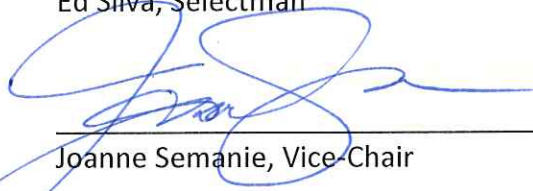
Approved: April 4, 2022



Chuck Sokol, Chair



Ed Silva, Selectman



Joanne Semanie, Vice-Chair

Documents:

1. Agenda March 17, 2022
2. Board of Selectmen Minutes of March 3, 2022
3. Amendment to Agreement with FRCOG for Police Reform Earmark for Officers to Attend Bridge Academy Training
4. Town Clerk Request for Board of Registrars Appointment
5. CvRF- MP Award Close Out Certification
6. Executive Secretary Updates

Mail:

1. Email from FRCOG – DLTA Result