



Town of Rowe  
**Board of Selectmen** Minutes  
Thursday, August 18, 2022–6:00 p.m.  
Rowe Town Hall – Hearing Room 1  
and Via Remote Participation

**Board of Selectmen:** Chair Charles Sokol, Selectman Ed Silva, Vice-Chair Joanne Semanie  
**Present:** Executive Secretary Janice Boudreau  
**Audience:** Len Laffond  
**Participating Via Remote:** Loretta Dionne (until 6:20 p.m.)

**Call to Order:** Chair Sokol called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Announcement of recording devices- One  
Noteworthy Announcements- None

**AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:**

Lenny Laffond asked about the status of the Yankee Road Project and the timeline for the road reconstruction was discussed as he is on the Yankee Citizens Advisory Committee.

Mr. Laffond also asked about the flagpole at the intersection of Potters Road and Ford Hill and whether it could be painted and the flag replaced. It was agreed to do so.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUSINESS:**

**New Business:**

**Appointment: Appointments - Town Clerk**

Since over thirty days had passed since the resignation of a Finance Committee Member, the Board could appoint a member to serve out the unexpired term. The Board of Selectmen discussed the recommendations from the Finance Committee member Loretta Dionne.

**MOTION TO APPOINT: Chair Sokol made a motion to appoint the following:**

Marilyn Wilson	Finance Committee
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**to serve out the unexpired term until the next election in May 2023. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie, was unanimously accepted. (vote: 3-0-0)**

Loretta Dionne left the meeting at 6:20 pm

**Old Business:**

**Policy Updates and Review:**

Selectman Silva said he had spoken to a consultant, who worked on policies for police, about the possibility of hiring him to work on updating the police policies. He was going to review the submitted policies and provide a price quotation for supplying the cost of the services.

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, seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie, was unanimously accepted. (vote: 3-0-0)**

Fire Department – Wage & Salary Amendments: Tabled until a later date

**Minutes:**

Board of Selectmen Minutes of August 4, 2022:

**MOTION TO ACCEPT: Chair Sokol made a motion to accept the Minutes of August 4, 2022 as presented. The motion, seconded by Selectman Silva, was unanimously accepted. (vote: 3-0-0)**

**Warrants/Contracts:**

Review Warrants FY23W04, FY23PW04:

Vice-Chair Semanie will review warrants when they are ready as Treasurer was still completing items.

Clinician Co-Responder Services Agreement:

The Clinician Co-Responder Services Agreement was reviewed and a correction was requested. Ashfield is the lead community and Police Chief Shippee had responded to the agreement, however, the Board of Selectmen had yet to sign the finalized agreement. Following discussion, it was decided to ask Ashfield Police Chief Bezio and Chief Shippee to attend the next meeting to discuss the more details as the Board felt that they needed additional information prior to signing.

MVP Action Grant Award for “Community Driven Forest Climate Adaptation- Implementing the Forest Climate Resilience Program in the MTWP” Contract:

Working with MA Audubon, NE Forest Foundation, FRCOG and Carrienne Petrik of the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) office, Rowe was notified that we are approved for a \$164,450 grant for FY23 and FY24 for the project titled, “Community Driven Forest Climate Adaptation: Implementing the Forest Climate Resilience Program in the Mohawk Trail Woodland Partnership”. Selectmen supported the effort and stressed that it should not impact the administrative offices.

**MOTION TO SIGN: Chair Sokol made a motion to sign the MA Commonwealth Contract ENV 23 MVP 02 for the Community Driven Forest Climate Adaptation: Implementing the Forest Climate Resilience Program in the Mohawk Trail Woodland Partnership. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie, was unanimously accepted. (vote: 3-0-0)**

**Executive Secretary/Administrative Assistant Updates:**

Executive Secretary Updates:

Vacation: Ms. Boudreau said she would be taking some vacation time from September 1 to September 12 and discussed rescheduling the regular Board of Selectmen meeting. Following discussion, it was agreed that Administrative Assistant would attend the meeting in her place.

MLP Responsibilities: Ms. Boudreau discussed the need to clarify responsibilities with the Municipal Light Plant Manager (MLP) duties and responsibilities of the hut and financial transactions since there was no job description or responsibilities reviewed now that the network has been completed. Following discussion, it was agreed to have MLP Manager Dvore attend a meeting to discuss further.

Correspondence Review

Mail was reviewed and no action required.

**Future Meetings:** Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2022.

Adjournment:

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chair Sokol made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie, was unanimously accepted. (vote: 3-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Boudreau, Executive Secretary

Approval Date:

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 August 18, 2022
2. Board of Selectmen Minutes of August 4, 2022
3. Clinician Co-Responder Services Agreement
4. MVP Action Grant Award for "Community Driven Forest Climate Adaptation- Implementing the
5. Forest Climate Resilience Program in the MTWP" Contract
6. Executive Secretary Updates

Mail:

1. Animal Incident Report