



Town of Rowe
Board of Selectmen Minutes
Thursday, September 1, 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: Administrative Assistant Brooke Shulda
Audience: Police Chief Julie Shippee, Chief Bezio, Paul McLatchy III, Terry I. Green

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

Announcement of recording devices- One
Noteworthy Announcements- None

APPOINTMENTS:

6:00 pm: Chief Shippee and Chief Beth Bezio re: Community Services Agreement:

Chief Bezio provided an overview of the Community Services Grant and that Ashfield was the lead community for the grant along with 9 towns. The Grant provides a Clinician to be available to accompany police for mental health issues and crisis situations where police do not have the tools to handle a given situation. Services are available to follow up as well. The process to travel to the scene was explained that the local police officer makes the decision. There could be assistance given to a school if necessary. There was discussion about having the Town Nurse and the Clinician speak in the future to discuss possible usage.

Clinician Co-Responder Services Agreement:

The Clinician Co-Responder Services Agreement was reviewed and the correction requested by the Board was made.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT:

Chair Sokol made a motion to sign the Clinician Co-Responder Services Agreement along with 9 area towns. The motion, seconded by Selectman Silva, was unanimously accepted. (Vote: 3-0-0)

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 responded that it would take a great deal of time and it would be very costly. There was discussion about obtaining policies from another town.

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)

Minutes:

Board of Selectmen Minutes of August 18, 2022:

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Chair Sokol made a motion to accept the Minutes of August 18, 2022 as written. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie, was unanimously accepted. (vote: 3-0-0)

6:30 p.m. : MLP Manager David Dvore - Overview of MLP Role:

There was discussion about moving the administrative and maintenance work from the administrative to the Municipal Light Plant (MLP) Manager. The management of the hut and details concerning security or in the event of a problem. It was decided to provide a list of protocols in the event of a situation occurring that needs attention. There was discussion about paying for the town service bills and Terry I. Green and taking over turnovers.

Executive Secretary/Administrative Assistant Updates:

Executive Secretary Updates:

Town Administrator: The Board discussed how to create a Town Administrator position and creating a new bylaw.

Dam Inspection Reports: The Board reviewed the dam inspection reports and discussed concerns.

New Business:

Open Space and Recreation Committee and Council on Aging Appointments:

Appointments for the Open Space & Recreation Committee were inadvertently omitted.

MOTION TO APPOINT:

Chair Sokol made a motion to appoint the following to the Open Space & Recreation Committee and the Council on Aging Committee:

Open Space & Recreation Committee	Laurie Pike
Open Space & Recreation Committee	Dana Williams
Open Space & Recreation Committee	Alex Reisman
Council on Aging	Susan Tomlinson
Council on Aging	Ashley Manners Boyd
Council on Aging	Loretta Dionne
Council on Aging	BJ Roche

The motion, seconded by Selectman Silva, was unanimously accepted. (vote: 3-0-0)

Warrants/Contracts:

Review Warrants FY23W04, FY23PW04:

Vice-Chair Semanie reviewed warrants and found them to be in order.

Correspondence Review

Mail was reviewed and no action required.

Future Meetings: Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2022.

7:30 p.m.: Executive Session with Assessors Chair Rick Williams:

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION NOT TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Chair Sokol made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the following reason:

In accordance with MA General Law Chapter 30A Section 21. (a) A public body may meet in Executive Session only for the following purposes:

“Item 3. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares;” (MGL Ch.30A §21a – 3)

Adjournment:

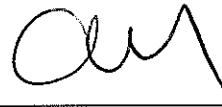
MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chair Sokol made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie, was unanimously accepted. (vote: 3-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

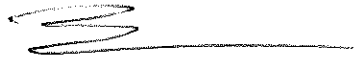
Janice Boudreau, Executive Secretary

Approval Date: *SEPTEMBER 29, 2022*

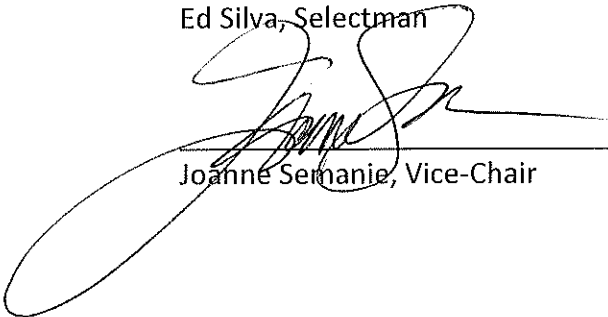
Approved:



Chuck Sokol, Chair



Ed Silva, Selectman



Joanne Semanie, Vice-Chair

Documents:

1. Agenda September 1, 2022
2. Board of Selectmen Minutes of August 18, 2022
3. Clinician Co-Responder Services Agreement revised
4. DOR – DLS Codifying the Town Administrator Role
5. TC Response
6. Executive Secretary Updates

Mail:

1. MA Association of Conservation Commissions Letter re: Dana Williams