

# SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – RESULTS

Town of Rowe  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM  
Rowe Elementary School

**Moderator:** Robert Clancy  
**Town Clerk:** Paul McLatchy III  
**Board of Selectmen:** Chair Charles Sokol, Vice-Chair Joanne Semanie, Selectman Edward Silva

The Special Town Meeting was held on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at the Rowe Elementary School, located at 86 Pond Road.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Moderator Clancy. In attendance were approximately twenty-four (24) voters and four (4) guests. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Clancy then read out the rules of the meeting and the warrant greeting. Tellers were not appointed.

**ARTICLE 1:** A motion was made and seconded to vote, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 38H, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors, on behalf of the Town of Rowe, to negotiate and enter into payment in lieu of tax (PILOT) agreement(s) for a term of 5 years with the owner/lessee/operator of the following hydroelectric energy generating facilities and associated properties located in Rowe:

- **Bear Swamp Power Company - Bear Swamp/Fife Brook**

- Personal Property Acct 2
- Personal Property Acct 410
- Map 406 Lot 03
- Map 411 Lot 05
- Map 411 Lot 06
- Map 411 Lot 10
- Map 411 Lot 11
- Map 411 Lot 15
- Map 411 Lot 21
- Map 411 Lot 38
- Map 411 Lot 39
- Map 412 Lot 01
- Map 412 Lot 05

- **Great River Hydro – Deerfield No. 5 & Sherman Station**

- Personal Property Acct 1
- Map 401 Lot 01
- Map 401 Lot 02
- Map 401 Lot 06
- Map 401 Lot 07
- Map 401 Lot 08
- Map 401 Lot 10
- Map 404 Lot 22
- Map 405 Lot 01
- Map 405 Lot 02
- Map 405 Lot 03
- Map 405 Lot 04
- Map 405 Lot 05

upon such terms as the Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors shall deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 2:** A motion was made and seconded to vote to (a) authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain and on such terms as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, the fee to and/or permanent and temporary easements in, on, under and over certain parcels of land located on or near the Cyrus Stage Road Bridge and approximately shown on plans entitled "Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of Cyrus Stage Road Bridge No. R-10-008 in the Town of Rowe Franklin County," prepared by GM2 Associates, Inc., on file with the Town Clerk, as said plans may be amended from time to time and/or incorporated into an easement plan, and land within 200 feet of said parcels, for public way purposes, including without limitation, for the construction, installation, inspection, maintenance, improvement, repair, replacement and/or relocation of a bridge, rights of way, sidewalks, drainage, utilities, driveways, retaining ways, guardrails, slopes, grading, rounding, construction, landscaping, and other structures and/or appurtenances, to enable the Town to undertake the Cyrus Stage Road Bridge Reconstruction Project and for any and all purposes and uses incidental or related thereto; (b) transfer the care, custody, and control of the portions of the Town-owned properties shown on the aforesaid plans from the board or officer having custody of the same for the purposes for which such properties are currently held to the Board of Selectmen for said bridge purposes and further to dedicate said portions of the Town-owned properties to said purposes, and, if applicable, authorize the Select Board to submit petitions to the General Court to permit the foregoing under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution or otherwise; (c) raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money to fund the foregoing project and any and all costs incidental or related thereto, including, without limitation, the cost of any land/easement acquisitions, appraisals, and surveys; and, further, (d) authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take any and all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the foregoing purposes.

*Note: 2/3 Majority Vote Required*

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 3:** To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

- Town Clerk Paul McLatchy III reminded voters of the early voting session this evening and encouraged those who hadn't voted yet to vote in next week's election on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn and passed unanimously. The meeting was closed at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paul McLatchy III, Town Clerk  
November 9, 2022

A True Copy, Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rowe Town Clerk