



Town of Rowe  
**Board of Selectmen** Minutes  
Thursday, January 12, 2023–6:00 p.m.  
Rowe Town Hall – Hearing Room 1  
and Via Remote Participation

**Board of Selectmen:** Chair Charles Sokol, Vice-Chair Semanie  
**Absent:** Selectman Silva  
**Present:** Executive Secretary Janice Boudreau  
**Audience:** **Finance Committee:** Marilyn Wilson, Loretta Dionne, Dan Pallotta, Wayne Zavotka  
Highway Superintendent Larned, Library Director Molly Lane, Town Clerk Paul McLatchy III

**Call to Order:** Chair Sokol called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.

Announcement of recording devices- One

Noteworthy Announcements- Sad Announcement about the passing of resident Ashley Brown last Thursday

**JOINT MEETING WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

**Budget Hearings 6:00 pm:**

**Highway Department Superintendent Larned:**

- There was discussion about increase in electricity charges
- Finance Committee Wilson agreed to research electric providers for a lesser rate
- He explained it was difficult to find adequate workers for the Summer Youth Program
- Bids for the road paving are going out this February for the \$1.2 million paving
- Larned acknowledge the paving lining will be done after the paving

**Library Director Molly Lane:**

- Heat for the Library has to be adjusted, and trying to adjust the cost of heating due to the increase of electricity and oil and balancing the mini splits using electricity
- 20% of library budget must be spent on materials for loan per certification regulations
- Replacing some windows and bathrooms were going to be on the Capital Plan

**Council on Aging:**

- There is discussion about the Council on Aging and the participation in town
- There remains a lack of leadership and volunteerism to do many activities

**Town Clerk Paul McLatchy III:**

- Town Clerk said he was moving out of town opening up the position for election
- There was discussion about making it an appointed position

- Finance Committee member Zavotka spoke about considering increasing the stipend to attract a good candidate

There was discussion about the Wage & Salary Chart and adding the COLA and how it had been presented.

## 2) Police Training Requirements for FY23 and Additional Funding

Dan Pallotta, Chair Finance Committee said Police Chief had requested additional funding for POST training for herself and a new officer. Following discussion, Finance Committee agreed that there was no money in the budget for additional funding.

### Future Meetings:

The next Board of Selectmen meeting would be on January 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm with the Finance Committee.

### Adjournment:

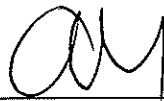
**MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chair Sokol made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie was accepted. (vote: 2-0-0)**

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:

- Agenda January 12, 2023
- Highway Department Budget
- Library Budget
- Town Clerk Budget