



Town of Rowe
Board of Selectmen Minutes
Thursday, October 12, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Rowe Town Hall, Meeting Room #1

Board of Selectmen: Chair Charles Sokol, Vice-Chair Joanne Semanie
Absent: Selectmen Silva
Present: Town Administrator, Brooke Shulda
Audience: NONE

Call to Order: Chair Sokol called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Announcement of recording devices: NONE

Noteworthy Announcements: NONE

POLE HEARING – FORD HILL ROAD

At the September 28th Selectboard Meeting, Selectmen voted and passed the Ford Hill Road Pole Re-location Plans provided by National Grid. Selectmen also signed the required orders.

No objections from abutters. / NO abutters present

MOTION TO APPROVE: Chair Sokol made a motion to adjourn the Ford Hill Pole Hearing at 6:06pm. Seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie the motion was unanimously approved. (vote 2-0-0)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUSINESS:

New Business:

Gracy House – Vice-Chair Semanie briefly discussed the Gracy House conversation had by the potential Gracy House Committee; Paul Graziano, Susie Zavotka, Jay Williams and Joanne herself. The “Committee” met Saturday September 30, 2023, at 10:00am to discuss options for the future of the Gracy House. Mr. Graziano conducted a brief report and analysis prior to meeting with the committee. Mr. Graziano conducts historic resource surveys, creation of guidelines/ordinance for State/National Register reports. He is confident the Gracy House can be saved and used again as a community-based building.

Old Business:

1. Police Chief Succession Plan – brief discussion on the future of the Department and whether there are alternate options for public safety in small towns.
2. ATM Warrant 12 – 2005 – fire pond easements – further research needed to determine what direction to go in.
3. Ground Lease Agreement – Avery Fountain – 2005 – COMPLETED - please see TA updates.
4. K.P Law Letter – 2005 – In que with Board of Assessors.

Ongoing Projects:

Road/Bridge Projects -

Yankee Road: Received (2) Award Letters.

Cyrus Stage Bridge: Awaiting Final Plans from Mass DOT.

Ford Hill Bridge: 6:00pm – Pole Hearing, please see entry details on page 01.

Tunnel Road Bridge: K.P. Law opinion in que.

Warrants/Contracts:

1. Vice-Chair Semanie reviewed, FY2024 Vendor & Payroll Warrants #08
2. National Grid – Ford Hill Pole Petition and Orders

Minutes:

1. Board of Selectmen Minutes September 28, 2023

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES: Chair Sokol made a motion to approve the Board of Selectmen’s minutes as written from the September 28, 2023, meeting. Seconded by Vice-Chair the minutes were accepted. (vote: 2-0-0)

Future Meetings:

Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 6:00pm – Selectmen Silva *may be* unavailable to attend
Thursday, November 09, 2023, at 6:00pm
Thursday, December 07, 2023, at 6:00pm

Adjournment: 7:06pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chair Sokol made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06pm. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie, was unanimously accepted. (vote: 2-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Brooke Shulda, Town Administrator

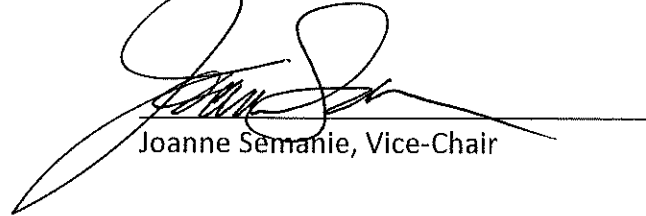
Approval Date: *October 26, 2023*

Approved:



Chuck Sokol, Chair

Ed Silva, Selectman



Joanne Semanie, Vice-Chair

Documents:

1. Agenda for October 12, 2023
2. Board of Selectmen Minutes September 28, 2023
3. National Grid – Ford Hill Pole Petition and Orders
4. 2005 – Unfinished Business
5. Town Administrator Office Updates